

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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January 5, 2015

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 5th day of January 2015, at the Barton County Courthouse.

Members present:

Kenny Schremmer, Commissioner, 1st District, Chairman
Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner, 2nd District
Don Davis, Commissioner, 3rd District
Ken Lebbin, 4th District
Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner, 5th District (Chairman Pro-Tem)
Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk
Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

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

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

Commissioner Kruckenberg said he will have two references to discuss when we get to Item C.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

The minutes of the December 29, 2014, Regular Meeting were not available.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

A. ALLIANCE INSURANCE: 2015 Insurance Rates:

-Alliance Insurance has notified Barton County that its insurance coverage will be reduced in 2015. While there were variances in property, liability and auto, the biggest change was in the reduction in the cost of work comp insurance. Richard Boeckman, County Counselor / Administrator, will be joined by a representative from Alliance Insurance Group to discuss the County's insurance costs.

Cassidy Smith, Alliance Insurance Group, said our total premiums show a pretty substantial decrease from the prior year and noted our workers compensation mod rate dropped from .75 to .64 and noted that rate is almost unheard of in this industry. Smith said "data compromise" coverage for loses of up to \$50,000 was added this year. Smith praised county departments for their safety practices and said our WorkFit program is beneficial in determining potential loses.

Liz Praeger, Alliance Insurance Group, was also present.

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Property	\$ 24,342	\$ 28,917 (\$2500 ded – up from \$1000)
Liability	\$ 22,250	\$ 23,297
Inland Marine	\$ 27,354	\$ 27,420
Auto	\$ 42,254	\$ 50,558 (\$500/\$1000 – up from \$500/\$500)
Law Enforcement	\$ 10,941	\$ 10,941
Crime	\$ 906	\$ 815
Linebacker	\$ 6,544	\$ 6,544
Workers Compensation	\$104,260	\$ 81,673
TOTAL	\$238,851	\$230,165

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B. HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Gold Level “Breastfeeding Employees Support Award” from the Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition:

-Last summer, the Health Department initiated a campaign to locate dedicated lactation rooms in local businesses. One outcome is the Barton County Courthouse has received the Gold Level “Breastfeeding Employees Support Award” from the Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition and its Business Case for Breastfeeding program.

Beverly Frizell, Dietician, said providing for breastfeeding creates a “Family Friendly” image and explained that breast feeding mothers realize \$1 savings for every \$3 in costs.

Janel Rose, Health Educator, said breast fed babies are healthier resulting in less absenteeism.

Shelly Schneider, Health Director, said she was proud of her passionate employees and noted “Family Friendly” communities pave the way to inviting people to move to our community. Schneider announced we have one confirmed case of pertussis (whooping cough). Schneider stressed the importance of immunizations (DTAPP for children 7 and under) and (TDAPP for persons 10 and older), especially for babies, the elderly and those with compromised health.

Information Only. No Action Required.

C. REVISION OF THE 2015 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS LISTING: Central Kansas Community Corrections:

-On August 25, 2014, the Commission adopted the 2015 Authorized Positions listing. The listing includes county positions, including Central Kansas Community Corrections (CKCC) and 20th Judicial District Juvenile Services, since both fall under the umbrella of County operations. CKCC was slated for 7 full time and 5 part time positions. At this time, Amy Boxberger, CKCC Director, will request that the positions be revised to 8 full time and 5 part time. If approved, the new position, planned as an Intensive Supervision Officer (OJA Pay Plan 22A), will start at \$17.86 per hour. The CKCC budget can absorb this additional expense.

Amy Boxberger, CKCC Director, requested the addition of one staff member and explained they typically work with 200 offenders annually, but saw that number increase to 230 offenders last month. Boxberger said community public safety is effectuated through best management of offenders and explained local grant funding and carry-over reimbursements will help fund the position. Boxberger said it may be two years before they would have to dip into state funds.

Commissioner Kruckenberg questioned the need to increase staff citing two separate *Tribune* newspaper articles and the recent reduction of staff in Saline County. Kruckenberg quoted Charles Koch's comments from one article, saying we have too many laws and too many people in jail. Kruckenberg said there is too much bureaucracy.

Commissioner Schartz said she supported the additional staff.

Commissioner Lebbin said it is much less expensive and also more proactive to keep an individual functioning.

