

# Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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January 11, 2016

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 11th day of January 2016, at the Barton County Courthouse.

*Members present:*

Kenny Schremmer, Commissioner, 1st District, Chairman  
Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner, 2nd District  
Don Davis, Commissioner, 3rd District  
Alicia Straub, Commissioner, 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.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

The minutes of the January 4, 2016 Regular Meeting were not available.

## **II. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS: 13<sup>th</sup> Month:**

-An Accounts Payable Register for the 13th Month, 2015, will be submitted to the Commission.  
Thirteenth month expenditures include any unpaid bills for a product, service, or utility that has actually been received in 2015.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the appropriations for the first round of 13<sup>th</sup> month payables for 2015 and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.  
Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **III. OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business.

## **IV. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **A. ELECTION FOR CHAIRMAN AND CHAIRMAN PRO TEM OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:**

-Nominations are in order for the 2016 Commission Chairman and Chairman Pro Tem as is allowed under Kansas Statute 19-219. The Board of County Commissioners consists of Commissioners Don Davis, Homer Kruckenberg, Jennifer Schartz, Kenny Schremmer and Alicia Straub.

Commissioner Schartz moved to appoint Don Davis as Chairman of the Barton County Commission for 2016.  
Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Schartz moved to appoint Kenny Schremmer as Chairman Pro Tem of the Barton County Commission for 2016.  
Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

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Commissioner Kruckenberg said he had planned to nominate Alicia Straub for Chairman. Kruckenberg commended Commissioner Schremmer for his leadership as Chairman and noted Commissioner Straub gives a new vision and a new verve to the Commission. Commissioner Straub thanked Commissioner Kruckenberg for his kind words. Commissioner Schremmer said everyone on the Commission has their own voice.

## **B. RESOLUTION 2016-01: Operating Year 2016 - Requesting Waiver Under K.S.A. 75-1120a:**

-It is standard procedure to request a waiver of the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120a relating to the preparation of financial statements and financial reports each year. The basis is that statements prepared in conformity with this statute are of no significant value to Barton County nor to the general public.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, said this is an annual motion and noted for a County of our size, GAAP does not work very well. Kansas Statute 75-1120(a) requires municipalities to use generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) in the preparation of their financial statements and reports. The governing body may choose to waive the statutory GAAP requirement and present the financial statements and reports on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements as adjusted to show compliance with the cash basis and budget laws of Kansas.

Commissioner Schartz moved to adopt Resolution 2016-01, Requesting a Waive under KSA 75-1120a. Commissioner Straub seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **C. RESOLUTION 2016-02: Designation of the Official County Newspaper:**

-Resolution 2016-02 calls for the designation of the official County newspaper. The newspaper selected must meet the qualifications as prescribed by K.S.A. 64-101. To meet this statute, and to best reach the citizens of Barton County, the Commission shall consider the designation of The Tribune.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, said the County has historically designated The Great Bend Tribune as the official County newspaper.

Commissioner Straub moved that we designate The Great Bend Tribune as the Official County Newspaper under Resolution 2016-02.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **D. COUNTY ENGINEER: Installation of Overhead Lighting:**

-At the request of the Commission, Barry McManaman, County Engineer, reviewed options for the installation of overhead lighting at two intersections. The two intersections identified for lighting are US 56 / Railroad Avenue and US 281 / SE 50 Road. Midwest Energy can install and maintain the lighting, with the County being responsible for the monthly charge of approximately \$70.00. If approved, the cost will be assigned to the Road and Bridge Department.

Barry McManaman, County Engineer, said he contacted Midwest Energy for monthly utility estimates for 400 watt lighting at US 281 / 5 mile blacktop and US 56 / Railroad Avenue. Midwest Energy will do any necessary maintenance. The County will be responsible for only the monthly utility bill.

Commissioner Schartz said she likes the idea of improving safety and hopes the poles will not be something people hit. McManaman said the poles will be outside of the "clear zone" and meets all engineering practices and standards.

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Commissioner Straub said Vernon DeWerff brought the US 281 / SE 50 Rd intersection lighting to her attention about a month ago and noted this is how local government is supposed to work. Straub said she appreciated the quick results and felt this was a minimal cost for improved safety.

Commissioner Straub moved to authorize the installation of Overhead Lighting at the intersection of both US 56 / Railroad Avenue and US 281 / SE 50 Road in Barton County. The monthly cost of lighting, estimated at approximately \$70.00, to be paid from the Road and Bridge fund.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **E. SOLID WASTE: Groundwater Monitoring Well Pumps:**

-The Barton County Landfill is required to obtain and analyze samples from fourteen groundwater monitoring wells biannually. This procedure is performed by SCS Aquaterra utilizing low-flow pumps to collect representative samples of the groundwater around the perimeter of the landfill property. As several of the pumps have failed, their replacement has been included in the 2016 budget. SCS Aquaterra has provided a price of \$20,150.00 to replace the pumps and a needed controller.

