

BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monday, July 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 Peggy Palmer, Commissioner Mike Wheeler, Commissioner Dan Woydziak, County Administrator Will Johnson, Jr., and Clerk Recorder Paula Stoskopf. Commissioner Jeff Masterson was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ITEM #1 – WORK SESSION – 2012 BUTLER COUNTY BUDGET

Will Johnson, Jr., County Administrator, and Brandon Kaufmann, Finance Officer, came before the Board to discuss the following policy issues for the 2012 Butler County Budget: Elected Officials Salary; Flat Mill Levy; Detention Officer Pay (not addressed in Budget); Cost of Living Increase of 1.5%; Elimination of Part-Time Douglass EMS Truck; Grant Position in Health Department; and Reductions in CIP.

During the discussion of the Elected Officials Salaries, Ruth Fechter, Butler County Treasurer, addressed the Board requesting an increase in the treasurer's salary. Darrin Devinney, Butler County Attorney, expressed his contentment with the current salary of the County Attorney. Ron Roberts, County Clerk, and Kelly Herzet, Butler County Sheriff, declined the opportunity to speak. Marcia McCoy, Register of Deeds, was not present.

RECESS

Commissioner Harris recessed the Board meeting at 10:50 a.m. for 5 minutes.

RECONVENE

Commissioner Harris reconvened the Board meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Kelly Herzet, Butler County Sheriff; Dennis Phillips, Butler County Detention Center; Darrin Devinney, Butler County Attorney; and Tony Wilhite, Butler County Undersheriff, addressed the Board concerning Detention Officer Pay. It was the consensus of the Board to present the proposed salary increase to the Steering Committee and then bring back to the Board at a later date as an action item.

Grant Helferich, EMS Director, and Brandon Russell, EMS, discussed the possible elimination of the Douglass EMS Truck with the Board.

RECESS

Commissioner Harris recessed the Board meeting at 12:40 a.m. for 5 minutes.

RECONVENE

Commissioner Harris reconvened the Board meeting at 12:45 a.m.

Janice Powers, Health Department Director, was present for the discussion of the Grant Position in the Health Department.

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS OF NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to recess the Board to Executive Session at 12:45 p.m. for 10 minutes, with the public session resuming at 12:55 p.m., to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel to protect the privacy of an individual/employee who is non-elected.

Commissioner Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Those in attendance were Commissioners Harris, Palmer, Wheeler and Woydziak, Administrator Will Johnson, Jr., and Janice Powers, Health Department Director.

RECONVENE

Commissioner Harris reconvened the Board meeting at 12:55 p.m. No action was taken as a result of Executive Session.

The County Administrator explained that due to the loss of a CDRR Grant in the Health Department, there would need to be a reduction in a full-time position to a half-time position. The opportunity to reapply for this grant to reverse this situation will be in July 2012.

No action was taken as a result of the 2012 Butler County Budget discussions.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Commissioner Wheeler motioned to approve the vouchers for July 11, 2011, in the amount of \$250,165.79. Commissioner Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

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

There were no other items of business to come before the Board of County Commissioners.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to adjourn the meeting of the Board at 1:00 p.m. Commissioner seconded the motion. Motion Wheeler carried 4-0.