

**BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Monday, January 10, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Commission Chairman Bruce Harris called the Butler County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Present were Commissioner Jeff Masterson, Commissioner Peggy Palmer, Commissioner Mike Wheeler, Commissioner Dan Woydziak, Administrator Will Johnson, Jr., and Clerk Recorder Tammy Bridges.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Commissioner Wheeler motioned to approve the minutes of the Butler County Commission Meeting of Tuesday, January 4, 2011 as written. Commissioner Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There was no public comment.

**SWEARING IN CEREMONY FOR COMMISSIONER ELECT POSITIONS – 9:00 A.M.**

The Honorable Judge David Ricke swore in Commissioner Dan Woydziak as Butler County Commissioner for a four-year term commencing Monday, January 10, 2011.

The Honorable Judge Mike Ward swore in Commissioner Mike Wheeler as Butler County Commissioner for a four-year term commencing Monday, January 10, 2011.

The Honorable Judge Charles Hart swore in Commissioner Jeff Masterson as Butler County Commissioner for a four-year term commencing Monday, January 10, 2011.

**ITEM #1 – REORGANIZATION OF BUTLER COUNTY COMMISSION**

**A. CONSIDER SELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN FOR THE ENSUING YEAR**

Commissioner Palmer nominated Commissioner Mike Wheeler as Chairman of the Board.

Commissioner Wheeler nominated Commissioner Bruce Harris as Chairman of the Board.

*Commissioner Woydziak motioned to close the nominations. Commissioner Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*

Commissioner Harris asked for a vote for Commissioner Wheeler as Chairman. Commissioner Palmer voted yes; Commissioners Masterson, Wheeler, and Woydziak voted no; and Commissioner Harris abstained. Vote failed 1-3 with one abstention.

The Board proceeded with a vote for Commissioner Harris as Chairman. Commissioners Masterson, Wheeler, and Woydziak voted yes; Commissioner Palmer voted no; and Commissioner Harris abstained. Vote carried 3-1 with one abstention.

**B. CONSIDER SELECTION OF A VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE ENSUING YEAR**

Commissioner Wheeler nominated Commissioner Dan Woydziak as Vice-Chairman of the Board.

Commissioner Palmer nominated Commissioner Mike Wheeler as Vice-Chairman of the Board.

***Commissioner Woydziak motioned to close the nominations. Commissioner Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.***

Commissioner Harris asked for a vote for Commissioner Woydziak as Vice-Chairman. Commissioners Harris, Masterson, and Wheeler voted yes; Commissioner Palmer voted no; and Commissioner Woydziak abstained. Vote carried 3-1 with one abstention.

Commissioner Harris asked for a vote for Commissioner Wheeler as Vice-Chairman. Commissioners Palmer and Woydziak voted yes; Commissioners Harris, Masterson, and Wheeler voted no; Vote failed 2-3.

For the year 2011, Commissioner Bruce Harris will be Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners and Commissioner Dan Woydziak will be Vice-Chairman of the Board.

**ITEM #2 – PRESENT TOBY STEWART, SHERIFF/DETENTION, WITH THE SPOTLIGHT AWARD ALONG WITH A GIFT CERTIFICATE**

Will Johnson, County Administrator, came before the Board to present Toby Stewart, Sheriff/Detention, with the Spotlight Award & Gift Certificate. Deputy Stewart was nominated by Corporal Clemons for this award due to his quick action which prevented the escape of a dangerous criminal facing 1<sup>st</sup> degree murder charges. Commissioner Harris presented Deputy Stewart with the Spotlight Award and Gift Certificate.

**ITEM #3 – PRESENT BRONSON WEBB, PUBLIC WORKS, WITH THE SPOTLIGHT AWARD ALONG WITH A GIFT CERTIFICATE**

Will Johnson, County Administrator, came before the Board to present Bronson Webb, Public Works Department, with the Spotlight Award & Gift Certificate. Darryl Lutz, Public Works Director nominated Mr. Webb for this award. The recently completed reconstruction of 4 ½ miles of SW 210<sup>th</sup> Street west of Douglass, Kansas, was one of the largest public works projects constructed by the Butler County Department of Public Works, both in terms of scope and cost. Bronson Webb went above and beyond reasonable expectations to communicate with property owners and with numerous other agencies to minimize surprises and to affect good positive relationships. Commissioner Harris presented Bronson with the Spotlight Award and Gift Certificate.

Commissioner Woydziak commented that numerous citizens living along SW 210<sup>th</sup> Street had expressed appreciation for the extra effort on this difficult job. He stated Bronson exemplifies what a public servant can and should be and personally thanked him.

**RECESS**

Commissioner Woydziak recessed the Board meeting at 9:18 a.m. for 5 minutes.

**RECONVENE**

Commissioner Woydziak reconvened the Board meeting at 9:23 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

*Commissioner Harris motioned to approve the vouchers for January 10, 2011 in the amount of \$951,529.25. Commissioner Woydziak seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*

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

Abbe Carson, Deputy County Clerk, came before the Board to obtain elected official signatures on the State of Kansas List of County Officers from the Secretary of State.

Commissioner Palmer commented on the appraisal for the Coffeyville Refinery and that it may be comparable to Frontier Refinery in El Dorado.

Commissioner Woydziak noted that Tuesday, January 18, is County Government Day and will be attending the event at KCCA.

Commissioner Wheeler acknowledged that January 29, 2011, is the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Kansas becoming a State.

Administrator Johnson reminded everyone of the swearing in ceremonies at 10:00 a.m. for Jan Satterfield as Judge and Darrin Devinney as County Attorney. Judge Ward will also be sworn in as the new Chief Judge.

Administrator Johnson noted concerns about the security of the courthouse and the judicial building in light of the shooting that happened in Arizona.

Administrator Johnson commented that Coutts Museum received a wind farm grant for installation of a new elevator, and part of the request for funds includes a new roof they say is part of that project. Administrator Johnson is hesitant to release all the funds for the roof when the grant was awarded for the elevator. The Board agreed that Administrator Johnson would communicate to them that those funds are committed and will be awarded, but would like to see them attributed to the elevator since that is the reason the grant was issued.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Commissioner Woydziak motioned to adjourn the meeting of the Board at 9:46 a.m. Commissioner Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*