

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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May 21, 2018

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 21st day of May 2018, at the Barton County Courthouse.

Members present:

Kenny Schremmer, Commissioner, 1st District (Chairman Pro-Tem)
Don Davis, Commissioner, 3rd District
Alicia Straub, Commissioner, 4th District
Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner, 5th District, Chairman
Bev Schmeidler, Asst. Deputy County Clerk
Phil Hathcock, County Administrator
Carey Hipp, County Counselor

Members absent:

Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner, 2nd District

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

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

Commissioner Davis moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Item G for the Sheriff's Office replacement of an air conditioning unit.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Davis moved to approve the minutes of the May 7, and the May 14, Regular Meetings.

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.

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

BATCH #18				
Property Types	Values	Escaped Taxes	Added / Abated	Refunds
Gas				
Oil	-27,842		-\$4,625.66	\$1,873.63
Personal Property	- 2,603		-\$ 429.28	\$ 186.22
Real Estate				
16/20 M Trucks				
State Assessed Utilities				
Special Assessments				
Grand Totals	-30,445		-\$5,054.94	\$2,059.85
Total Taxes	-\$5,054.94			

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Total Records Selected	13			
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Commissioner Straub moved to approve the listing of Added / Abated / Escaped and Refunded Taxes as reviewed by the County Appraiser and presented by the County Clerk's Office, Bev Schmeidler, and direct the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.
Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. PROCLAMATION 2018-11: Older Americans Month, May, 2018:

-Every May, the Administration on Aging, an agency of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, leads the Nation's observance of Older Americans Month. The 2018 theme, Engage at Every Age, emphasizes that one is never too old to take part in activities that can enrich one's physical, mental and emotional well-being. It also celebrates the many ways in which older adults make a difference in communities. Trella Berscheidt, one of the County's appointees to the Southwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging (SWKAAA) Board, has asked that the Commission consider adoption of a Proclamation naming May, 2018, as Older Americans Month.

Trella Berscheidt, SWKAAA member, said she appreciated the commissioners giving time for this proclamation and note currently there are 440 volunteers registered with RSVP. Berscheidt said these volunteers help with things such as the bloodmobile, being guides at the hospital, Meals on Wheels, Clara Barton Hospital and medical rides to appointments.

Commissioner Scharz asked Commissioner Straub if she would like to put that in the form of a motion. Commissioner Straub said, "I will".
Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.
Voted aye. Motion passed.

C. RESOLUTION 2018-12: Establishing a Speed Limit of 45 Miles Per Hour on Portions of North Washington Avenue, NE 30 Road and NW 30 Road, Great Bend Township, Barton County, Kansas:

-As the result of an accident at the intersection of North Washington Avenue and North 30 Road, the Commission requested that County staff research potential safety improvements. On May 7, 2018, the Commission approved action that would, in part, "change the speed limit going north stopping at the bridge". After discussion on May 14, 2018, it was determined that this action should be superseded with reducing the speed limits on portions of North Washington Avenue, NE 30 Road and NW 30 Road. This is just one improvement. As the Commission continues to study this intersection, future improvements could include signage and rumble strips.

Barry McManaman, County Engineer, said the resolution establishes speed limits on North Washington, portions of NW 30 road and NE 30 Road. The 45 mph speed limit would extend north of the intersection ½ mile, ½ mile to the west and establish 45 mph between Washington and Highway 281.

McManaman said the Road & Bridge Department put white stop bars at the intersection for east bound and west bound traffic on 30 Road last week and ordered new 48" diamond grade sheeting stop signs which are the highest reflective available. McManaman said there will be new, larger, "Cross Traffic Does Not Stop" signs and new "Stop Ahead" signs in the diamond grade sheeting installed soon.

Commissioner Scharz asked if the flashing lights will remain. McManaman said, yes.

