

BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monday, March 2, 2009

CALL TO ORDER (LATE START DUE TO REAP)

Commission Vice-Chairman Mike Wheeler called the Butler County Board of Commissioners to order at 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioner Bruce Harris, Commissioner Randy Waldorf, Commissioner Dan Woydziak, Administrator Will Johnson, Jr., and Clerk Recorder Paula Stoskopf. Commissioner Jeff Masterson was not present due to his attending REAP in Goddard, KS.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to approve the minutes of the Butler County Commission Meetings of Monday, February 23, 2009, and Tuesday, February 24, 2009 as written. Commissioner Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

ITEM #1 – RECEIVE AND OPEN BIDS FOR A PICKUP AND UTILITY VEHICLE FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Darryl Lutz, P.E., Director of Public Works, came before the Board to receive and open bids for a pickup and utility vehicle for the Public Works Department. These vehicle purchases are planned and budgeted and cash is available for making the necessary purchases. Bids were received from Parks Motors and Steven Ford-Mercury of Augusta.

Commissioner Waldorf motioned to accept the bids received and opened for the purchase of a pickup for the Buildings & Grounds Department and a full size utility vehicle for the Engineering Division and to have staff tabulate and evaluate the bids and return at a later time with a recommendation for action. Commissioner Woydziak seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

ITEM #2 – CONSIDER APPROVING A REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS FOR SELLING CARBON CREDITS RELATED TO DESTRUCTION OF METHANE GAS AT THE LANDFILL

Darryl Lutz, P.E., Director of Public Works, came before the Board to consider approving a Request for Quotations for selling carbon credits related to destruction of methane gas at the Landfill. This program has the potential of generating net positive revenue for the Landfill. A selected list of vendors will be solicited for providing bids to Butler County. This RFQ does not commit Butler County to taking any further action. As part of the review process of the quotations received, Staff will make recommendation as to the feasibility of selling carbon credits. Quotations are due to be submitted by March 27th and will be opened by the BOCC the week of March 30th.

Commissioner Harris motioned to approve the Request for Quotations for selling Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Credits and authorize the Chair to sign. Commissioner Waldorf seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

ITEM #3 – WORK SESSION – DISCUSS PROJECT PROPOSALS RELATED TO THE 2009 FEDERAL STIMULUS PROGRAM

Darryl Lutz, P.E., Director of Public Works, came before the Board to discuss project proposals related to the 2009 Federal Stimulus Program. Based upon existing funding ratios used by the State, approximately \$8 million dollars will be allocated to KDOT's District 5, which includes Butler County. The money has to be spent or committed by December 2009. Mr. Lutz proposed surfacing projects for the use of this money. He reported that KDOT has indicated that the money cannot be used towards projects that are already in place. The Board recommended Mr. Lutz verifying that this money cannot be used towards the SW 210th Project. Mr. Lutz stated that he would verify this for the Board.

Commissioner Masterson joined the meeting at 10:21 a.m.

The Board and Mr. Lutz agreed to prioritize the suggested projects in the following order –

1. SW Butler Road 5 miles/Mill & 3.5" Overlay - \$1,210,000
2. SW 20th Street 6.3 miles/2" Surface Recycle & Micro surface - \$915,000
3. SW 210th Street – Douglass 2.9 miles/Mill & 2" Overlay - \$450,000
4. Whitewater 1.2 miles/Mill & 2" Overlay - \$210,000

Mr. Lutz will process the paperwork to submit these proposals and bring it back to the Board for the Chair's signature. Engineers for District 5 will make the final decision on what projects qualify for these monies.

ITEM #4 – WORK SESSION – COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

Jim Neese, Communications Plan Director, came before the Board to give an update on the implementation of the Communications Project.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Commissioner Waldorf motioned to approve the vouchers for March 2, 2009 in the amount of \$733,124.41. Commissioner Woydziak seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

RECESS

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

RECONVENE

Commissioner Masterson reconvened the Board meeting at 10:55 a.m.

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

Commissioner Wheeler motioned to appoint David Johnson, 234 SE Rosalia Rd., to fulfill the unexpired term of Tyson Brenton, Rosalia Township Treasurer. Commissioner Waldorf seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Wheeler noted that the jail count has been going up. Commissioner Woydziak inquired how things were going out at the Jail. He stated that the Under Sheriff is the new permanent Jail Director. Commissioner Woydziak stated that the Under Sheriff should be commended for the job he is doing and asked Administrator Johnson to pass that along to him.

Commissioner Wheeler expressed his concerns regarding those individuals who are hurting out there and may not be able to pay their taxes in May and the impact this will have on the County's

Budget. He asked Mr. Johnson if preparations were being made to take this into consideration when planning the future budget in April. Administrator Johnson noted that the Departments would be asked to cut down their budgets. Mr. Wheeler stated that he felt the County should be prepared for the future even though a direct impact has not yet been felt with the current economy.

Commissioner Harris asked Administrator Johnson about the Planning Commission Appointees and where they were required to live. Administrator Johnson stated that the individual does not have to live in a certain district to be appointed.

Commissioner Waldorf noted that he received a letter from Bill Keefer regarding the railroad right-of-way. He reported that Augusta would be moving forward with things due to an economic development opportunity that has come about.

Commissioner Masterson gave a report on the REAP Meeting he attended this morning in Goddard, KS.

Administrator Johnson recognized Abbe Carson, Deputy Election Clerk, as arrangements were made with the Board for Canvassing of the votes for the 2009 City/School Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, March 3rd. The Canvassing of the votes will be Friday, March 6th, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Room. The Board of Canvassers will be Mark Detter, District #1; Will Johnson, District #2, Jim Neese, District #3, Mike Wheeler, District #4; and Pam Dunham, District #5.

Administrator Johnson informed the Board that he has invited Jason Moses from the Adjuvant General's Office to give his presentation on communications radio narrowing banding issues. He is scheduled for March 24th at 10:00 a.m. His presentation will be publicized.

Administrator Johnson gave a report on the indigent death last week in Augusta. Mr. Johnson noted that there has been some confusion with the arrangements, the cost involved, and how to handle this type of situation. Headley's in Augusta originally picked up the body, but the Whitewater Funeral Home could provide service at a cheaper cost. Commissioner Waldorf stated that he would call Mr. Headley from the funeral home and give a report at tomorrow's meeting.

Administrator Johnson reminded Commissioner's Harris and Wheeler of the meeting with El Dorado City before tomorrow's meeting to discuss an Interlocal Agreement on Extra Territorial Zoning.

Administrator Johnson reminded the Board of the following dates:

Quad Counties on Monday, March 16th
Leon Sr. Center on Monday, March 23rd
Township Meeting on Tuesday, March 24th
Government Day on Tuesday, March 31st

Administrator Johnson gave the Board the consensus of the Fire Chiefs regarding the Burn Ban. Six (6) were in favor of lifting the ban, Four (4) were in favor of leaving it in place. The Board chose to leave the ban in place at this time.

Administrator Johnson updated the Board on the open position at Rose Hill Fire District. The candidates have been outstanding. The four candidates interviewed have been narrowed down to two. The final interview of those two will be this Friday evening in Rose Hill.

Commissioner Wheeler commented on the NACO Meeting to be held in Memphis July 24 – 28. Mr. Wheeler stated that he felt it would be an interesting meeting to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Waldorf motioned to adjourn the meeting of the Board at 11:45 a.m.

Commissioner Woydziak seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.