

BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monday, September 22, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

Commission Chairman Dan Woydziak called the Butler County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Present were Commissioner Jeff Masterson, Commissioner Randy Waldorf, Commissioner Mike Wheeler, Mark Detter, Assistant Administrator/Finance Director, and Clerk Recorder Tammy Bridges. Administrator Will Johnson and Commissioner Will Carpenter were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Masterson motioned to approve the minutes of the Butler County Commission Meeting of Monday, September 8, 2008 as written. Commissioner Waldorf seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

ITEM #1 – PRESENT JOVANN GAMBLE, DETENTION DEPUTY, WITH A LIFESAVING MEDAL AND SPOTLIGHT AWARD AND GIFT CERTIFICATE

Mark Detter, Assistant County Administrator/Finance Director, came before the Board for presentation of a Spotlight Award and Certificate of Appreciation to Detention Deputy Jovan Gamble. Sgt. Charles Jackson nominated Deputy Gamble for his immediate action in stopping an inmate from committing suicide at the jail. Commissioner Woydziak presented Detention Deputy Gamble with the Spotlight Award and Certificate. Commissioner Woydziak thanked Deputy Gamble for being alert and quick-thinking and said he knows that it is a tough job.

ITEM #2 – RECEIVE JENNIFER MCALLISTER, BUTLER HOMELESS INITIATIVE

Jennifer McAllister, Butler Homeless Initiative, was not able to attend the meeting and rescheduled for a later date.

ITEM #3 – CONSIDER APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A DIRECT-LINK THROW PHONE (OBSERVATION UNIT) PORT FROM ENFORCEMENT TECHNOLOGY GROUP FOR \$13,224.99

Craig Murphy, Sheriff, came before the Board for approval to purchase one direct-link throw phone (observation unit) port from Enforcement Technology Group for \$13,224.99. This equipment is to be used by the SWAT team. Because of limited retailers, only two dealers responded, E.N.T. Call Box for \$29,000 and Enforcement Technology Group for \$13,224.99.

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to authorize the Sheriff's Office to purchase a direct-link throw phone (observation unit) port, from Enforcement Technology Group for \$13,224.99, with funds provided through the conceal carry fund. Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

ITEM #4 – RECEIVE AND OPEN BIDS FOR 2 TRAILERS FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Darryl Lutz, P.E., Director of Public Works, came before the Board to receive and open bids for 2 small equipment trailers. The Public Works Department invited five dealers to bid and only one bid was received from Trailers and Hitches of Augusta in the amount of \$8,950 for two trailers.

Commissioner Waldorf motioned to accept the bid received and opened for 2 small equipment trailers and direct the Department of Public Works to evaluate the bid and to return with a recommendation for action. Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

ITEM #5 – RECEIVE AND OPEN PROPOSALS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE 2009 BIENNIAL BRIDGE INSPECTION PROGRAM FOR BUTLER COUNTY

Darryl Lutz, P.E., Director of Public Works, came before the Board to receive and open proposals from engineering consultants to provide professional services related to the 2009 biennial bridge inspection program for the County. Requests for proposals were mailed to 7 firms 2 weeks ago with instructions for the sealed proposals to be returned to the county by Friday, September 19, 2008. Bids were received from:

Schwab-Eaton, Manhattan, KS	\$38,970	approx. 616 hours
Schwab-Eaton (Alternate Proposal)	\$28,145	Update Inspection only
Finney & Turnipseed, Topeka, KS	\$38,500	approx. 596 hours
BWR, Salina, KS	\$355/bridge for inspection	
Plus	\$280/bridge for structural analysis	
Cook, Flatt & Strobel, Topeka, KS	\$41,770	approx. 520 hours

Mr.Lutz discussed fracture critical evaluation, which is a new KDOT requirement for inspection of bridges.

Commissioner Woydziak asked if there were any wooden bridges still in service. Mr. Lutz stated that there are two on the Harvey County line.

