

BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, January 11, 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, County Administrator Will Johnson, Jr., and Clerk Recorder Tammy Bridges.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ITEM #7 – CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ALLOCATION TO THE TOWANDA SENIOR CENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,840 FOR REMODELING OF THE EXISTING FACILITY PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 05-04

Will Johnson, County Administrator, came before the Board to consider an allocation to the Towanda Senior Center in the amount of \$3,840 for remodeling of the existing facility pursuant to Resolution 05-04. The Senior Center has met the requirements of Resolution 05-04, which enables them to receive a one-time funding threshold of 10% of the total cost of a project. The total cost of this project is \$38,400.00. Bill Mills, resident of the City of Towanda, noted fundraising for this project started in 2004. Mr. Mills thanked the Commissioners and the Department on Aging.

Commissioner Harris motioned to approve the allocation of funds to the Towanda Senior Center in the amount of \$3,840.00 for remodeling of the existing facility pursuant to Resolution 05-04. Commissioner Woydziak seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

ITEM #1 – CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE FFY 2010 COMPLIANCE PLAN FOR DISTRICT 13 AND ALLOW THE CHAIR TO SIGN

Ann Carpenter, JJA Administrator, came before the Board to recommend reviewing and signing the Federal Fiscal Year 2010 Compliance Plan for District 13. If a district is out of compliance for two or more years in a row, federal funding is at risk for prevention programs. Currently the district receives federal funding for the Big Brothers Big Sisters program in the amount of \$11,199.00. Ms. Carpenter noted this is the first year to be noncompliant since FFY 2008 and explained the noncompliant situations.

Commissioner Wheeler motioned to authorize the Chair to sign the FFY 2010 Compliance Plan for District 13, to show as received and reviewed. Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Ms. Carpenter updated the Board on income receipts for 2010 for fees and charges received in the amount of \$116,992 which includes over \$90,000 for electronic monitoring; over \$17,990 for detention reimbursement; over \$5,000 for diversion fees for JJA; a little under \$2,000 for diversion fees for the County Attorney; and a little under \$2,000 for detention fees for Greenwood County.

ITEM #2 – CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE COSTS FOR HEATER REPLACEMENT AT THE NORTH COUNTY HIGHWAY SHOP

Darryl C. Lutz, P.E., Director of Public Works, came before the Board for approval of the cost for a heater system replacement at the North County Highway Shop. The current heaters are aerial mounted infrared tube heaters that were installed in the 1970's. This system is old, requires constant maintenance, and does not provide efficient heat. County personnel will install new heaters and other required hardware. The new system should result in better heating with lower energy costs. The total cost of all parts and improvements is estimated to be \$6,200.00. This work is included in the CIP from 2010 and carried over to 2011.

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to approve the cost of heater system components and gas line upgrades in the approximate amount of \$6,200 to replace the existing heating system at the North Highway Shop with a new infrared tube heater system to be purchased and installed with County personnel. Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

ITEM #3 – CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE UPDATED COSTS FOR HYDRAULIC CYLINDER MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS FOR THE LANDSCRAPER

Darryl C. Lutz, P.E., Director of Public Works, came before the Board for approval of updated costs for hydraulic cylinder maintenance and repairs for the landfill scraper. The Board originally approved a cost of \$6,537.26 for reconditioning the existing cylinders. After removal of the cylinders, it was determined that the cost associated with these repairs will be considerably higher. Due to the cost of additional parts and labor needed, Foley submitted a revised cost estimate for cylinder repairs for the 623E scraper for \$14,539.81. The proposed work is required to make and keep the machine operational. The damaged and worn cylinders have been in service for 20 years, and this repair will make the machine operational for at least another 10 years. Sufficient funds and budget authority are available in the Landfill Fund.

Commissioner Masterson motioned to approve the updated hydraulic cylinder repair work cost in the amount of \$14,539.81 with Foley Equipment Company for the Caterpillar 623E scraper to recondition and repair the steering cylinder, the bowl floor cylinder and the bowl lift cylinder. Commissioner Woydziak seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

ITEM #4 – CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A LETTER TO MARION COUNTY AS REQUESTED BY THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE TO ENCOURAGE RECYCLING EFFORTS

Darryl C. Lutz, P.E., Director of Public Works, came before the Board for approval of a letter to Marion County, as requested by the Solid Waste Management Planning Committee, to encourage recycling efforts. A solid waste management plan has been developed that recommends and promotes recycling in an effort to promote waste stream reduction. Staff and the Commissioners felt strongly that the letter be encouraging in nature and non-threatening. The County values its relationship with Marion County in the management and disposal of trash and e-waste. Marion County currently delivers approximately 8,500 tons of trash per year to the Butler County Landfill, which generates approximately \$250,000 in revenue.

