

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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March 12, 2018

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 12th day of March 2018, 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
- Alicia Straub, Commissioner, 4th District
- Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner, 5th District, Chairman
- Bev Schmeidler, Asst. Deputy County Clerk
- Phil Hathcock, Operations Director
- Carey Hipp, County Counselor

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

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

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

Commissioner Davis moved to approve the minutes of the Monday, March 5, Regular Meeting.
 Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.
 All voted aye. Motion passed.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

III. 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.

Phil Hathcock, Operations Manager, presented the following tax roll adjustments:

BATCH #11				
Property Types	Values	Escaped Taxes	Added / Abated	Refunds
Gas				
Oil				
Personal Property	-11,270	\$36.00	-\$2,085.96	\$1,334.80
Real Estate	- 1,412		-\$ 291.64	\$ 283.24
16/20 M Trucks	- 78		-\$ 12.00	
State Assessed Utilities				
Special Assessments				
Grand Totals	-12,760	\$36.00	-\$2,389.60	\$1,618.04
Total Taxes	-\$2,353.60			
Total Records Selected	17			

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Commissioner Straub moved to approve the Listing of Added / Abated / Escaped / Refunded Taxes as reviewed by the County Appraiser and presented by Operations Director Phil Hathcock and direct the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. RESOLUTION 2018-08: A Resolution Establishing a Temporary Burn Ban:

-As extremely dry weather conditions have created a fire hazard; local Fire Chiefs have asked that the Commission prohibit open burning in Barton County. Limited rainfall and dry vegetation have created a local fire danger. At this time, the Commission will be asked to declare a temporary burn ban until conditions improve. Amy Miller, Emergency Risk Manager, will be joined by area Fire Chiefs in presenting details.

Amy Miller, Emergency Risk Manager, said the Fire Chiefs have requested a temporary burn ban be put in place to emphasize the dry conditions and provide credence to not issuing burn permits. Miller said the temporary burn ban will remain in place until the County Commissioners lifts the ban and noted if put into place, it would be effective at noon today and would prohibit all outdoor open burning. There would be exemptions for agricultural use for crop and pasture management practices.

Commissioner Schartz asked how they handle the burning ban should the County get substantial rainfall. Miller said the Fire Chiefs would still be able to allow burning within their jurisdiction.

Chris Komarek, Ellinwood Fire Chief, said people do not understand how long a large brush pile stays hot after burning and said his area had two fires last week. Komarek noted each of the fires occurred within ten days after a controlled burn. With the high wind conditions, embers came from those burn areas and ignited. Ideally, large brush piles should be burned with snow on the ground.

Luke McCormick, Great Bend Fire Chief, said they have not had any grass fires the last couple of weeks and said his department assisted Ellinwood last week. McCormick reiterated Komarek's comments and said it only takes one controlled burn to get out of hand.

Doug Hubbard, Claflin Fire District, said he echoed the other chiefs and said a burn ban also increases awareness.

Pam Wornkey thanked Chris Komarek for his quick response and for requesting assistance from Great Bend and Claflin Fire Departments for the fire south of Ellinwood last week. Wornkey noted the fire was near her home. Wornkey thanked all three Fire Chiefs present as well as the County for the use of a tanker truck.

Commissioner Straub moved to adopt Resolution 2018-08, A Resolution Establishing a Temporary Burn Ban.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

C. NOXIOUS WEED: County Agreement to Treat Noxious Weeds:

-The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) Secretary has submitted an agreement to treat noxious weeds on KDOT rights-of-way. Included in the contract is a price of \$24.00 per hour for operator and \$51.00 per hour for the spray vehicles. Also detailed is how work shall be recorded and what chemicals may be used.

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K Thompson, Interim Noxious Weed Director, said this is an annual contract with KDOT and said the contract lists the chemicals KDOT allows.

Commissioner Schartz asked if the County makes a profit. Thompson said, yes, a little bit. Thompson said KDOT must pay the full cost for chemicals and do not get cost share like the farmers.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve the Kansas Department of Transportation, Bureau of Construction and Maintenance, County Agreement to Treat Noxious Weeds for 2018.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

D. NOXIOUS WEED: Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress Report:

-Noxious weeds are one of the greatest threats to the Kansas environment. They displace native plant species, interfere with the production of agricultural crops, increase erosion, destroy wildlife habitat and decrease property values. The Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA) is responsible for laws aiding in the control and management of noxious and invasive weeds in Kansas. The KDA requires Kansas counties to submit an Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress Report.

