

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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December 26, 2017

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 26th day of December 2017, 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
Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner, 5th District, Chairman
Bev Schmeidler, Assistant Deputy County Clerk
Phil Hathcock, Operations Director
Carey Hipp, County Counselor

Members absent:

Alicia Straub, Commissioner, 4th District

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

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

Commissioner Davis moved to approve the agenda.
Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Davis moved to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2017, the December 11, 2017, and the December 18, 2017, Regular Meetings.
Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

II. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:

-An Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of December 11, 2017, and ending December 26, 2017.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve the appropriations for the period of December 11, 2017, to December 26, 2017 and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.
Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE: Request for Approval – Added / Abated / Escaped / Refunded Taxes:

-Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk, will present a listing of Added / Abated / Escaped / Refunded Taxes. Orders for these actions are kept on file in the County Clerk's Office. These are used to correct assessments and are requested by the County Appraiser's Office or the County Clerk's Office.

Bev Schmeidler, Assistant Deputy County Clerk, presented the following tax roll adjustments:

BATCH #4	Property Types	Values	Escaped Taxes	Added / Abated	Refunds
	Gas				

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Oil	14,839		-\$2,065.22	\$ 21.46
Personal Property	- 751		-\$ 139.24	
Real Estate	-4,580		-\$1,027.48	
16/20 M Trucks	-8,142		-\$1,135.16	\$603.64
State Assessed Utilities				
Special Assessments			-\$ 775.00	
Grand Totals	1,366		-\$5,142.10	\$625.10
Total Taxes	-\$5,142.10			
Total Records Selected	41			

Commissioner Davis moved to approve the Listing of Added / Abated / Escaped / Refunded Taxes as reviewed by the County Appraiser and presented by the County Clerk and direct the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.

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

B. BARTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY: Steel Builders Construction, Inc:

-The Barton County Historical Society has asked that the Commission consider providing financial assistance with a re-roofing project. Steel Builders Construction, Inc. has proposed a \$12,800.00 charge to place new 26 gauge galvalume on a 40' X 64' roof.

Phil Hathcock, Operations Director, said Paul Maneth, President-Elect of the Barton County Historical Society, requested financial assistance from Barton County in repairing a roof as it is leaking badly and for historical items are getting damaged.

Commissioner Kruckenberg said we should help the Historical Society; they get by on a shoestring budget and do a good job.

Commissioner Davis said the Historical Society was quite a benefit to the City of Great Bend and would like to see the city help as well.

Commissioner Schremmer said the Historical Society belongs to the County and greatly benefits the schools, community and visitors. Schremmer noted many people give their time and we should take good care of it.

Commissioner Davis moved to assist the Barton County Historical Society with a roofing project. In doing so, pay the \$12,800.00 charge from Steel Builders Construction, Inc. for work at 85 S Highway 281, Great Bend, Kansas. Payment is to be made from the Finance General Account of the General Fund, Miscellaneous Contractuals Line, 001-26-5755.

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

C. JANITORIAL SERVICES PROPOSAL: Barton County Office Building:

-The County accepted bids for cleaning at the Barton County Office Building, 1806 – 12th, Great Bend, until November 17, 2017. Under the proposal, the successful bidder generally cleans the building after 5:00 p.m. each work day. The only bidder was Starbrite Window Cleaning, Great Bend.

Phil Hathcock, Operations Director, said he investigated other cleaning options, but they were at least the cost. Hathcock said Starbrite would be the best option for the next year.

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Commissioner Davis moved to approve the \$1,000.00 monthly bid from Starbrite Window Cleaning for cleaning the Barton County Office Building in 2018 and direct the Commission Chair to sign an agreement for said services. Cost to be paid from the Facilities Management Sub-Account of the General Fund.

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

D. MAPPING: Purchase of Digital Orthoimagery:

-Barton County has the opportunity to purchase higher resolution aerial imagery as part of the State of Kansas contract for updated NG911 imagery. The State is acquiring 1-foot pixel resolution digital orthoimagery from Surdex Corporation which works well for the rural areas. A higher resolution of 3-inch pixels is preferred for urban areas. It is suggested that imagery for the entire County be purchased, with the Cities of Claflin, Ellinwood, Great Bend and Hoisington contributing monies to the project for the purchase of the higher resolution imagery. At a cost of \$28,500.00, the Cities would reimburse the County \$14,249.62.

Bj Wooding, Cartographer, said Barton County can tie on to the State contract and have 3 inch aerial imaging, which is a much better product than we have had before. Wooding said the cities in the County are willing to share the cost.

Total	Barton County	Great Bend	Hoisington	Ellinwood	Claflin
79 sq mi	½ of 79 sq mi	½ of 48 sq mi	½ of 12 sq mi	½ of 11 sq mi	½ 8 sq mi
\$28,500	\$14,250.38	\$8,658.00	\$2,164.50	\$1,984.12	\$1,443.00

Wooding said the imagery would be used heavily by the Appraiser's Office, 911, the Sheriff's Department, Road & Bridge and Engineering Departments. There will also be the ability to measure sand pit volumes. The aerial imaging will match the ground measure within less than 1 foot.

