

# 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](mailto: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).

January 22, 2018

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 22nd day of January 2018, at the Barton County Courthouse.

## *Members present:*

Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner, 2nd District  
Don Davis, Commissioner, 3rd District  
Alicia Straub, Commissioner, 4th District  
Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner, 5th District, Chairman  
Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk  
Phil Hathcock, Operations Director  
Carey Hipp, County Counselor

## *Members absent:*

Kenny Schremmer, Commissioner, 1st District *(Chairman Pro-Tem)*

## **I. OPENING BUSINESS:**

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

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

Commissioner Davis moved to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2018, and the January 8, 2018, Regular Meetings.  
Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **II. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS: 13th Month – 2nd Run:**

-An Accounts Payable Register for the 13th Month, 2017, will be submitted to the Commission. Thirteenth month expenditures include any unpaid bills for a product, service, or utility that have actually been received in 2017.

Commissioner Davis moved to approve the appropriations for the second round of the 13<sup>th</sup> month payables for 2017 and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.  
Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **III. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:**

-An Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of January 1, 2018, and ending January 22, 2018.

Commissioner Davis moved to approve the appropriations for the period of January 1, 2018, to January 22, 2018 and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.  
Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **IV. OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business.

# 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](mailto: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).

**V. 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.

Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk, presented the following tax roll adjustments:

BATCH #6				
Property Types	Values	Escaped Taxes	Added / Abated	Refunds
Gas				
Oil	-140,756		-\$26,379.74	\$5,696.52
Personal Property	- 1,584		-\$ 283.48	\$ 109.94
Real Estate	- 88,602		-\$15,607.04	\$3,489.20
16/20 M Trucks	- 438		-\$ 185.04	\$ 32.81
State Assessed Utilities				
Special Assessments				
<b>Grand Totals</b>	<b>-231,380</b>		<b>-\$42,455.30</b>	<b>\$9,328.47</b>
Total Taxes	-\$42,455.30			
Total Records Selected	104			

Commissioner Straub 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 Davis seconded the motion.  
 All voted aye. Motion passed.

**B. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION: Service Awards:**

-Barton County employees are recognized for continuous service for five, ten, fifteen, twenty and other years. The County Commission, with the assistance of Diana Watson, Employee Relations Committee, will recognize employees for their service.

Diana Watson, Employee Relations Committee Representative, along with the Commission presented the service awards to the following employees with 5, 10, 15, 20 or more years of service:

# 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](mailto: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).

EMPLOYEE	OFFICE
FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE	
Kelli Cummings	Appraiser's Office
Rachel Neiman	Appraiser's Office
Chris Saenz	Clerk's Office
Wendy Dougherty	Communications
LiAnna Keith	CKCC
Blake Vandergiesen	CKCC
Erika Montoya	Public Health
John Remmert	Road and Bridge
Derrick Brown	Sheriff's Office
Jared Disney	Solid Waste
Teresa Cass	Treasurer's Office
TEN YEARS OF SERVICE	
Tracy Miller	Appraiser's Office
Liz Nolan	Communications
Mike Moos	Road and Bridge
FIFTEEN YEARS OF SERVICE	
Roxie Edwards	Clerk's Office
TWENTY YEARS OF SERVICE	
Amy Boxberger	CKCC
Karen Winkelman	Health Department
James Queen	Road and Bridge
TWENTY FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE	
Ellen Fischer	Appraiser's Office
Linda Eggers	County Attorney's
Bob Folk	Noxious Weed
John Sheets	Noxious Weed
Dave Paden	Sheriff's Office
THIRTY YEARS OF SERVICE	
Jim Hapes	Sheriff's Office
THIRTY FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE	
Jonas, Kevin	Road and Bridge

Commissioner Straub moved to recognize those employees with 5, 10, 15, 20 and other years of service as you just listed. Thank you all.  
 Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.  
 All voted aye. Motion passed.

## C. PROCLAMATION 2018-01: Proclamation for Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention and Awareness Month:

-Member services of the Human Trafficking Task Force of Barton County provide community outreach, advocacy and promotion of services to survivors of human trafficking. The Task Force comes together to ask that the Commission proclaim the month of January as Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention and Awareness month. By the adoption of the proposed Proclamation, all citizens are urged to become more informed on this growing problem, to be vigilant and report suspicious activity, and to work toward solutions to end trafficking in all its forms in all communities.

# 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](mailto: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).

Joanne Wondra, Executive Director, Family Crisis Center, presented details and asked staff members and volunteers for the Human Trafficking Task Force to introduce themselves.

Commissioner Schartz said this was an important issue to address and noted that being in central Kansas, in a small community, we sometimes don't realize the local impact.

Wondra shared a map showing that no place in the United States was untouched. Wondra said unfortunately, the numbers are on the rise.

Commissioner Davis moved to adopt Proclamation 2018-01, Proclamation for Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention and Awareness Month.  
Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **D. RESOLUTION 2018-03: 2018 Tax Sale:**

-Resolution 2018-03 authorizes certain tracts of real estate be sold for back taxes. This money is then distributed to the various taxing entities in the County. The Resolution also authorizes abstract work to be performed in preparation for the tax sale.

Phil Hathcock, Operations Director, said this resolution starts the process for the tax sale.

Jim Jordan, County Treasurer, said the Tax Sale will be October 10<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Davis moved to adopt Resolution 2018-03, the 2018 Tax Sale.  
Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.  
Voted aye. Motion passed.

## **E. 2018 TAX SALE: First American Title Company:**

-As there are no other abstract companies in Barton County, First American Title Company was contacted reference abstracting services for the 2018 Tax Sale. First American Title Company is willing to provide the needed services at \$70.00 per parcel.

