

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

Recorded audio is available on compact disk upon request to the Barton County Clerk's Office, 1400 Main – Room 202, Great Bend, Kansas 67530.
Phone (620) 793-1835 \ Fax (620) 793-1990 \ Email clerk@bartoncounty.org
Requests to be made pursuant to the Kansas Open Records Act and County Policy. Estimated cost of disk – Five Dollars (\$5.00).

November 7, 2016

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 7th day of November 2016, at the Barton County Courthouse.

Members present:

Kenny Schremmer, Commissioner, 1st District (Chairman Pro-Tem)
Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner, 2nd District
Don Davis, Commissioner, 3rd District, Chairman
Alicia Straub, Commissioner, 4th District
Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner, 5th District
Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

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

Commissioner Straub moved to approve the agenda.
Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

Minutes of the October 17, 2016 Regular Meeting, the October 21, 2016 SPECIAL Meeting, the October 24, 2016, and the October 31, 2016 Regular Meetings were not available.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, SONS OF THE PLAINS CHAPTER: Heroism Award to Det. David Paden:

-Stan Jantz, Sons of the American Revolution, Sons of the Plains Chapter President, has scheduled time to present a Heroism Award to Det. David Paden. In 2015, Det. Paden was involved in a hostage negotiation that ended peacefully.

Stan Jantz, Sons of the American Revolution, Sons of the Plains Chapter President, said Detective David Paden responded to an incident in August 2015 and presented a plaque and medal for his service.

A man wanted for questioning in a Woodward County, Oklahoma shooting was arrested after a long standoff with law enforcement in Great Bend. An off-duty officer from Ness County first located the suspect, who was in a sport utility vehicle with his two young children and was believed to be armed. Approximately 35 to 40 officers were present to secure the scene. The suspect was arrested without incident and the children were taken into protective custody. Sergeant David Paden spoke with the suspect over the phone for a prolonged period of time.

Sheriff Brian Bellendir said Paden has a knack for calming potentially volatile situations. The man was identified as Chris Solida. His wife, Brandy Solida, was found at her home outside Freedom, Oklahoma with a gunshot wound to the head.

Sergeant David Paden expressed his appreciation.

Information Only. No Action Required.

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

Recorded audio is available on compact disk upon request to the Barton County Clerk's Office, 1400 Main – Room 202, Great Bend, Kansas 67530.

Phone (620) 793-1835 \ Fax (620) 793-1990 \ Email clerk@bartoncounty.org

Requests to be made pursuant to the Kansas Open Records Act and County Policy. Estimated cost of disk – Five Dollars (\$5.00).

B. GOLDEN BELT VETERANS MEMORIAL: Dedication of Commemorative Stone II:

-The Board of County Commissioners is joined by the Memorial Parks Advisory Committee in cordially inviting the public to attend the dedication of the Golden Belt Veterans Memorial Stone, Commemorative Stone II. The event will be held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, November 11, 2016 – Veterans Day. The Golden Belt Memorial Park is located at 59 NW 50 Road, Great Bend, Kansas. The public is encouraged to bring their own seating.

Mick Lang, Memorial Parks Advisory Committee President, introduced board members Stan Jantz and John Haberman. Lang invited everyone to attend the dedication of the second memorial stone.

The Veterans Memorial at the Golden Belt Memorial Park was developed in a joint effort of the Barton County Commissioners, the Barton County Memorial Parks Advisory Board and the public. Beginning with donations received in 2012, Barton County has received almost \$37,000 to bring this project to life. The monument, carved with military insignias representing the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard Marines, Merchant Marines, Navy and the Reserves, along with the many flag poles, was dedicated on Sunday, May 25, 2014. The First Commemorative Stone was dedicated on Veterans Day, 2015.

Barton County continues to accept names for the project's next stone. Any veteran, living or deceased, who is or was a resident of Barton County, may have their name placed on these marble markers. Engravings can be purchased for as little as \$45.

Commissioner Schremmer thanked Lang, Dale Phillips and his staff for all of the work they do at the Memorial Parks. Commissioner Schremmer also recognized Diana Watson for her efforts.

Commissioner Schartz said about a dozen years ago, the County was handed the Memorial Parks, but it has grown into makes her proud.

