

# Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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August 17, 2009

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August 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 Schremmer moved to approve the agenda.  
Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2009 Regular Meeting.  
Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:**

An Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of August 3, 2009 through August 17, 2009.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve appropriations for the period of August 3, 2009 through August 17, 2009.  
Commissioner Edmonds seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **III. OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business.

## **IV. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **A. RECOVERY ZONE FACILITY BONDS: Program Report:**

-The Internal Revenue Service recently released guidance regarding "Recovery Zone Bonds" (RZBs) that may be issued by counties and large municipalities within each state. In general, RZBs provide tax incentives for economic development by state and local governments in the form of lower borrowing costs, either through Federal tax exemption for the interest on bonds issued to finance the development projects or through "direct payments" to the bond issuer.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, provided a program report to help get the word out. \$2,650,000 in Recovery Zone Facility Bonds is available as a benefit businesses and be a borrowing opportunity for 2009 and 2010. Information will be posted on the County Website.

formation Only. No Action Required.

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## **B. EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE: Request for Proposal (RFP) Summary:**

-The Barton County Administrator's Office requested proposals from qualified firms for employee health insurance for 2010. The County received three returns and information from the State's Health Insurance Program. It is noted that the Kansas State Employees Health Care Commission does not respond to RFP's as rates are set annually.

Janet Crane, Financial Officer, reported the County has experienced very high claims and unfortunately we are rated on 32 months of history. The County requested RFP's from qualified firms for 2010 employee health insurance. BMI, Great Bend; Freedom Claims, Great Bend; and our current Blue Cross/Blue Shield provider responded. Our current provider estimated a 30% increase. The State Health Insurance Plan does not respond to RFP's as their rates are set annually on July 1<sup>st</sup>. In going over these plans the State Health Insurance Plan has cheaper rates, but requires a 3 year State contract and a 70% employee participation rate.

Commissioner Krier moved to enter into the State of Kansas, Non State Group (Non-State Public Employer) for health insurance. Authorize the Commission Chairman to sign a Letter of Intent and to sign the State Health Insurance Contract for 2010.

Commissioner Edmonds seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **C. WETLANDS AND WILDLIFE NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY: Award of Contract for the Sustainable Marketing Campaign:**

In May, 2009, the County requested proposals from marketing firms with experience in nature-based tourism for the development of a Sustainable Marketing Campaign. Generally, work under the proposal includes the development of an initial three year marketing plan to ensure a quality visitor experience. Interested firms were to complete the proposal and return to the Administrator's Office by June 26, 2009. After the receipt of returned proposals, Cris Collier with the GBCVB and Ms. Crane, Project Coordinator for the National Scenic Byway Grant, reviewed the submissions with the Barton County Commissioners. With that, a recommendation was formulated to award the contract to North Star Destination Strategies, Inc. It is noted that the contract cost is \$78,000. This is a Federal Grant administered through the US Department of Transportation. Matching Funds of \$15,600 are provided by Barton County in the Wetlands & Wildlife Scenic Byway Grant Fund.

Janet Crane, Financial Officer, and Cris Collier, GBCVB, provided details.

The sustainable marketing campaign's cost is \$75,000 plus travel expenses of \$3,000.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to award the Request for Contract for the Sustainable Marketing Campaign for the Wetlands and Wildlife National Scenic Byway to North Star Destination Strategies. The contract of \$78,000, to be paid from the Wetlands & Wildlife Scenic Byway Grant Fund, Professional Services line, 60-10-4330.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **D. 911 \ COMMUNICATIONS: Purchase of a Replacement Voice Logger:**

-A voice logger is a device or program used to record audio information from telephones, radios, microphones and other sources for storage on a computer's hard drive or removable media. There are two basic modes for recording: vox mode, which is voice-activated, and non-vox mode, in which the

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recording is continuous. Voice loggers are most often used by emergency services, such as the 911 system, and businesses, such as call centers. With the County's voice logger having completely broken down, Nikki Atkinson, 911 Director, has researched its replacement.

Nikki Atkinson, 911 Director, provided details on the following bids:

VENDOR	System Cost	Extended Warranty/Maintenance Contract Cost (over five years)*	
Voice Products, Inc.	\$39,425	\$28,710	Total \$68,135
Commercial Electric Corp.	\$40,787	\$37,327	Total \$78,114
Digital Loggers, Inc.	\$43,250	\$19,968	Total \$63,218

\*All quotes include the full warranty and maintenance for the first year. The cost would not begin until year two.

Commissioner Krier moved to purchase the MIL-4800 Complete Network Accessible Audio Recording System from Digital Loggers, Inc. for a bid price of \$43,250. The cost to be paid from the 911 Fund, Data Recorder, 70-10-4415, with annual renewal cost to be brought before the Commissioners next year. Commissioner Edmonds seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **E. CENTRAL KANSAS COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS: Fiscal Year 2009 Year End Outcomes and Fiscal Year 2010 Carry-over Reimbursement Plan:**

The Kansas Community Corrections Act provides grants to Kansas Counties to develop and maintain a range of programs for adult offenders assigned to Community Corrections agencies. A Comprehensive Plan (grant application) was submitted that set the goals for FY2009. The Year End Outcomes then sets out the results at the close of the year. The Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC) additionally requires a projected budget submission of local program funding collected by the agency from fees and reimbursements collected. These budgets require the review and approval of the Barton County Commissioners, as the Administrative County for the District to which the plan pertains.

Amy Boxberger, CKCC Director, presented details.

Commissioner Krier moved to approve the Fiscal Year 2009 Year End Outcomes Report and the FY2010 Carry-over Reimbursement Plans for Central Kansas Community Corrections. Authorize the chair to sign the grant forms as needed.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **F. NEX-TECH WIRELESS: Business Proposal:**

-County personnel often spend time away from a physical office. Reason are as varied as attending court hearings, patrolling, on-site service provision, transports and training opportunities. For safety purposes, communication enhancement and work facilitation, the County does provide cellular telephones for select personnel. At this time, John Debes, Information Technology Director, will present a service agreement with Nex-Tech Wireless. Under the agreement, which will combine the plan used by most departments and the Sheriff's Office, the estimated monthly cost is \$1,100.

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that would save the County approximately \$500 per month with a two year contract.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve the business proposal for wireless telephone service with Nex-Tech Wireless.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## V. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

## VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Amy Miller: Met with FEMA last Friday on March snow storm. \$51,524.28 project worksheet with estimated reimbursement of \$43,898.

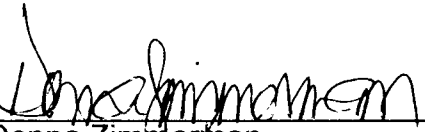
## VII. ADJOURN:

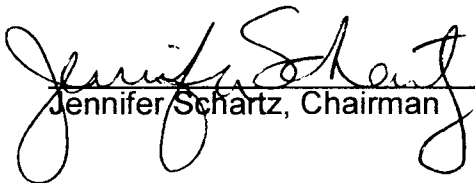
Commissioner Krier made a motion to adjourn at 9:43 A.M.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

  
Donna Zimmerman  
Barton County Clerk

  
Jennifer Schartz, Chairman