

BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monday, April 6, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Wheeler motioned to approve the minutes of the Butler County Commission Meetings of Monday, March 30, 2009 as written and Tuesday, March 31, 2009 as amended to reflect a 5-0 vote for the item regarding the adult entertainment business. Commissioner Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

ITEM #1 – PRESENT CAPTAIN JASON RUNNALLS, EMS DEPARTMENT WITH THE SPOTLIGHT AWARD AND GIFT CERTIFICATE

Will Johnson, Administrator, came before the Board to present Captain Jason Runnalls, EMS Department, with the Spotlight Award and Gift Certificate. The nomination was submitted by Brandon Russell, EMS, who stated Captain Runnalls is committed to his supervisory position, provides excellent feedback to his staff, produces high quality evaluations and performance improvement programs, and maintains meticulous and precise records/ documentation leading to the highest quality project management. Commissioner Masterson presented Captain Runnalls with the Spotlight Award and Gift Certificate.

ITEM #2 – WORK SESSION – COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Mark Detter, Finance Director, and Ruth Fechter, County Treasurer, came before the Board to discuss delinquent personal property tax collection problems and solutions. Mr. Jim Sullivan came before the Board regarding his situation about a mobile home he purchased with back taxes due. Commissioner Woydziak suggested putting together an RFP. Administrator Johnson will work with Ruth Fechter and Mark Detter to develop an RFP for delinquent personal property tax collections. No action was taken.

ITEM #5 – RECEIVE MIKE LOWRY, AGH FOR 2008 AUDIT REVIEW – 10:00 A.M.

Mike Lowry, AGH, came before the Board to present the 2008 Audit Review and discuss the management letter.

Commissioner Harris motioned to accept the 2008 Audit and would ask that staff address concerns mentioned by AGH in the management letter. Commissioner Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

ITEM #3 – WORK SESSION – PLANNING BOARD MEETING

Administrator Johnson came before the Board to set a date for a meeting with the Planning Board to discuss the Commissioners' expectations. The meeting is planned for Tuesday, May 5 at 6:00 p.m. No action was taken.

RECESS

Commissioner Masterson recessed the Board meeting at 10:00 a.m. for 5 minutes.

RECONVENE

Commissioner Masterson reconvened the Board meeting at 10:05 a.m.

ITEM #4 – WORK SESSION – COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

Jim Neese, Radio Systems Administrator, came before the Board to discuss the Communications Plan. Mr. Neese noted that the lease on the tower holding the Sheriff's channel expires on August 31 and is recommending that the county not enter into a long-term lease with the new tower owners at this time. No action was taken.

ITEM #6 – CONSIDER APPROVAL TO SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE JOINT CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD AND ALLOW THE DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,000 FROM JJSA DISCRETIONARY FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE TEEN INTERVENTION PROGRAM

Ann Carpenter, Juvenile Justice Services Administrator, came before the Board for approval to distribute funds in the amount of \$4,000 from JJSA discretionary funds to support the Teen Intervention Program. Ms. Carpenter stated that this is a one time allocation of funds that have been accumulated from diversion fees and fees for services provided by the JJA Department. Ms. Carpenter discussed truancy issues and stated that Butler County is in the top 10 in the state for kids coming out of the home for truancy problems.

Administrator Johnson noted that this week is Child Abuse Prevention week. SCARF (Sunlight Children's Advocacy Rights Foundation) is sponsoring more than 300 pinwheels on the Courthouse lawn. Each pinwheel represents a birth at Susan B. Allen Memorial Hospital in 2008.

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to approve the request to fund the Teen Intervention Project in the amount of \$4,000 with discretionary funds from Juvenile Justice Services. Commissioner Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Woydziak asked if there was additional funding available through stimulus money. Ms. Carpenter indicated that there would not be additional funding and said JJA lost about \$20,000 in incentive funds.

COMMISSION ADDS & ABATES

Commissioner Wheeler motioned to approve Adds & Abates #2388 dated April 6, 2009; Adds in the amount of \$7,175.32 and Abates in the amount of \$1,428.04. Commissioner Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Commissioner Wheeler motioned to approve the vouchers for April 6, 2009 in the amount of \$400,136.82. Commissioner Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

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

Commissioner Wheeler stated he would not be able to attend the CERT dinner tomorrow night.

Commissioner Wheeler noted an invitation to the Andover YMCA for Thursday, April 30.

Commissioner Wheeler mentioned that the Turkey Hunt is this week and the luncheon will be Thursday and Friday, April 9 and 10, at the 4-H Building. He stated The Big Tom Social will be at the Prairie Trails Country Club at 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 10.

Administrator Johnson said for the last two years the County has been a sponsor of the Turkey Hunt and they are asking the commission to give the welcome this year. Commissioner Masterson said he would not be attending and asked Administrator Will Johnson to welcome the hunters to Butler County this year.

Commissioner Wheeler informed the Board that an 18-mile stretch of Hwy 400 would be renamed Atomic Veterans Memorial Highway at a Dedication Ceremony on May 22 at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Wheeler noted an individual in his district was frustrated about the burn ban. Administrator Johnson discussed Resolution 06-11 and the wind speeds that affect open burning. Commissioner Woydziak said the Fire Chiefs have authority to allow burning in their districts. Chris Davis, 9-1-1 Director, said he would encourage this individual to call 9-1-1 first to request permission to burn then visit with the Fire Chief in that district. Commissioner Wheeler asked about night burning. Mr. Davis said it was illegal to burn after dark.

Abbe Carson, Election Department, came before the Board to set a canvassing date for the General Election of April 7, 2009. Canvassing will be Monday, April 13 at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Harris notified the Board that there have been three rural burglaries in his area.

Commissioner Masterson commented that he and Darryl Lutz met with the City of Andover and said they are developing an RFP for trash. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Woydziak stated he would be attending a reception for Dan Armstrong hosted by the Rose Hill City Council tonight.

Administrator Johnson noted the next Vitality walk is Wednesday, April 8 at 5:30 p.m. starting at East Park.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to adjourn the meeting of the Board at 11:15 a.m.

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