Steve Weber, stepfather of Shealee Stover, brought a petition in support of a 4-way stop at the intersection containing 685 signatures and said most of the petition signers are from the Hoisington and Great Bend area that commute through the intersection. Weber said several have either been involved in an accident at that location or know someone who has been. Weber said this cannot bring back their

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lighter, but it could prevent the loss of another life and noted not all 4-way stops have rumble strips and suggested perhaps the rumble strips could be a temporary thing. Weber and his wife live west of Hoisington near a busy intersection and he has witnessed numerous persons run the stop signs there as well as several accidents. Weber said, as a final thought, people do stupid things while driving, phones are not a distraction for just teenagers, but also for adults. Weber said he works at a business on 10th Street and sees adults distracted on a daily basis. Weber presented the petition to Commissioner Schartz.

Commissioner Schartz asked Barry McManaman if rumble strips would be a requirement at the intersection. McManaman said, no they were not required, but an option, but would highly recommend they be installed if they opt for a 4-way stop to allow for more warning.

Commissioner Schartz asked if there were going to be improvements to the east and west rumble strips. McManaman said yes, they are going to cut the rumble strips wider, from a 2" cutout to a 3" cutout and will add a third set on the east leg of the intersection.

Commissioner Schartz asked Sheriff Bellendir if there would be more speed limit enforcement after the change to the speed limit. Bellendir said as soon as the signs are posted, they will run selective enforcement and explained that since there is nowhere to hide a marked patrol car, they will be running unmarked cars with handheld radars. His department will give warnings for a couple of weeks unless the speeds are ridiculously high. Bellendir said he generally does not like using unmarked patrol cars.

John Haberman, said there used to be a much more dangerous intersection located at Railroad and McKinley. The county made that a 4-way stop and the number of accidents dropped dramatically and noted there are no rumble strips at that intersection. Bellendir noted that intersection is almost a "T" intersection and the volume of traffic has decreased over the years.

Commissioner Davis said he drove professionally for 48 years and said he thinks young drivers need to be taught about distractions, that everyone has been guilty at one time or another of being distracted while driving. Davis said he had a friend that had rules for his children when they began driving, no friends and no radio for 6 months. Driving is the biggest responsibility a person will have in their life.

Commissioner Schartz said she felt the County had done as much as they can without putting in a 4-way stop and will be interested in a report from the Sheriff about the traffic through the intersection and thanked the Weber's for their efforts.

Commissioner Davis moved to rescind any and all motions made on May 7, 2018, regarding speed limits on North Washington Avenue and adopt Resolution 2018-12, establish a Speed Limit of 45 Miles Per Hour on Portions of North Washington Avenue, NE 30 Road and NW 30 Road, Great Bend Township, Barton County, Kansas.

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

D. COUNTY ENGINEER: Approval of KDOT Agreement No. 86-18 for the 2019 High Risk Rural Roads Signing Contract:

-Barton County was awarded Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) High Risk Rural Roads funds for Project No. 5 C-4869-01 to upgrade signing and analyze no passing zones on approximately 71 miles of County blacktop roads. KDOT will pay for 100% of the costs for design, construction, and inspection of the project. A 3-party agreement between KDOT, Barton County, and Kirkham Michael was approved last fall for the design work. KDOT asks that the County approve an agreement allowing for the project to proceed through construction. KDOT will handle the bid letting and administer the project, with

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Construction work done by a contractor. The contract letting date is tentatively set for September, 2019. The Engineer's Office will do the inspection work and KDOT will reimburse labor and equipment costs.

Barry McManaman, County Engineer, said the intent at this time was to have the County Engineers Office do the inspection work when the project starts. KDOT will reimburse the County for labor and equipment cost.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve KDOT Agreement No. 86-18 for the 2019 High Risk Rural Roads and sign the contract for Project No. 5 C-4869-01.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

E. COUNTY ENGINEER: 2018 Hot Mix Asphalt Overlay Project:

-The County Engineer accepted bids until May 4, 2018, for the 2018 Hot Mix Asphalt Overlay Project. The project includes 3,112 tons of HMA-Commercial Grade (Class A) asphalt to be placed on East Barton County Road. Venture Corporation submitted the only bid for \$288,968.00. In addition to monies included in the Road and Bridge Fund for this planned expenditure, there are Federal Fund Exchange monies available through Capital Improvement.