Information Only. No Action Required.

C. RESOLUTION 2016-21: Designation of Matt Patzner, Finance Officer, as KPERS Agent:

-The Kansas Public Employees Retirement (KPERS) Act of 1961 provides in K.S.A. 74-4902(6) for the designation of an agent for each participating employer through whom system transactions and communications are directed. In addition, this agent acts as a local contact for employees for Retirement System information, transactions, forms and publications. The proposed Resolution names Matt Patzner, Finance Officer, as the agent with the County Clerk as an additional signer.

Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk, said the County Clerk's Office had long been the designated KPERS agent. That designation was changed when finance (which includes payroll) was moved to the County Administrator's Office. The previous Finance Officers, as well as the County Administrator, have served as the designated agent. It is appropriate to designate our new Finance Officer at this time.

Commissioner Schartz said it makes good sense to have Patzner be the agent.

Commissioner Schartz moved to adopt Resolution 2016-21, Designation of Matt Patzner, Finance Officer, as the KPERS Agent.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

Recorded audio is available on compact disk upon request to the Barton County Clerk's Office, 1400 Main – Room 202, Great Bend, Kansas 67530.
Phone (620) 793-1835 \ Fax (620) 793-1990 \ Email clerk@bartoncounty.org
Requests to be made pursuant to the Kansas Open Records Act and County Policy. Estimated cost of disk – Five Dollars (\$5.00).

WORKFIT: Continuation of the Agreement for Physical Capacity Profile® Testing:

-WorkFit provides physical capacity profile testing for pre-employment purposes. The testing determines the abilities of the potential employee to perform a job's essential functions, with or without reasonable accommodation. This reduces the possibility of placing an individual in a position where there is a substantial risk of injury, thereby reducing work-related injuries and potential workers compensation claims. The service rate is \$105.00 per testing.

Matt Patzner, Finance Officer, said the cost of testing now will be assessed to Courthouse General instead of to the individual departments.

Commissioner Schartz asked Patzner why the change from the department to Courthouse General. Patzner said he believed it was to take the financial burden off of the departments. Donna Zimmerman explained some departments have higher turnover which can stress their budgets.

Commissioner Straub moved to approve the Agreement for Physical Capacity Profile® Testing with WorkFit, at Barton Community College, for the period ending September 30, 2017.
Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

E. COUNTY ENGINEER: High Risk Rural Roads Fiscal Year 2019 Program Application:

-The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) has requested applications for the Federal Fiscal Year 2019 HRRR program. If approved by the Commission, Barton County will apply for a sign replacement project that will allow for the replacement of some signage, generally in the northern half of the County. The application will request that all preliminary engineering (design), construction and construction engineering (inspection) costs be funded with federal money. If the project is approved by KDOT, it is anticipated that there will be no cost to the County.

Barry McManaman, County Engineer, said this future project would be in the northern half of the county. Normally, federal projects are a 90%/10% cost share. However, in the HRRR program, they will cover the project at 100%. McManaman noted Road & Bridge is just finishing their second HRRR project.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve the High Risk Rural Roads Fiscal year 2019 Program Application as prepared by Mr. McManaman.
Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

F. RESOLUTION 2016-22: Establishing a Universal Rate for the Reimbursement of the Use of Labor and County Equipment:

-The County is often called upon to assist local municipalities and other governmental agencies. In addition to law enforcement, medical and other services, the County, having heavy equipment on hand, is able to provide for the demolition, repair and construction of the local infrastructure and remove and repair areas damaged in or by natural and other disasters when needed. It is prudent that the County establish a universal rate for the reimbursement of the use of labor and County-owned and / or leased equipment.

Dale Phillips, Road & Bridge/Noxious Weed Director, said this is something that is needed as a part of housekeeping for all departments who perform work.

Commissioner Schartz said the resolution will be reflective of current charges and explained the resolution will not need to be updated.

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

Recorded audio is available on compact disk upon request to the Barton County Clerk's Office, 1400 Main - Room 202, Great Bend, Kansas 67530.
Phone (620) 793-1835 \ Fax (620) 793-1990 \ Email clerk@bartoncounty.org
Requests to be made pursuant to the Kansas Open Records Act and County Policy. Estimated cost of disk - Five Dollars (\$5.00).