Commissioner Harris motioned to approve the draft of the proposed letter as amended to be sent to Marion County as a major customer to the Butler County Landfill to encourage recycling in Marion County. Commissioner Woydziak seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

ITEM #5 – DISCUSS REMOVAL OF MAILBOXES ALONG COUNTY MAINTAINED ROADS THAT ARE DANGEROUS AND DO NOT CONFORM TO CURRENT COUNTY MAILBOX INSTALLATION STANDARDS

Darryl C. Lutz, P.E., Director of Public Works, came before the Board to discuss removal of mailboxes along County maintained roads that are dangerous and do not conform to current County mailbox installation standards. For several years the Butler County Dept. of Public Works has had a policy of not allowing brick, stone, concrete or other solid type mailbox stands along County maintained roads. In recent years, the policy has been developed in written form. In the case of newly installed mailboxes or other solid type obstructions that do not conform to the written standard and have been constructed within the right-of-way, the County puts the owner on notice to remove the mailbox and replace it with a standard mailbox post mounting. Staff acknowledges that some of these mailbox stands are expensive and can cause considerable discontent with the owner when they are notified to remove them. Removing of such mailboxes is necessary to protect the safety of the traveling public and to reduce liability exposure to the County and the owner of the mailbox. The Board recommended more discussion and review. No action was taken.

RECESS

Commissioner Harris recessed the Board meeting at 10:05 a.m. for 5 minutes.

RECONVENE

Commissioner Harris reconvened the Board meeting at 10:10 a.m.

ITEM #6 – WORK SESSION – INVESTMENT OF IDLE FUNDS REPORT FOR 2010

Ruth Fechter, County Treasurer, came before the Board to present the idle funds investment report. No action was taken.

Dennis Phillips, Business Manager Sheriff Office, came before the Board regarding a Sheriff vehicle that was totaled in an attempt to avoid hitting a deer. He requested approval to purchase a 2010 Dodge Charger in the amount of \$19,174 from Parks Motors.

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to allow the Sheriff Department to purchase a 2010 Dodge Charger in the amount of \$19,174 from Parks Motors. Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Phillips will return next week with a request for additional vehicles.

ITEM #8 – CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A LETTER OF SUPPORT TO SEDGWICK COUNTY AS THE GRANTEE SPONSOR OF FOREIGN-TRADE ZONE NO. 161 IN THE STATE OF KANSAS AND INCLUSION OF BUTLER COUNTY WITHIN THE FOREIGN-TRADE ZONE SERVICE AREA

Will Johnson, County Administrator, came before the Board to consider approval of a letter of support to Sedgwick County as the Grantee Sponsor of Foreign-Trade Zone No. 161 in the State of Kansas and inclusion of Butler County within the foreign-trade zone service area. Inclusion in a foreign-trade zone gives the County opportunities to stimulate economic growth and development by enabling the region the opportunity to offer incentives to potential companies and existing companies who operate internationally. The inclusion in the zones reduces cycle time with customs enabling them to be more cost-competitive with overseas operations. Sedgwick

County is applying for a grant designating the area as a Foreign-Trade Zone and asked for support in designating the region in the ASF Service Area in the recent Quad County meeting.

Commissioner Harris motioned to approve a letter of support to Sedgwick County as the Grantee Sponsor of Foreign-Trade Zone No. 161 in the State of Kansas and inclusion of Butler County within the foreign-trade zone service area. Commissioner Woydziak seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

ITEM #9 – WORK SESSION – BUTLER COUNTY PAY PLAN

Will Johnson, County Administrator, came before the Board to discuss the Butler County pay plan and potential changes to employees at the top of their existing pay range. Discussion followed about employees in this situation either applying for other positions or obtaining more education. It was the consensus of the Board to not adjust the pay plan for employees at the top of their pay range. No action was taken.

COMMISSION ADDS & ABATES

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to approve Adds & Abates #2468 dated January 11, 2011; Adds in the amount of \$104.34 and Abates in the amount of \$35,522.22. Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Commissioner Woydziak asked about the cost of pre-treating the highways. Administrator Johnson commented that the slower the traffic; the harder it is to remove the ice and snow, and believes our cities and county have done a good job.

Commissioner Wheeler noted the new Kansas postage stamp includes a wind generator and mentioned this since it was such a controversial issue in Butler County.

Commissioner Palmer stated the need for Local Ad Valorem Tax Reduction (LAVTR) to be included on the legislative agenda.

The Board will not meet on Monday, January 17, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr., Day and will be in session on Tuesday, January 18.

Administrator Johnson informed the Board that later today, the Butler Community College Board of Trustees will recognize County Engineer Darryl Lutz being named County Engineer of the Year.

Administrator Johnson commented that Tour Butler has applied for the highway permit to finalize the signage on Hwy 400 in the Beaumont area.

Administrator Johnson reviewed voucher questions. Commissioner Palmer noted she is not in favor of putting money into the Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) as a lobbying group.

Commissioner Wheeler noted the Youth Leadership Butler meeting will be February 8, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to adjourn the meeting of the Board at 11:24 a.m. Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.