Barry McManaman, County Engineer, said this overlay project will be from the "Y" west of Ellinwood, east to Hirsch Street. McManaman said they sent bid requests to 5 contractors and received only 1 bid and said he felt the Venture bid was a fair bid. McManaman said he had worked up an engineer's estimate of what the project would run and it was within a few thousand dollars. McManaman said Venture plans to begin the work in September.

**2018 Hot Mix Asphalt Overlay Project
 May 4, 2018
 11:00 AM**

Bid Item	VENTURE CORPORATION
HMA Commercial Grade (Class A)	\$224,064.00
Milling	\$21,536.00
Flexible Raised Pavement Markers (4" Broken) (3 ft.)	\$871.00
Matl. for HMA Patching (Set Price)	\$170.00
Mobilization	\$5,000.00
Traffic Control	\$12,000.00
Contractor Construction Staking	\$1,000.00
Pavement Edge Wedge (Rock)	\$24,327.00
TOTAL	\$288,968.00

Commissioner Straub moved to hire Venture Corporation to perform services related to the 2018 Hot Mix Asphalt Overlay Project. The project cost, \$288,968.00, to be paid as follows:

From the Road and Bridge Fund, Professional Service Fees, Road Overlay, 002-92-5475-96 - \$270,000.00

And from the Capital Improvement Fund, Federal Funds Exchange Line, 071-00-6336 - \$18,968.00

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: Renewal of Anti-Ransomware Software:

-To better protect the County from computer hackers, ransomware attacks, malware threats and virus attacks, it is suggested that the County renew and upgrade the Malwarebytes software contract.

John Debes, Information Technology Director, said for the last 2 years Barton County has used Malware Bytes standalone anti-ransomware software to protect PC's from ransomware. Ransomware tricks people into downloading their software that then encrypts all of the data on a desktop or server. Debes said this version allows the IT Department to monitor everyone's desktop and will protect the servers. It is fairly new, only being out for 6-9 months and is rated in the top 5 in the world. Debes recommended renewing for 3 years because of the cost savings.

Commissioner Straub expressed her concern over the media putting this information out as it may compromise the county and suggested they just say computer upgrades or something similar.

One year renewal \$3,898.75

Three year renewal \$8,648.75

The three year renewal will save \$3,047.50

Commissioner Straub moved to renew the software contract with Malwarebytes with a total cost of \$8,648.75 for a period of three years. That cost to be paid from the General Fund, Information Technology Department, Maintenance of Machinery and Equipment Line, 001-24-5460.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

G. SHERIFF'S OFFICE: Replacement of Air Conditioning Unit:

Sheriff Brian Bellendir notified the Administrator's Office on Thursday afternoon that an air conditioning unit on the second floor of the administrative building had failed. The Sheriff received a quote from Moeder Plumbing. The cost of a coil outside unit, with hardware, totals \$3,277.00. It is suggested the Capital Improvement Funds be used for this expenditure.

Sheriff Brian Bellendir said the unit was well over 25 years old, so old they cannot track the serial number. Bellendir said the compressor was fried and suggested rather than change the entire furnace, they had Moeder price an outside unit. Bellendir said Moeder Plumbing can install the unit Wednesday afternoon.

Phil Hathcock, County Administrator, said we are probably going to see this happen more and more with these older A/C units and noted this was the same thing that happened at Court Services.

Bellendir said detention center is now 10-12 years old with 13 units on the jail with another 5 units on the north building. The jail population is increasing and makes it harder to cool, as well as those units have to run 24/7.

Commissioner Schartz said if the new unit on the north building lasts 25 years, it may outlast the building.