Commissioner Schremmer moved to adopt Resolution 2016-22, Establishing a Universal Rate for the Reimbursement of the Use of Labor and County Equipment.
Commissioner Scharz seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

G. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: Rental Space:

-In the 2017 Barton County Operating Budget, the County Attorney has been allocated funding for an additional attorney and staff person. In order to accommodate the space requirements of that office, Room 401 in the Courthouse is being remodeled so that it can house the new attorney, a legal secretary and the Victim Witness Coordinator. This results in the Environmental Management Office having to move. Judy Goreham, Environmental Manager, looked at office space at 1910 18th Street, Great Bend, Kansas. She will present a one-year lease as prepared by JR Hartig, Harper Leasing, LLC for the period of November 7, 2016 through November 6, 2017.

Judy Goreham, Environmental Manager, said they found office space at Kansas and 18th Street. Goreham said this should be a smooth transition since it is the same building she previously worked out of while she was the program director for the CKLEPG office from 1994 to 2003. Goreham said John Debes told her they should be able to have wireless internet at the new office.

Commissioner Kruckenberg moved to approve the relocation of the Barton County Environmental Management Division to the office space at 1910 18th Street, Great Bend, and sign the lease agreement dated today, November 7, 2016 through November 6, 2017 with the physical move date planned for December 1, 2016. The cost of the lease, \$600.00 per month, is to be paid from 001-34-5525 Environmental Management.

Commissioner Scharz seconded the motion and added that Mr. Glendenning reviewed the contract.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

H. LEGISLATIVE ISSUES: KAC Legislative Policy Statement:

-On November 15 - 17, 2016, County officials will meet at the Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) Annual Conference. An important item that will be discussed is the KAC Legislative Policy Statement. Member Counties will be called to review the issues and determine the platform's final form. It will then be utilized during the upcoming Legislative Session to promote issues related to County Government. Each year, Barton County reviews and considers the KAC Platform and other initiatives that may have local interest.

Commissioner Scharz noted KAC will support correcting the unworkable procedures of the 2016 Property tax lid.

Commissioner Straub moved to approve the 2017 KAC Legislative Policy Statement and support for the document at the KAC Annual Conference.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

I. COUNTY SERVICES: Informational Update:

-Don Davis, Commission Chairman, 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.

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

Recorded audio is available on compact disk upon request to the Barton County Clerk's Office, 1400 Main – Room 202, Great Bend, Kansas 67530.
Phone (620) 793-1835 \ Fax (620) 793-1990 \ Email clerk@bartoncounty.org
Requests to be made pursuant to the Kansas Open Records Act and County Policy. Estimated cost of disk – Five Dollars (\$5.00).

IV. ENDING BUSINESS:


1. Announcements
2. Appointments

V. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Comm Straub: Commissioners will explore the idea of not hiring an administrator at a meeting scheduled for 1pm in the County Attorney Annex. Only 18 of 105 counties in Kansas have an administrator. Visited with a Riley County Commissioner last week. Riley County does not have an administrator and has a population of 80,000 while Barton County's population is 27,000.
- Becky Wornkey: A fellow bingo player announced her vote was changed on the Presidential race when she voted early.
- Donna Zimmerman: That was the only instance she was aware of. The voter reported it as she was leaving. When the voter reviewed her ballot, she saw a wrong selection was made. She corrected it in the summary review and confirmed her selection. The summary review is there for that reason, to review a voter's selections before casting their ballot.
- Dale Phillips: Wanted to thank other departments who came to the 2016 snow training and thank his staff for their part in the training.

VI. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Kruckenberg made a motion to adjourn at 9:47 A.M.
Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

TEST: 

Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk



Don Davis, Chairman

RESOLUTION 2016-21

DESIGNATION OF MATT PATZNER, FINANCE OFFICER, AS KPERS AGENT

WHEREAS, the Kansas Public Employees Retirement (KPERS) Act of 1961 provides in K.S.A. 74-4902(6) for the designation of an agent for each participating employer through whom system transactions and communications are directed; and