Commissioner Davis said, if it costs \$25,000 per year to incarcerate an individual, we save money if we are able to keep two people out of jail.

Commissioner Schartz moved to revise the 2015 Authorized Positions Listing for Central Kansas Community Corrections from 7 full time and 5 part time to 8 full time and five part time employees.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

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Commissioner Schremmer, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Lebbin and Commissioner Schartz voted aye.

Commissioner Kruckenberg voted nay.

Motion passed 4 - 1.

D. DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES FOR COUNTY FUNDS:

-A designation of Barton County financial institutions as official depositories comes before the Commission. Such institutions must meet the 100% pledged securities requirement for all County funds. According to County Resolution 2006-23, all depositories must provide to the County Treasurer and the Financial Officer proof of security for these funds whenever such information is requested. Each institution designated as an official depository shall be notified by certified letter that they are required to meet the 100% pledged security.

Kevin Wondra, County Treasurer, provided the proposed list of official depositories.

Commissioner Lebbin said the Bank of the West in Ellinwood is closed.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the following depositories for 2015:

- American State Bank, Great Bend
- Bank of the West, Great Bend
- Community Bank, Ellinwood/Great Bend
- Farmers Bank and Trust, Albert / Great Bend
- First Kansas Bank, Great Bend / Hoisington / Claflin
- Landmark National Bank, Hoisington/Great Bend
- Sunflower Bank, Ellinwood / Great Bend
- Wilson State Bank, Hoisington

Commissioner Lebbin seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Schartz asked Wondra why his office was not forwarding unclaimed property to the state. Wondra said they plan to contact the state about the Amnesty Program. Schartz asked how much we were talking about and asked about placing the information on our web-site. Richard Boeckman said he would check into adding a tab on our web-site.

E. KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES: 2015 Membership:

-The Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) has submitted a renewal notice for the 2015 membership. Based on a calculation that includes a base fee, population and valuation, the 2015 dues are \$5,969.02. The Association sponsors the annual KAC Conference, various educational meetings throughout the year and lobbies the State and Federal Legislature on behalf of Kansas Counties. KAC will also assist Counties with budgeting, surveys and legislative efforts upon request.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, explained the 2015 fee is based as follows:

2014 Population	27,509
2014 Assessed Valuation	\$270,067,190
2015 Base Fee	\$ 500.00
Allocation – Population	\$2,938.38
Allocation – Valuation	<u>\$2,530.64</u>
Total	\$5,969.02

Boeckman said the 2013 fee was \$5,963.86 and the 2014 fee was \$5,991.30

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Commissioner Davis moved to approve the 2015 KAC Membership Dues of \$5,969.02. Payment to be made from the Courthouse General Account of the General Fund, Membership line, 001-18-5455. Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.

F. KANSAS LEGISLATIVE POLICY GROUP: 2015 Membership:

-The Kansas Legislative Policy Group (KLPG) is a bi-partisan coalition of western Kansas counties with the common interest in the preservation of the counties tax base and retention of local control. Recognized among legislators as one of the most respected and influential organizations in the entire State, the KLPG serves as a policy and decision making body establishing legislative priorities at its annual meeting and providing excellent speakers to address KLPG members about the important topics of the day. At this time, the Commission will consider renewal of the \$4,652.90 membership.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, said the KLPG represents a number of Western Kansas Oil & Gas counties and explained this group was instrumental in Kansas counties receiving Oil & Gas Depletion Trust Fund monies. Boeckman said Barton County should receive \$450,000 in November and noted the 2013 fee was \$4,550.60 and the 2014 fee was \$4,454.18.

Commissioner Schartz said the KLPG's work to get the Oil & Gas Depletion Trust Funds freed up helped us purchase the sand dredge.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the 2015 KLPG Membership Dues of \$4,652.90. Payment to be made from the Courthouse General Account of the General Fund, Membership line, 001-18-5455. Commissioner Davis 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

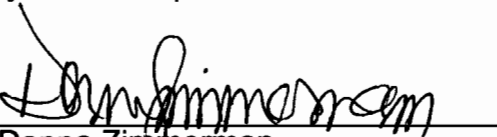
V. OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business.

VI. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Davis made a motion to adjourn at 10:04 A.M. Commissioner Lebbin seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:


Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk


Kenny Schremmer, Chairman