Phil Hathcock, Solid Waste Director, said the wells are designed to monitor and protect the landfill by detecting hazards. The monitoring well pumps were installed in 1997 and are beginning to fail.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve the SCS Aquaterra Proposal No. 270044215, Groundwater Dedicated Low Flow Pumps Replacement and the project cost, \$20,150.00, and that is to be paid from the Solid Waste Fund, Buildings and Fixed Equipment line, 140-68-6325.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **F. REPORT: 2015 Accomplishments – 2016 Goals:**

-Department Heads were asked to create a comprehensive report that included both 2015 accomplishments and 2016 goals. The report is designed to make citizens aware of the diversity of the County's functions.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, said appointed officials provided reports and provided details.

Commissioner Schartz said the County has a lot of longevity, but noted it is also important to hire competent department heads. Schartz said Shelly Schneider was hired in January and in that same month dealt with the pertussis outbreak.

Boeckman noted Phil Hathcock was also a good hire.

Commissioner Kruckenberg also named Dale Phillips as being a great employee.

Information Only. No Action Required.

## **V. ENDING BUSINESS:**

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

## **VI. OTHER BUSINESS:**

There was no other business.

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## W. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Straub made a motion to adjourn at 9:37 A.M.

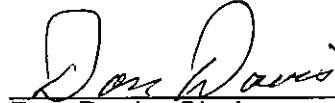
Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Donna Zimmerman  
Barton County Clerk



Don Davis, Chairman

**RESOLUTION 2016-01**

**OPERATING YEAR 2016  
REQUESTING WAIVER UNDER K.S.A. 75-1120a**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, has determined that the financial statements and financial reports for the year ended December 31, 2016, to be prepared in conformity with the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120a(a) are not relevant to the requirements of the cash basis and budget laws of this State and are of no significant value to the Commission or the members of the general public of Barton County; and

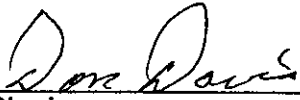
**WHEREAS**, there are no revenue bond ordinances or resolutions or other ordinances or resolutions of the County which require financial statements and financial reports to be prepared in conformity with K.S.A. 75-1120a(a) for the year ended December 31, 2016.


**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, in regular meeting, that the Commission waived the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120a(a) as they apply to Barton County for the year ended December 31, 2016.


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Commission shall cause the financial statements and financial reports of Barton County to be prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements as adjusted to show compliance with the cash basis and budget laws of this State.

**MOTION MADE, SECONDED** and unanimously approved on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016.

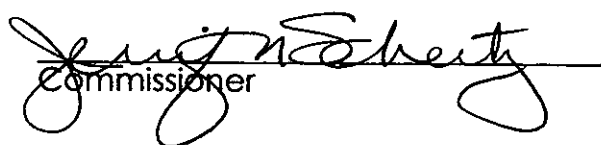
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

  
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Chairman

  
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Commissioner

  
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Commissioner

**ATTEST:**

  
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Donna Zimmerman,  
County Clerk



**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Richard A. Boeckman,  
County Counselor

**RESOLUTION 2016-02**

**Designation of the Official County Newspaper**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, shall designate by resolution a newspaper to be the official County newspaper per K.S.A. 64-101(b); and

**WHEREAS**, the newspaper selected must meet the requirements of K.S.A. 64-101(b)(1) through (4), et. seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission believes that the citizens of Barton County will best be served by designating the newspaper with the largest circulation in the County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, that The Tribune, circulating from Great Bend, Kansas, is designated as the official County newspaper.

**MOTION MADE, SECONDED** and unanimously approved on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

*Don Davis*

Chair

*Homer Truckenborg*

Commissioner

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Commissioner

*Alicia Straub*

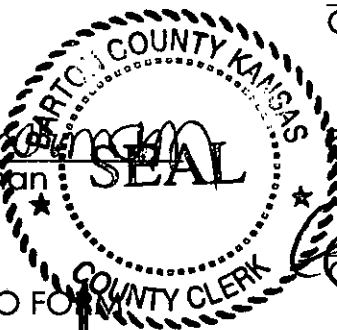
Commissioner

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Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Donna Zimmerman  
County Clerk



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Richard A. Boeckman,  
County Counselor