WHEREAS, the designated agent provides a local contact for employees for Retirement System information, transactions, forms and publications. Acting as a liaison between the Retirement System and the employee, the designated agent acts on behalf of the employer; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Barton County, Commissioners, as a participating employer, is authorized to name such an agent.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, that Matt Patzner, Finance Officer, is the designated agent for the Kansas Public Employees Retirement Act (KPERS), with Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk, named as an additional signer in the absence of the Finance Officer; and

FURTHER, that Patzner is authorized to act on behalf of the Commission in employee matters related to KPERS; and

FURTHER, that Patzner is authorized as agent until such time as formal Commission action is taken to remove him from said designation; and

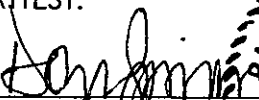
FURTHER, that Zimmerman is authorized to act on behalf of Patzner, in his absence, until such time as formal Commission action is taken to remove him from said duty; and

FURTHER; that Richard Boeckman, former County Counselor / Administrator, is removed from the role of designated agent for Barton County effective November 7, 2016.


ADOPTED this 7th day of November, 2016.

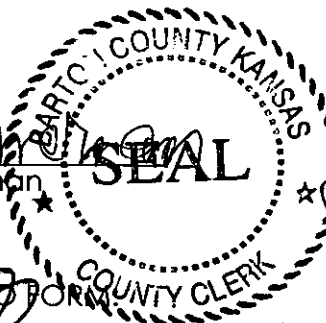
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:


Donna Zimmerman
County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM


Allen G. Glendenning,
Special Counsel
Watkins-Calzara, Chtd.




Don Davis, Chair


Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner


Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner


Kenny Schlemmer, Commissioner


Alicia Straub, Commissioner

RESOLUTION 2016-22

ESTABLISHING A UNIVERSAL RATE FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT OF THE USE OF LABOR AND COUNTY EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, is responsible for the safety and well-being of citizens and their property; and

WHEREAS, as a part of that duty, the County is often called upon to assist local municipalities and other governmental agencies with such duties as the provision of law enforcement and medical services; and

WHEREAS, the County, having heavy equipment on hand, is able to provide for the demolition, repair and construction of the local infrastructure and remove and repair areas damaged in or by natural and other disasters when needed; and

WHEREAS, it is prudent that the County establish a universal rate for the reimbursement of the use of labor and County-owned and / or leased equipment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, that it shall use the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) schedule of equipment rates to establish the reimbursement rate for the use of labor and County-owned and / or leased equipment; and

FURTHER, that the County shall use the most recent Schedule of Labor Rates and the Schedule of Equipment Rates published by FEMA when determining reimbursement rates unless an earlier schedule is deemed more appropriate; and


FURTHER, should the County be working with a State or Federal agency that requires the use of a schedule of equipment rates other than that used by FEMA, such as the Kansas Department of Transportation's Equipment Schedule rates, the County shall defer to the State or Federal agency mandates; and

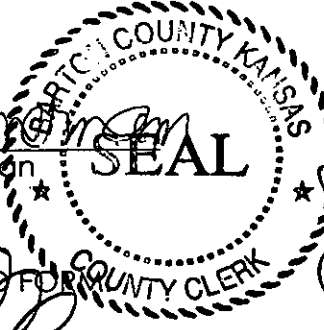
FURTHER, that while the Board prefers that local municipalities use the services of a private contractor(s) as opposed to the County Road and Bridge Department when performing maintenance or repair projects for which the cities or townships do not have the necessary equipment, nothing herein shall prevent the County from providing assistance as prescribed by Resolution 2015-12, Barton County Policy Regarding the Maintenance and Repair of City and Township Roads and Rescinding Resolution 2009-17, Same, Adopted April 27, 2009.

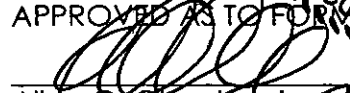
ADOPTED this 7th day of November, 2016.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

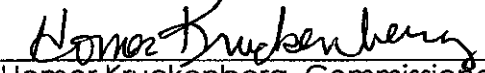
ATTEST:


Donna Zimmerman
County Clerk




APPROVED AS TO FORM
Allen G. Giendera,
Special Counsel
Watkins-Calcara, Chtd.


Don Davis, Chair


Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner


Jennifer Scharz, Commissioner


Kerly Schenmer, Commissioner


Alicia Straub, Commissioner