

**BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Tuesday, August 13, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Commission Chairman Marc Murphy called the Butler County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Present were Commissioner Jeff Masterson, Commissioner Ed Myers, Commissioner Mike Wheeler, County Administrator Will Johnson, and Clerk Recorder Chelsea Noel. Commissioner Dan Woydziak was absent.

**INVOCATION**

Pastor Wanetta Baldwin, Community of Christ, El Dorado, presented the invocation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Commissioner Wheeler motioned to approve the minutes of the Butler County Commission meeting from Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 as presented. Commissioner Myers seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0-1. Commissioner Masterson abstained due to his absence last week.*

(00:01:44)

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

(00:01:52)

**ITEM #1 – ROSE HILL NRP**

Will Johnson, County Administrator, came before the Board for approval to renew the City of Rose Hill's Neighborhood Revitalization Plan (NRP) for a three year period. In 2017, the City of Rose Hill reinitiated its NRP plan after repealing it in January of 2013. The County requires all cities to have similar plans and the County retains a 5% administrative fee. The program being renewed is the exact same as the previous plan, with the exception of an additional paragraph requested by the County dealing with appeals of value during the payment under protest period. The City of Rose Hill's plan is similar to most other cities in Butler County with the entire town eligible for the NRP but broken into two separate areas with different requirements. Area A/One is the older portion of Rose Hill and is covered by the traditional NRP plan which allows for a ten year rebate if improvements exceed \$10,000 based on the building permit. Area B/Two is the newer portion of town and is only eligible for a five year rebate and improvements must exceed \$50,000 based on the building permit. Both areas cap the rebate at \$275,000. The program will be in effect for a three year period beginning January 1, of 2020 and ending December 31, 2022.

*Commissioner Masterson motioned to approve Resolution #19-30 authorizing the Chairman to sign the Interlocal agreement with USD 394, The City of Rose Hill, and Butler Community College for the purpose of a NRP program in Rose Hill, KS for a three year period ending December 31, 2022. Commission Chairman Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.*

(00:04:29)

**ITEM #2 – WORK SESSION – EL DORADO TIF PROJECT**

Will Johnson, County Administrator, came before the Board to introduce El Dorado City Manager, David Dillner, to discuss a proposed tax increment financing (TIF) district for the City

of El Dorado. Mr. Dillner explained what a TIF is. Commissioner Myers inquired about the area in question and if it was within the city limits of El Dorado. Mr. Dillner went on to discuss TIF funding and financing, how to establish a TIF district and how a TIF is revenue generated. Mr. Dillner stated the City of El Dorado does not have a particular TIF project in mind right now but wanted to make the Board aware of the TIF process for the future. No action was taken.

(00:39:24)

**ITEM #3 – WESTERN OFFICE AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS SECURITY SYSTEM PROPOSALS**

Commissioner Myers requested that the County send out a RFP for this item. Commissioner Myers felt he did not have enough information on the topic to support approval of this item at this time.

*Commissioner Myers motioned to table this item until staff has been able to send out a RFP to bring back to the Board for review and consideration. Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.*

Donna Farthing, Butler County Treasurer, stated the security system at the Western Office is very important and her employees will not be going back out to the office until a system is in place.

(01:03:00)

**ITEM #7 – EXECUTIVE SESSION – COUNTY COUNSELOR**

*Commission Chairman Murphy motioned to recess to Executive Session at 10:03 a.m. on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019, for consultation with an attorney for the body or agency, which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, to protect the interests of the County with the public session resuming at 10:33 a.m. Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. No action was taken as a result of the Executive Session.*

(01:04:12)

**ITEM #4 – WAMPO LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN – PROJECT REVIEW**

Darryl Lutz, Public Works Director, came before the Board to review project proposals and priorities for candidate projects for submittal to be included in the updated long range transportation plan for WAMPO. WAMPO is the designated agency represented by local area governments within the planning area boundary whose primary purpose is to plan for the area transportation needs and the distribution of available federal funds for transportation related projects. As part of the planning process, member agencies are given the opportunity every five years to submit transportation projects to WAMPO for possible inclusion in the long range transportation plan. Project applications to WAMPO are due by Friday, August 16, 2019. Any projects proposed for WAMPO funding will be included in the Butler County CIP, which is updated each year. Most projects are funded up to 80% by federal funds for construction and construction engineering. The County typically is responsible for the 20% match and 100% of engineering, right-of-way and utility relocation costs.

(01:32:00)

**ITEM #5 – BOIS D' ARC BRIDGE ALIGNMENT AND REPLACEMENT PROJECT ALIGNMENT PROPOSAL**

Darryl Lutz, Public Works Director, came before the Board to present a project proposal and alignment options for the possible replacement of the high steel truss bridge over the Little Walnut River on SW 157th Street known locally as the Bois d'Arc Bridge.

***Commissioner Masterson motioned to allow the Director of Public Works to submit a proposal for the off-system bridge funding request. Commissioner Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.***

(01:51:40)

**ITEM #6 – PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT PPE CLOTHNG REIMBURSEMENT POLICY UPDATE**

Darryl Lutz, Public Works Director, came before the Board for approval of a revision to the PPE clothing reimbursement policy for the Department of Public Works. The Public Works department proposed during 2020 budget presentations to increase the jean and outerwear reimbursement from \$135 per year per employee to \$160 per year per employee and to increase the safety boot reimbursement for steel toe boots from \$90 per year per employee to \$120 per year per employee and for puncture resistant safety boots from \$130 per year per employee to \$150 per year per employee. The only other change to the policy is to include a point system that was adopted internally by the Department in 2018 for purchasing logo shirts and logo sweatshirts and logo jackets. The point system has been implemented to give employees flexibility for selecting between annual logo shirts, logo sweatshirts or logo jackets in a manner that is cost neutral to the County. The policy revisions are proposed to become effective January 1, 2020.

***Commissioner Wheeler motioned to approve a revision to the Butler County Department of Public Works PPE Clothing and Safety Footwear Reimbursement Policy to increase the reimbursement for required pants, safety boots and outerwear and authorized the Chair to sign. Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.***

(01:56:40)

**VOUCHERS**

***Commissioner Wheeler motioned to approve vouchers for August 13, 2019 in the amount of \$772,989.71. Commissioner Myers seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.***

(01:57:02)

**COMMISSION ADDS & ABATES**

***Commissioner Masterson motioned to approve Adds & Abates #2737 dated August 13, 2019; Adds in the amount of \$0.00 and Abates in the amount of \$127.56. Commission Chairman Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.***

(01:57:22)

**OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Wheeler stated he attended the Bankers Tour last week.

Administrator Johnson stated he will be putting the KAC Conference on the agenda in the near future to appoint three delegates for the Conference.

Administrator Johnson stated they are in the process of finalizing inmate agreements from the El Dorado Correctional facility to transfer inmates to the Winfield Correctional Facility.

The Rose Hill Senior Center luncheon is next Tuesday.

IPS will be at the Commission meeting next week.

(02:01:13)

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Commission Chairman Murphy motioned to adjourn the meeting of the Board at 11:31 a.m.*

*Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.*