

BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, July 19, 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to approve the minutes of the Butler County Commission Meeting of Monday, July 11, 2011, as written. Commissioner Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0 with one abstention by Commissioner Masterson who was absent from that meeting.

Commissioner Masterson motioned to approve the minutes of the Butler County Commission Meeting of Tuesday, July 12, 2011, as written. Commissioner Woydziak seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ITEM #1 – CONSIDER APPROVAL AND MAKE RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY OF AUGUSTA REGARDING WHETHER THE PROPOSED REZONING OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE NE CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF SW HOPKINS SWITCH ROAD AND SW 80TH, WOULD BE IN CONFORMANCE TO THE BUTLER COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Rod Compton, Director of Planning & Development, came before the Board to consider and make a recommendation to the City of Augusta regarding whether the proposed rezoning of the property owned by Timothy and Tamara Berndsen located on the northeast corner of the intersection of SW Hopkins Switch Road and SW 80th Street would be in conformance to the Butler County Comprehensive Plan. The request is for a rezoning from AG-2 Agricultural to R-6D. Staff stated that the rezoning would be in conformance with the County's Comprehensive Plan because it is within the Urban Growth Area of the County; is within the City of Augusta's zoning jurisdiction; and would result in a density that would not significantly alter the character of the area. The matter is to be considered by the Augusta City Planning Commission on Monday, July 25, 2011.

Commissioner Palmer motioned to find that the Rezoning application of Timothy Berndsen at the intersection of SW Hopkins Switch Road and SW 80th Street would be in conformance with the Butler County Comprehensive Plan and authorize Staff to send a letter to the Augusta City Planning Commission signifying the same. Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

ITEM #2 – CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE FOR PAY RANGE CHANGE FOR DETENTION DEPUTIES

FROM RANGE 16 TO 17 AND DETENTION CORPORALS FROM RANGE 18 TO 19 AT THE BUTLER COUNTY JAIL

Dennis Phillips, Sheriff Department, came before the Board for approval of the recommendation of the Steering Committee for pay range change for Detention Deputies from range 16 to 17 and Detention Corporals from range 18 to 19 at the Butler County Jail. The Butler County Adult Detention Center has the lowest starting salary for deputies working in direct supervision facilities located in a metropolitan area. The large wage disparity has made it extremely difficult, if not almost impossible, to attract acceptable applicants and even more difficult to retain once hired. The Steering Committee found that a modification to the market value of these positions was warranted and agreed with the proposed range change. Mr. Phillips expressed the importance of this increase in pay range.

Commissioner Masterson motioned to approve the reclassification in the Butler County Step Plan of “Detention Deputy” from a pay range of 16 to 17 and a “Detention Corporal” from a pay range of 18 to 19 effective August 7, 2011. Commissioner Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Wheeler asked Mr. Phillips to report back in a year about the turnover rate.

ITEM #3 – CONSIDER APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO SIGN THE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THREE SIXTY SAFETY

Brandon Kauffman, Finance Director, introduced Lonnie Currier with Three Sixty Safety and ICI Insurance who came before the Board for authorization for staff to sign the service agreement with Three Sixty Safety. The goal for Butler County is first to send employees home safely at the end of each day and also to lower the experience modification, an indicator of how safe or unsafe an organization has operated. Clients of the Three Sixty Safety program experience a 50-90% reduction in injuries, claims, and losses. By implementing this program, the County will develop a more comprehensive approach to risk management safety. The agreement will cost \$8,120.00 annually; however, by lowering the experience modification, savings over the next several years should be recognized.

Commissioner Palmer motioned to authorize staff to sign the service agreement with Three Sixty Safety for \$8,120.00 and to include quarterly reports to the County Commission. Commissioner Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

RECESS

Commissioner Harris recessed the Board meeting at 10:17 a.m. for 5 minutes.

RECONVENE

Commissioner Harris reconvened the Board meeting at 10:22 a.m.

ITEM #5 – RECEIVE AND OPEN SEALED BIDS FOR A MILLING AND BITUMINOUS SURFACING PROJECT THROUGH THE CITY OF BENTON AND ON SW 30TH STREET SOUTH OF BENTON

Darryl C. Lutz, P.E., Director of Public Works, came before the Board to receive and open sealed bids for a milling and bituminous surface project through the City of Benton and on SW 30th Street south of Benton. Staff requested that the Department of Public Works evaluate the bids and return at a later time with a recommendation for action. The following bids were received:

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| Cornejo & Sons, Wichita KS | \$542,396.90 |
| Lafarge, Wichita, KS | \$575,111.22 |
| APAC, Wichita, KS | \$542,737.18 |

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to accept the bids received, opened and read for Project No. BC 606 (2-3) 11 for milling and bituminous surfacing work on Main Street through Benton and on SW 30th Street south of Benton and to direct the Department of Public Works to tabulate and evaluate the bids and to return at a later time with a recommendation for action. Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

ITEM #4 – CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF ROSE HILL AND PLEASANT TOWNSHIP TO IMPROVE ONE MILE OF SW 160TH STREET EAST OF ROSE HILL ROAD TO A CHIP SEAL SURFACED ROAD

Darryl C. Lutz, P.E., Director of Public Works, came before the Board for approval of a 3-party agreement with the City of Rose Hill, Pleasant Township and Butler County to improve one mile of SW 160th Street east of Rose Hill Road to a chip seal surfaced road. All materials costs, as well as maintenance costs, will be paid for by the City of Rose Hill and Pleasant Township. Butler County will provide labor and equipment for the chip seal. The agreement has been approved by Pleasant Township and was to be considered by the Rose Hill City Council on Monday, July 18, 2011.

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to approve the agreement with the City of Rose Hill and with Pleasant Township to improve one mile of SW 160th Street east of Rose Hill to a chip seal road and authorize the Chair to sign with the cost of materials and future maintenance being paid for by Pleasant Township and the City of Rose Hill. Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Palmer asked about an update on Keystone. Mr. Lutz noted it has not been resolved at this time.

ITEM #6 – WORK SESSION - BUDGET

Will Johnson, Jr., County Administrator, and Brandon Kaufman, Finance Officer, came before the Board to discuss the 2012 Budget and Mr. Lutz discussed the Sewer Districts. No action was taken.

COMMISSION ADDS & ABATES

Commissioner Wheeler motioned to approve Adds & Abates #2492 dated July 19, 2011; Adds in the amount of \$225.34 and Abates in the amount of \$20,649.34. Commissioner Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Commissioner Palmer motioned to approve the vouchers for July 19, 2011, in the amount of \$10,066,465.57. Commissioner Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Commissioner Palmer asked for the railroad issue to be put on the agenda.

Administrator Johnson and the Board asked about purchasing an animal at the fair.

Administrator Johnson mentioned the US 400 passing lane public officials briefing at 4:00 p.m. Thursday, July 21st, in Beaumont.

Administrator Johnson encouraged the Commissioners to contact their local legislators regarding COTA's proposed increasing of fees for tax abatements for Economic Development projects. Specifically, the application fee for IRB's would increase from \$250 to \$4,000 on properties under a million dollars and from \$500 to \$7,000 on properties over a million dollars. Economic Development Director David Alfaro will attend the public hearing in Topeka to advocate against this.

Administrator Johnson discussed commission meetings for the next few weeks.

ADJOURNMENT

*Commissioner Woydziak motioned to adjourn the meeting of the Board at 12:45 p.m.
Commissioner Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*