

# Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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June 1, 2009

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 2009, at the Barton County Courthouse.

## *Members present:*

Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner, 5th District, Chairman  
Kenny Schremmer, Commissioner, 1st District (Chairman Pro-Tem)

Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner, 2nd District

John Edmonds, Commissioner, 3rd District

Kirby Krier, Commissioner, 4th District

Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator

## **I. OPENING BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Schartz called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

Commissioner Krier moved to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2009 Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **.. COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE: Request for Approval for Orders of Abatement and Refund of 2008**

#### **Taxes:**

-Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk, will present Orders of Abatement and Refund for 2008 taxes. Orders for these abatements \ refunds are kept on file in the County Clerk's Office. Reasons for the abatements \ refunds are to correct assessments and are requested by the County Appraiser's Office or the County Clerk's Office. This item was tabled on May 18, 2009, as the Commission had questions reference the process.

Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk, presented Orders of Abatement and Refund.

	<i>AMOUNT</i>	<i>ASSESSED VALUE</i>
Abatements #1 - #206	\$128,642.17	\$845,881.00
Refunds #1 - # 96	\$ 42,588.98	\$293,647.00

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve the Orders of Abatement and Refunds of 2008 Taxes as Presented.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **B. SHERIFF'S OFFICE: Heating and Air System – Administrative Building:**

-This item was tabled on May 26, 2009, at the request of the Commission. After a system failure, the Sheriff's Office requested bids for the replacement of the current heating and air system in the Administrative Building. With various factors being considered, Sheriff Greg Armstrong recommends that the \$8,283.00 bid submitted by Campbell's Refrigeration be approved. This bid includes two 80,000 BTU 95.5% efficiency furnaces. The project is further recommended for payment through the Capital Improvement Fund.

**(ITEM TABLED)**

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Commissioner Krier moved to table this agenda item at this time with the return to agenda to be determined at a later date.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye.

### **III. NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **A. GREAT BEND AREA COMMUNITY EMPLOYEE RECRUITER PROGRAM: Program Update:**

-After a recommendation by the Barton County Economic Development Advisory Committee, the Commission authorized financial support for the Great Bend Area Community Employee Recruiter Program (ACER) in late 2008. Collaborative goals for this program include recruitment and retention, network for employers and support of new employees in transitioning.

Renee Richmeier, Recruiter, explained that over a year ago there were over 350 available jobs in the Great Bend Area. The Great Bend Area Community Employee Recruiter (ACER) Program was launched to fill available jobs by recruiting new employees to the Great Bend area. With shifts in Great Bend's business climate, the focus of the ACER program has taken a new direction. The number of available jobs decreased over the last few months, leaving approximately 100 positions to be filled. Instead of focusing solely on recruitment she's also focusing her efforts on employee retention and retraining.

Jan Peters, Great Bend Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development, reported a national realtor has been hired by Smithfield Foods to sell the plant.

Rachel Mawhirter, GB Chamber, worked on redesigning their website: [www.centrankansasjobs.com](http://www.centrankansasjobs.com)

Information Only. No Action Required.

#### **C. OCCUPANCY AGREEMENT: Head Start:**

-The County provides office space to the Head Start program in the Barton County Office Building, 352 W 12<sup>th</sup>, Hoisington, Kansas. The proposed occupancy agreement, set to expire December 31, 2009, allows for shared space at a monthly rate of \$290.00. The monies are charged to offset the cost of utilities.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, presented details and said the monthly rate will be reviewed at the end of the year.

Commission Schremmer moved to approve the Occupancy Agreement for Head Start expiring December 31, 2009. Direct staff to submit the approved agreement to the agency.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

#### **B. CPI QUALIFIED PLAN CONSULTANTS, INC: Status Update:**

-In 2004, the Commission authorized a loan to CPI Qualified Plan Consultants, Inc. for \$1,700,000.00. At four percent interest, specifics included a not to exceed five year deferred principal payment with interest paid annually on the ten (10) year note. The loan proceeds were to be used by CPI, in conjunction with monies received from other lending sources, the City of Great Bend and local investors, to purchase the business from A. G. Edwards.