Kay Thompson, Interim Noxious Weed Director, said the report is mandated by the Kansas Department of Agriculture. Thompson noted the 2017 report was due February 15th, but is often late as they must wait to see what monies have been transferred in before the report can be finalized.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve the 2017 Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress Report. Direct Ms. Thompson to submit to the Kansas Department of Agriculture.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

E. HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Replacement of Three Personal Computers:

-The Health Department is in the process of upgrading its current medical records system to one that will integrate with other State systems as well as keeping Medical Records organized and secure. Personnel have reviewed the department's computers and suggest that three be replaced at this time. It is suggested that Equipment Replacement Funds be used for this purchase.

Shelly Schneider, Health Director, said they are transitioning into a new medical record computer program and noted some of their computers are obsolete. Schneider said the three new computers will go into high volume areas within the department and said the original quote did not include a necessary part, that is included in this updated price.

Commissioner Schartz said it is recommended we replace computers after 5 years and said the ones being replaced are in their 6th year.

Schneider said the County's IT Department is very good at repurposing equipment and said the old computers may find a new home within the County.

Commissioner Davis moved to approve the purchase of three OptiPlex 7050 MT Personal Desktop Computers from Dell EMC for a total of \$3,559.29. Purchase to be paid from the Equipment Replacement Fund, Health Line, 072-00-6475.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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IV. PENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

V. OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business.

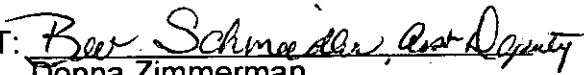
VI. ADJOURN:

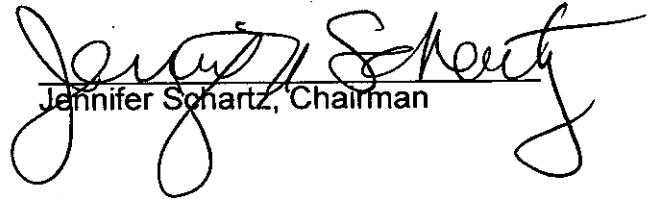
Commissioner Davis made a motion to adjourn at 9:25 A.M.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All-voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:


Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk


Jennifer Schartz, Chairman

RESOLUTION 2018-08

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY BURN BAN IN BARTON COUNTY, KANSAS

WHEREAS, the Barton County Board of County Commissioners is authorized by K.S.A. 19-101(a) to perform all powers of location legislation and administration it deems appropriate, subject to certain limitations; and

WHEREAS, The Barton County Board of County Commissioners recognizes the need to establish a burn ban due to extremely dry weather conditions in Barton County, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, the Barton County Board of County Commissioners recognizes that weather conditions may cause a reverse of the burn ban; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, that:

- 1. There is an imminent threat of fire affecting Barton County, Kansas, at this time.
2. Effective immediately, all outdoor open burning is prohibited in the rural areas of Barton County, Kansas. Agricultural burning for crop and pasture management practices may be exempted from this order only upon issuance of a written permit by the Fire Chief having jurisdiction of the area where the Burning is to take place and in accordance with the provisions of Barton County Resolution 2005-04, Resolution Regarding Opening Burning and Creating a Permitting System for such Burning and Repealing Resolution 2004-05, Same, Adopted January 26, 2004.
3. This Resolution is being adopted pursuant to County home-rule power and K.S.A. 19-101d. Violations of this Resolution by any person shall be punishable as a Class B Misdemeanor with penalties for each separate offense by a term of confinement in the Barton County Detention Facility not to exceed six months and \ or a fine in an amount not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). Any person who aids, assists or abets another in violating the provisions of this Resolution will be deemed to have committed a violation of the Resolution.
4. The effective date of this Resolution shall be the 12th day of March 2018, at 12:00 p.m. and it will continue in force until such time as suspended by the Board of County Commissioners, Barton County, Kansas.

DECLARED by the Board of Barton County Commissioners, Barton County, Kansas this 12th day of March, 2018.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BARTON COUNTY, KANSAS

Handwritten signatures and printed names of Board of County Commissioners: Jennifer Schartz, District #5, Chairman; Kenny Schremmer, District #1, Member; Homer Kruckenberg, District #2, Member; Don Davis, District #3, Member; Alicia Straub, District #4, Member.

ATTEST:

Handwritten signature of Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk, and a circular official seal of Barton County, Kansas.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Handwritten signature of Carey Hipp, County Counselor.