Commissioner Wheeler motioned to accept the Proposals and Statements of Qualifications from engineering firms for the purpose of conducting required biennial bridge inspection work on Butler County’s bridges and authorize the Director of Public Works to evaluate the proposals and to return at a later time with a recommendation for action. Commissioner Waldorf seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

ITEM #6 – CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY FOR FIRE DISTRICT #7

Mark Detter, Assistant Administrator/Finance Director, came before the Board for approval to purchase property for Fire District #7. The fire district has begun purchasing adjacent property to the existing Fire Station so that a future fire station can be built upon the property and keep fire service centrally located in the City of Benton. The appraisal on the property indicated a market price of \$75,000 and an offer was made at \$82,500. Staff followed the same protocol utilized to purchase the first property. A market appraisal was completed on the property and the owner was offered the market price, plus 10%. The property also includes an additional two lots to the south side of the house, which do not contain any dwellings. The property addresses are 120 N. Ohio and 130 N. Ohio, located in Benton, and the County appraisal of those two properties is \$65,320. The Board discussed tabling this item and asked for additional information.

Commissioner Wheeler motioned to table this item in order to receive more information about the appraisal. Commissioner Waldorf seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Detter and the Board discussed the property that was purchased in July 2007 located north of the fire station.

ITEM #7 – WORK SESSION – UPDATE ON FLOODING

Jim Schmidt, Emergency Management Services, came before the Board for an update on damage in the county due to the recent flooding. Mr. Schmidt stated that two bridges were damaged. The Putnam Bridge located on 137th Street between Boyer Rd. and Purity Springs Rd. and the Hall Bridge located in Clay Township. The County believes we will be eligible for some FEMA relief. He stated that there are 5 school districts with damages estimated to be \$174,500. A conference call with the state is scheduled for Thursday, September 25th, to discuss the damages.

Commissioner Woydziak and the Board discussed the flooding at the jail. Mr. Schmidt also reported that someone cut the cable west of Augusta which resulted in Emergency Management being temporarily without phone service. No action was taken.

ITEM #8 – WORK SESSION – 2009 COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

Jim Schmidt, Emergency Management Services, came before the Board for approval of the 2009 Cooperative Agreement. This agreement would continue our commitment to helping other Kansas counties with disaster relief, as well as guarantee Butler County such relief also.

Commissioner Waldorf motioned to authorize the Chair to sign the Emergency Management Cooperation Agreement. Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

RECESS

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

RECONVENE

Commissioner Woydziak reconvened the Board meeting at 10:15 a.m.

ITEM #9 – WORK SESSION – NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PROGRAM (NRP) APPEAL

Mark Detter, Finance Director, came before the Board to discuss an NRP appeal from the City of El Dorado for property located on S. High St. The NRP application clearly states that the property owner must pay their taxes on time to be eligible for the program. Twenty-seven other properties have been taken out of the program for similar issues. Discussion followed.

The Board discussed changing the verbiage in the NRP agreement to allow each owner to pay late one time and then if they pay late again, they are out of the program. No action was taken.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Commissioner Wheeler motioned to approve the vouchers for September 22, 2008 in the amount of \$563,529.87 and \$20,081.89. Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

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

Commissioner Masterson stated that he was approached with concern from Andover Fire, City of Andover, City of Benton, and Benton Fire regarding emergency communications and coverage

because of tower locations. Mr. Detter suggested meeting with the consultant and Administrator Johnson as well as others to discuss the plan.

Commissioner Woydziak brought up growth issues in Bruno and Pleasant Townships and discussed the increased traffic and the roads. Mr. Lutz addressed the issue and will gather information and return to the Board at a later date.

Assistant Administrator Detter said Representative Crum called to remind the Board of the Governor's Transportation Task Force meeting on September 30th at 8:30 a.m.

Mark Detter updated the Board regarding the buildings where Flint Hills Services and the South Central Mental Health facility are located.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Masterson motioned to adjourn the meeting of the Board at 11:12 a.m.

Commissioner Woydziak seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Butler County Commissioners will be attending lunch at the Cassoday Senior Center