Bob Dema, CPI President, provided a status update and noted CPI has not been profitable for the current year because the market has been going down and that affects their revenues. The purchaser CUNA Mutual (Fortune 500 Company) voted this weekend to purchase CPI. The new company has committed (subject to operational issues) to stay in the community for the next 10 years. Staff should grow by 60%

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(growing from 500 to 800 employees). The new company will pay off all the CPI debt, including the County's original 1.7 million loan to CPI.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, said the Commissioners need to make a motion to authorize CPI board member, Commissioner Krier, to vote in favor of the sale.

Commissioner Edmonds moved to authorize Commissioner Krier to exercise his best judgement on the matter.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **D. BOARD APPOINTMENT: Golden Belt Humane Society:**

-Given the County's financial contribution to the Humane Society, it has been requested that the Commission appoint one member to the Board of Directors. At this time, the appointment of Commissioner Homer Kruckenberg will be considered.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to appoint Commissioner Homer Kruckenberg to the Golden Belt Humane Society Board of Directors.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

Commissioner Schartz, Commissioner Schremmer, Commissioner Edmonds and Commissioner Krier all voted aye.

Commissioner Kruckenberg abstained.

Motion passed 4 – 0.

## **JUVENILE SERVICES: Vehicle Purchase:**

The Juvenile Services Department solicited bids for the purchase of a mid-size four-door sedan with approximately 30,000 miles or less. This includes the trade of a 2004 Buick Century with approximately 108,000 miles. Monies for the purchase are presently available through the JIAS fund.

Mike Daniel, Juvenile Services Assistant Director, presented details and said the bid best meeting the specifications was from Dove Buick, Olds, Cadillac, Inc. for \$9,346.71. He reported the four dealerships who submitted bids were: Manweiler-Hoisington, Young Motors-Lyons, Marmies-Great Bend, and Dove-Great Bend.

Commissioner Krier moved to purchase a 2008 Pontiac G6 Fusion, with the trade of a Buick Century, from Dove Buick, Olds, Cadillac, Inc. for \$9,346.71. Payment to be made from the JIAS, Equipment line, 75-10-4415.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **F. LANDFILL: Aquaterra – Proposal for 2009 Engineering Services:**

-Aquaterra has submitted a proposal for the Landfill's 2009 engineering services needs. Four individual tasks have been identified by Barton County and Aquaterra officials. These include groundwater sampling and reporting, closure and post-closure cost update, plot plan \ survey map update and miscellaneous on-call services. The total estimated cost for the identified tasks is \$60,050.00. This fee can be paid from the Landfill Budget.

Mark Witt, Landfill Manager, provided details.

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<b>Task</b>	<b>General Task Description</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Payment Terms</b>
1	Groundwater Sampling and Reporting		
1a	April, 2009, Groundwater Monitoring	\$20,200	Lump Sum
1b	October, 2009, Groundwater Monitoring	\$32,400	Lump Sum
2	Closure and Post-Closure Cost Update	\$950	Lump Sum
3	Updated Plot Plan \ Survey Map	\$3,500	Time and Materials
4	Miscellaneous On-Call Services	\$3,000	Time and Materials

Commissioner Edmonds moved to approve the Aquaterra proposal for 2009 Engineering Services, No. 0109053 Rev. 1, in the amount of \$60,050. Monies to be paid from the Landfill Budget, Professional Services line, 36-10-4330. Provided, however, that the 2010 engineering services proposal be subject to request for proposal and competitive bid.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **G. COUNTY SERVICES: Informational Update:**

-Mr. Boeckman will provide the informational report of work completed during the last period. The report, which will be made available to the media, will serve as a public reminder of the services provided by the County on a regular basis.

Information Only. No Action Required.

## **IV. ENDING BUSINESS:**

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

## **V. OTHER BUSINESS:**

There was no other business.

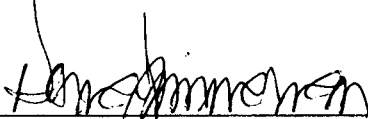
## **VI. ADJOURN:**

Commissioner Schremmer made a motion to adjourn at 9:57 A.M.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

  
Donna Zimmerman  
Barton County Clerk

  
Jennifer Schartz, Chairman