Commissioner Davis moved to approve the \$3,277.00 bid for a coil outside unit, with the hardware, from Moeder Plumbing. The cost to be paid from the Capital Improvement Fund, Building and Fixed Equipment-General Line, 071-00-6305.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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PENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

V. OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business.

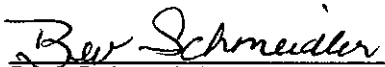
VI. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Straub made a motion to adjourn at 9:43 A.M.

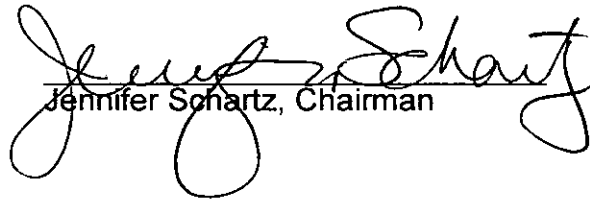
Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Bev Schmeidler
Barton County Asst. Deputy Clerk



Jennifer Schartz, Chairman

PROCLAMATION 2018-11

Older Americans Month, May, 2018

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, believes that older Americans richly contribute to this community; and

WHEREAS, the term "to age" has changed for the better with improvements to health care, access to better nutrition and programs designed to enhance the senior experience physically, emotionally and socially; and

WHEREAS, local governments, health care professionals, businesses and communities in general are becoming more committed to supporting older adults as they take charge of their health, explore new opportunities and activities, and focus on independence; and

WHEREAS, all communities can provide opportunities to enrich the lives of individuals of all ages by involving older adults in the redefinition of aging in the community; promoting home- and community-based services that support independent living; encouraging older adults to speak up for themselves and others; and providing opportunities for older adults to share their experiences.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, that the month of May, 2018, is hereby recognized as Older Americans Month; and

FURTHER, that all citizens are urged to take time during this month to acknowledge the older adults and the people who serve them as influential and vital parts of this community.

Dated this 21st day of May, 2018.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS




Jennifer Scharz, Chair



Don Davis, Commissioner

ABSENT

Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner

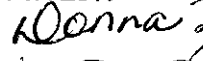
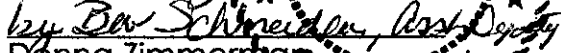


Kenny Schremmer, Commissioner



Alicia Straub, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Donna Zimmerman,
County Clerk



RESOLUTION 2018-12

ESTABLISHING A SPEED LIMIT OF 45 MILES PER HOUR ON PORTIONS OF
NORTH WASHINGTON AVENUE, NE 30 ROAD AND NW 30 ROAD
GREAT BEND TOWNSHIP, BARTON COUNTY, KANSAS

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, are empowered to set speed limits on County highways that allow for both the safe operation of all vehicles and convenience for citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, as a legally elected, qualifying and acting body that has jurisdiction of the following described roads, it is deemed in the public interest that the speed limit on the said roadways be set as herein set forth.

FIRST, that the speed limit of the following described roads be, and the appropriate signs erected in accordance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), as follows:

- A. 45 miles per hour on North Washington Avenue from the north city limits of Great Bend, Kansas, to a point one-half (1/2) mile north of the intersection with NE/NW 30 Road.
- B. 45 miles per hour on NE 30 Road from the intersection with North Washington Avenue to the intersection with US-281 highway.
- C. 45 miles per hour on NW 30 Road from the intersection with North Washington Avenue to a point one-half (1/2) mile west of North Washington Avenue.

FURTHER, the described speed limits shall become effective after the publication of this Resolution in the official County newspaper and upon the installation of appropriate signage; and

FURTHER that should this Resolution be in conflict with any other resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, that only the conflicting part of the previous resolution, and not the previous resolution in total, shall be declared void and ineffective.

ADOPTED this 21st day of May, 2018.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Jennifer Scharz, Chairman

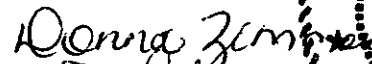

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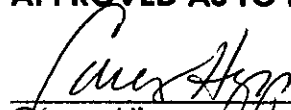

Alicia Straub, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Donna Zimmerman,
County Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Carey Hipp,
County Counselor