

BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monday, September 21, 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 Paula Stoskopf.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to approve the minutes of the Butler County Commission Meeting of Tuesday, September 15, 2009 as written. Commissioner Waldorf seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ITEM #1 – CONSIDER APPROVAL TO ALLOW THE EMS DEPARTMENT TO SEEK BIDS TO PURCHASE A PROGRAM ½ TON CARGO VAN

Grant Helferich, Director of EMS, came before the Board to seek permission for the EMS Department to seek bids to purchase a program ½ ton cargo van. The EMS Department has put into place a logistics officer to purchase medical equipment and supplies. One of the duties of the logistics officer is to travel on a regular basis to inventory and stock medical supplies and equipment at each station. Storage bins or shelves could be installed in the cargo van to allow for this vehicle to restock ambulances and stations on the go. The officer makes rounds at least twice a week to all five stations to double check inventory, do restocking, and check on equipment that may need replacement at the stations. At this time, the officer has been using her personal vehicle or a spare ambulance to make these rounds. Commissioner Woydziak requested that all EMS vehicles be properly marked as Butler County Vehicles. Mr. Helferich stated that he did not realize the markings had not been distinct enough. He agreed to accommodate the request.

Commissioner Harris motioned to approve the EMS Department to receive bids for a program cargo van. Commissioner Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

ITEM #2 – CONSIDER APPROVAL TO ALLOW THE EMS DEPARTMENT TO SEEK BIDS TO PURCHASE A 2010 TYPE III MODULAR AMBULANCE FOR REPLACEMENT

Grant Helferich, Director of EMS, came before the Board for permission to seek bids to purchase a 2010 Type III modular ambulance for replacement. International currently makes the diesel engines for the Ford E-450 and the contract with International expires December 31, 2009. At that time, no more new engines are planned to be built. Chevrolet also makes a diesel chassis, but production will not begin until June or July of 2010. Mr. Helferich stated the need to get the order in place so the department could get a new ambulance in 2010 to replace an older unit in the fleet. Money is available in the reserve funds to make this purchase at the estimated cost of \$140,000.

Commissioner Waldorf motioned to approve the EMS Department to receive bids for a 2010 Type III modular ambulance. Commissioner Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

ITEM #3 – WORK SESSION – COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

Will Johnson, County Administrator, discussed with the Board the ways in which the residents of Butler County are being informed of the funding needed for the Communications Plan. He presented the Board with the article placed on the County's website on Friday, September 18th. The Board concurred that the website looked good and was user friendly. Mr. Johnson will be getting a sample of the postcard flyer to the Board for review. The flyer is scheduled to be mailed the first part of November. The schedule for the Sales Tax Meetings with the cities, schools, senior centers, and fire district boards were also discussed. At these meetings, the Plan will be presented and support for the Communications Plan will be solicited. Mr. Johnson asked Chris Davis, Emergency Communications Director, to report on the meeting with Sedgwick County. Mr. Davis stated that Sedgwick County is willing to partner on the site of the Andover tower. They will be conducting their own study to verify this to be beneficial and will be getting their answer to Butler County as soon as possible. Jim Neese, Strategic Communications Director, reported that the construction of the equipment shelters would need to begin no later than the first quarter of 2010. Completion and implementation of the entire Plan will be the mid to late 2011. Commissioner Woydziak reported that the City of Andover is 100% supportive of the Plan. The possibility of using a commercial to educate the public concerning this Plan was also discussed.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Vouchers were tabled to Tuesday, September 22, 2009.

Commissioner Masterson invited Mr. Fred Kropf, 201 W. Towanda, El Dorado, to come before the Board. Mr. Kropf had questions for the Board about the rules and regulations for mowing grass.

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

Commissioner Wheeler reported that last Tuesday, he and Commissioner Harris went down to watch Dustrol lay new road. He stated that it was an amazing process. Administrator Johnson volunteered to set up a time when the entire Board can go and view the process.

Commissioner Waldorf requested that David Alfaro, BCED, be prepared to discuss the ProKleen letter at tomorrow's meeting. Administrator Johnson will contact Mr. Alfaro.

ADJOURNMENT (10:45)

*Commissioner Woydziak motioned to adjourn the meeting of the Board at 10:21 a.m.
Commissioner Waldorf seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*

****Commissioners will be attending the QUAD Counties Meeting at the
Harvey County West Park Community Building in Burrton, KS, at 11:45 a.m.****