Commissioner Davis moved to approve the purchase of digital orthoimagery from Surdex Corporation. Direct the Commission to sign the Photogrammetric Services agreement on behalf of Barton County. The cost of the project is to be paid from the Equipment Replacement Fund, Equipment Replacement - General Line, 072-00-6380. Reimbursements from the Cities, totaling \$14,249.62, are to be refunded to the Equipment Replacement Fund. Amounts to be reimbursed include:

City of Claflin	\$ 1,443.00
City of Ellinwood	\$ 1,984.12
City of Great Ben	\$ 8,658.00
City of Hoisington	\$ 2,164.50
Total	\$14,249.62

Direct the Operations Department to bill the Cities upon receipt of invoices.
Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

E. ROAD AND BRIDGE: Ratify Overlay Billing:

-County crews laid a one-half mile strip patch on SW 50 Road with County cold-mix material. The material had too much moisture in the mix causing the road way to be extremely rough. Venture Corporation placed a one-inch overlay over the strip patch to correct the problem. As Venture's asphalt plant was shutting down for the winter, action had to be taken quickly. Darren Williams, County Works Director, will ask that the \$18,000.00 billing be ratified.

Darren Williams, County Works Director, said the work had to be done as Venture was shutting down asphalt plant for the winter. Williams said this allowed for a short window of time to have the work completed.

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Commissioner Kruckenberg said Barton County is fortunate to have Venture to help us out in situations like this and appreciated the assistance.

Commissioner Kruckenberg moved to ratify the overlay billing of \$18,000.00 from Venture Corporation. Payment to be made from the Road and Bridge Fund, Contract Construction Line, 002-92-6250. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.

F. AWARD OF PROPOSAL: County Counselor:

-Barton County accepted proposals for County Counselor / legal services. Under the proposal, the Offeror is to provide legal services as required by K.S.A. 19-247. Specifically excluded are the duties of the County Attorney. Two proposals were received.

Phil Hathcock, Operations Director, presented the following proposals:

ATTORNEY	FLAT MONTHLY FEE	HOURLY RATE
Carey Hipp	\$4,500 (\$54,000 per year)	\$180 / hour \$1,800 per month minimum
Allen Glendenning	\$4,500 plus \$175 per hour for tax sale / BOTA mtgs	\$175 / hour No minimum

Commissioner Schartz said we were flying by the seat of our pants last year when we finally got a county counselor. Then we had one price and then halfway through we had another price. When it was suggested that we could possibly save the County money by going to an hourly rate, we were anxious to see how that might play out. The hourly rate might be beneficial to the County and only time will tell.

Commissioner Schremmer said there was one commissioner missing today and this should be a full vote. Schremmer said Carey had done everything we asked of her and went along with changes when asked to do so. Schremmer said the bidding was not done as other biddings had been done, that after the bids were in there was still discussion going on with other counselors. Schremmer said he felt that all of the commissioners should think seriously about how they take care of the people, the bids were so close and there should be some discussion. Schremmer said it doesn't hurt to have a counselor from outside of Barton County as they may see something others don't. Schremmer said both counselors are very very well respected and have lists of credentials. Schremmer said Carey deserves the opportunity to continue as counselor for another year or more. Carey has done work on the tax sale and knows a lot about it now. The bids were very close. Schremmer said we need to be consider having a counselor present for the meetings and not having to put things off until the counselor is available. There should be all 5 to vote instead of 4 commissioners. Schremmer asked that it be tabled until Alicia is here.

Hathcock said in reference to your comment about there being discussions with other attorneys, Mr. Schremmer, I can assure you that after the bidding process, the only discussion was with Ms. Hipp to gain an hourly rate from her because that was not included in her original bid as asked. The Operations Office has not had any discussions regarding the bids with other attorneys.

Commissioner Schartz added that the bids requested were for a flat monthly rate as well as an hourly rate. Allen Glendenning submitted a bid with both options. Carey Hipp submitted a bid with only a monthly rate. As a courtesy, we asked her to submit an hourly fee. There was no back and forth, just a courtesy extended to Hipp to let her complete the bid that was asked for in the first place.

Commissioner Schremmer asked if that was how bids were always handled.

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Commissioner Schartz said, had they not extended the courtesy, they would only have had the one valid bid from Glendenning as Hipp did not fulfill the obligation of the bid requested and her bid would not have been accepted.

Commissioner Schremmer asked were they setting an example that every year they would be voting on a county counselor.

Commissioner Schartz said for the last 20 years there had been a County Counselor/Administrator so there wasn't a need for this bid process. It could be done for a 3 year or 5 year contract in the future.

Commissioner Schremmer asked that they each think about keeping someone that has been here for the last year or whether they want to start with someone new.

Commissioner Schartz reminded everyone that they had worked closely with Allen Glendenning this past year through some difficulties, so they are familiar with him also.

Becky Wornkey asked if they had decided not to consider working with the County Attorney in this capacity. She then pointed out that one bid had a minimum requirement while the other did not and that could potentially save the county money. Commissioner Schartz said there was a lengthy discussion regarding the County Attorney and it was determined it was not going to work for her office without hiring another full time attorney.

Commissioner Davis moved to table it then until we're all five here.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

V. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business.

VII. ADJOURN:

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

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST: Bev Schmeidler
Bev Schmeidler
Barton County Assistant Deputy Clerk

Jennifer Schartz
Jennifer Schartz, Chairman