Pam Curtis, Office Manager/Title Manager, First American Title Company, said her office had been working with the County for many years now, providing the certificates needed to file the tax sale. Curtis noted this will be for 2014 and prior unpaid taxes.

Jim Jordan said currently there are 379 parcels, but there is still some clean up to be done.

Curtis said the price at \$70 per parcel will remain the same as the last several years.

Commissioner Straub moved to approve a \$70.00 per parcel price for abstracting work provided by First American Title Company for the 2018 Tax Sale.  
Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **F. MATCHING FUND REQUEST: SouthWest Kansas Area Agency on Aging:**

-The SouthWest Kansas Area Agency on Aging (SWKAAA) is requesting matching funds from Barton County in the amount of \$1,500.00. These funds, which would be used as "Seed Dollars", are an equivalent match to the \$339,692 in services received by older residents and low income families from Barton County. The County has traditionally provided this match from the Finance General Account of General Fund.

# 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](mailto: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).

Phil Hathcock, Operations Director, presented details.

Commissioner Davis moved to authorize the 2018 funding to SWKAAA in the amount of \$1,500.00. Payment to be made from the Finance General account of the General Fund, SWKAAA Line, 001-26-6930.

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

## **G. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: South Central Homeland Security Regional Council:**

-The South Central Homeland Security Regional Council supports statewide all-hazard preparedness while reducing vulnerabilities. The Council works to accomplish this by building capabilities and developing comprehensive strategies in partnership with other government agencies and the private sector. Amy Miller, Emergency \ Risk Manager, has served as Barton County's representative since 2006. At this time, the Commission will consider her reappointment for a two-year term.

Amy Miller, Emergency \ Risk Manager, said the South Central Kansas Regional Homeland Security Council is one of 7 councils for homeland security in Kansas and said the councils are to be recipients for Homeland Security grant funding. Membership includes a representative from each county appointed by the Board of County Commissioners; a representative from each Class One city – Hutchinson, Newton, Wichita; one appointment by the KS Police Chiefs Association; one by the KS Sheriff's Association; one by the KS Professional Fire Chiefs and/or KS Fire Chiefs; one by the KS Association of Fire Fighters; two appointments by the KS Emergency Management Association; two by the Regional III EMS Council; one public health appointment by the KS Association of Local Health Departments; one by the KS Environmental Health Association; one by the KS Hospital Association; one physician from the region, appointed by the KS Medical Society; one by the KS Highway Association, District Five; one by the KS Chapter of APCO; and two members at large, appointed by the regional council, one preferably a veterinarian and one representing a volunteer/non-profit organization. Miller said grant funds come from Federal Homeland Security funding and is channeled down through the councils.

Commissioner Straub moved to appoint Amy Miller, Barton County Emergency Management Director, to the South Central Homeland Security Regional Council for a Two-Year Term Ending December 31, 2019 and direct the Commission Chairman to sign the appointment letter.

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

## **VI. ENDING BUSINESS:**

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

## **VII. OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Comm Straub: Visited with Barb Esfeld at the Hoisington Chamber Banquet. Discovered Esfeld had written an article about empowering women which had been published by IAAOs Fair and Equitable magazine. Esfeld said it started out as an article for the "Praising the Plains" publication, but noted it was neat to have it published internationally.

# 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](mailto: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).

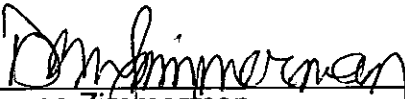
## VIII. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Kruckenberg made a motion to adjourn at 9:33 A.M.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Donna Zimmerman  
Barton County Clerk

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Jennifer Schartz, Chairman

PROCLAMATION 2018-01

Proclamation for Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention and Awareness Month

WHEREAS, the United States was founded upon the principle that all people are created with the unalienable right to freedom, and added the 13th Amendment to the Constitution making slavery illegal; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking is modern-day slavery and found in the United States most often in the form of sexual exploitation, forced labor, involuntary servitude, and debt bondage; and

WHEREAS, this crime denies human dignity and freedom, and fuels organized crime, and

WHEREAS, even though awareness of this crime is growing, human trafficking continues to go unreported due to its isolating nature, the misunderstanding of its definition, and the lack of awareness about its indicators; and

WHEREAS, increased community education on how to identify victims of human trafficking along with increased knowledge of local resources and services for those affected by these criminal actions can help restore freedom and dignity to identified survivors, as well as help diminish the number of future victims; and

WHEREAS, every business, community organization, faith community, family and individual can make a difference by working to protect people from sexual exploitation; by addressing the problem of internet sex trafficking; and by becoming more aware of the problem and possible solutions; and

WHEREAS, the Family Crisis Center, Inc., in collaboration with the members of the Human Trafficking Task Force of Barton County, joins in providing community outreach, advocacy, promotion of services to survivors of human trafficking, and collaboration with law enforcement and other service providers; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, hereby proclaims the month of January as Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention and Awareness month, and encourages all citizens to become more informed on this growing problem, to be vigilant and report suspicious activity, and to work towards solutions to end trafficking in all its forms in all communities.

Dated this 22nd day of January, 2018.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

*Jennifer Schartz*  
Jennifer Schartz, Chairman

*Leon Davis*  
Leon Davis, Commissioner

*Homer Kruckenberg*  
Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner

ABSENT  
Kenny Schremmer, Commissioner

*Alicia Straub*  
Alicia Straub, Commissioner

ATTEST:

*Donna Zimmerman*  
Donna Zimmerman  
County Clerk

