

BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monday, March 23, 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 Randy Waldorf, Commissioner Mike Wheeler, Commissioner Dan Woydziak, Administrator Will Johnson, Jr., and Clerk Recorder Tammy Bridges.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Wheeler motioned to approve the minutes of the Butler County Commission Meetings of Monday, March 16, 2009 and Tuesday, March 17, 2009 as written. Commissioner Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Waldorf abstained.

ITEM #1 – RECEIVE MARION NICHOLS, MIDCAP, FOR APPROVAL OF THE 2009 KANSAS EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT APPLICATION

Marion Nichols, MIDCAP, came before the Board for approval of the 2009 Kansas Emergency Shelter Grant application. She stated they are asking for \$11,000 this year; \$8,000 for Homeless Prevention and \$3,000 for motel rooms to help people who are living on the street. The matching funds will be \$5,000 from Butler County, \$5,000 from Harvey County, \$600 of in-kind office space in Greenwood County and \$1,200 of in-kind office space in Chase County.

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to approve the 2009 Kansas Emergency Shelter Grant application. Commissioner Waldorf seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Woydziak asked if the stimulus money would provide other avenues for funding. Ms. Nichols said it would and that the funds could be used to help with the case management program as well as emergency services.

ITEM #2 – RECEIVE AND OPEN BIDS FOR PURCHASE OF TIRES FOR BUTLER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS

Darryl Lutz, P.E., Director of Public Works, came before the Board to receive and open bids for purchase of tires for Butler County Departments. Bids were received from Augusta Tire & Supply, Augusta, KS and Becker Tire, El Dorado, KS.

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to receive the tire bids submitted by Augusta Tire & Supply, Augusta, KS and Becker Tire, El Dorado, KS and to direct the Director of Public Works to tabulate the bids, to review for conformance and to return at a later date with a recommendation for purchase. Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

ITEM #3 – CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO GO OUT FOR BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT

Darryl Lutz, P.E., Director of Public Works, came before the Board to consider authorizing the Director of Public Works to go out for bids for the purchase of the following items: two mowing tractors, one 1-ton flatbed truck, one triple axle 55 ton haul trailer, one used barrel dump trailer, three skid steer loaders, and one medium size new or used elevating scraper.

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to authorize the Director of Public Works to obtain sealed bids for purchase of equipment for the Highway Division as requested. Commissioner Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Wheeler asked about Pro-Kleen. Administrator Johnson stated that he met with County Counsel last week and will be meeting with Mr. Turpin this week. Administrator Johnson noted that the county as well as the employees would have to enter into separate litigation. Administrator Johnson said he is mainly interested in getting the employees' vehicles cleaned. Commissioner Waldorf stated that he would like to see a proposal from Pro Kleen for a solution.

Mr. Lutz reminded the Board of the Township meeting tomorrow at the Civic Center.

ITEM #4 – CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF COMPUTER SERVICES TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR THE 2009 PERSONAL COMPUTER SUPPLIER

Scott Stoskopf, Computer Services Director, came before the Board for approval to solicit bids for the 2009 Personal Computer (PC) supplier. PCs are on a three year replacement cycle and this bid process will establish the supplier of new and replacement PCs, Laptops, and Monitors. Mr. Stoskopf stated that we would be replacing about 21 PCs, 14 Notebooks, and 32 Monitors. The estimated cost is approximately \$65,000.

Commissioner Masterson motioned to authorize Computer Services to solicit bids for the 2009 Personal Computer supplier. Commissioner Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

RECESS

Commissioner Masterson recessed the Board meeting at 9:43 a.m. for 5 minutes.

RECONVENE

Commissioner Masterson reconvened the Board meeting at 9:48 a.m.

ITEM #5 – WORK SESSION – FEDERAL NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM

David Alfaro, BCED Director, came before the Board to discuss the Federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program. On July 30, 2008, Congress passed the Housing and Economic Recovery Act and assigned HUD to implement the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP). Based on HUD data, Butler County is among 21 counties hardest hit by the home foreclosure crisis. In order to address this issue, \$554,939 would be available to Butler County. Mr. Alfaro stated that he would call Mr. Morgan, Department of Commerce, to ask if the county could participate at this time and withdraw from the program at a later date. Mr. Alfaro will report back to the Commissioners tomorrow.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Commissioner Wheeler motioned to approve the vouchers for March 23, 2009 in the amount of \$207,080.64. Commissioner Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Commissioner Wheeler asked about the situation at the Retreat. Administrator Johnson stated that he didn't have any additional information.

Commissioner Harris requested further information regarding call volumes for the Cities of Douglass, Towanda, Whitewater and Potwin.

Commissioner Waldorf motioned to accept the resignation of Jeanne Pierce as Spring Township Clerk. Commissioner Woydziak seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Waldorf reminded the Board of the bowling event for Big Brothers Big Sisters on Sunday, March 29 at 2:00 p.m.

Commissioner Waldorf asked about using the NSP money for first time home buyers.

Commissioner Masterson shared an invitation from the City of Douglass for Wednesday, March 25 at 6:30 p.m. The Mayor of Greensburg will be speaking about the rebuilding effort.

Administrator Johnson asked the Board for a motion to go out for bids for noxious weed herbicides.

Commissioner Harris motioned to go out for bids for noxious weed herbicides. Commissioner Waldorf seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Administrator Johnson stated that he participated in a walking event this past weekend and commended Rene Bender who set up four walking events for 500 vitality points each.

Rod Compton came before the Board to remind them of the timeline of events regarding Pro Kleen.

Commissioner Wheeler motioned to recess the Board to Executive Session at 10:35 a.m. for 30 minutes, with the public session resuming at 11:05 a.m., for personnel matters of non-elected personnel to protect the privacy of an employee who is non-elected. Commissioner Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Those in attendance were Commissioners Harris, Masterson, Waldorf, Wheeler, Woydziak, and Administrator Johnson.

RECONVENE

Commissioner Masterson reconvened the Board meeting at 11:17 a.m. There was no action taken as a result of Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to adjourn the meeting of the Board at 11:17 a.m. Commissioner Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

*****County Commissioners will be attending a luncheon at the Leon Senior Center at 11:45 a.m.*****