

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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October 1, 2018

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 1st day of October 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
Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk
Carey Hipp, County Counselor
Phil Hathcock, County Administrator

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

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

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

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2018, Regular Meeting.
Commissioner Davis 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 September 17, 2018, and ending October 1, 2018.

Commissioner Straub moved to approve appropriations for the period of September 17, 2018, to October 1, 2018 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. PROCLAMATION 2018-14: Domestic Violence Awareness Month, October, 2018:

-Given the number of victims touched by domestic violence, the importance of working with survivors and the need to hold perpetrators accountable, the Commission will be asked by Becky Davis, Domestic and Sexual Violence Program Director, Family Crisis Center, to recognize October, 2018, as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Becky Davis, Family Crisis Center Domestic and Sexual Violence Program Director, read the proclamation and introduced the following Crisis Center employees:
Kasey Dalke, Tanya Day, Jamie Fager and Gail Wagner

Commissioner Straub moved to adopt Proclamation 2018-14, Domestic Violence Awareness Month, October, 2018.
Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

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Davis said they are “turning the town purple” on October 25th and asked everyone to wear purple.

B. RESOLUTION 2018-17: Golden Belt Community Foundation, Talent Retention Reverse Scholarship Fund:

-Under the proposed Resolution, Barton County would join the Golden Belt Community Foundation and other partners in the administration of the “Talent Retention Reverse Scholarship” program. This effort is designed to lessen the burdens of government by improving income levels, decreasing unemployment rates, increasing household incomes and increasing the percentage of residents with college degrees living and working within a prescribed area. There is no cost to taxpayers.

Phil Hathcock, County Administrator, said this program is no cost to the taxpayers and explained this is a program to recruit kids to return to the community.

Christy Tustin, Golden Belt Community Foundation, said this action is declaring a burden of government by not having qualified people available. This action enables us to take on a talent retention recruitment program by helping to pay their student loan debt. Tustin said recruits who graduated up to seven year prior still qualifies.

Commissioner Straub moved to adopt Resolution 2018-17, Golden Belt Community Foundation, Talent Retention Reverse Scholarship Fund.
Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

C. GOLDEN BELT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION: Fund Agreement, ‘Come Home’ Reverse Scholarship Fund:

-Should the Commission adopt Resolution 2018-17, the Fund Agreement would be considered next. The intent of these scholarships is to support the local economic development efforts to recruit and attract more residents with secondary education degrees and/or backgrounds in skilled trades to live and work in a prescribed area. Specifically, qualified recipients would be eligible to receive up to \$10,000 through the ‘Come Home’ Reverse Scholarship Fund. Again, there is no cost to taxpayers.

Phil Hathcock, County Administrator, said this creates the fund agreement for the broader regional effort, basically a fund to receive the monies for the scholarships.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve the Golden Belt Community Foundation Fund Agreement, ‘Come Home’ Reverse Scholarship Fund.
Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

D. CENTRAL KANSAS COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS: Fiscal Year 2018 Year End Outcomes:

-The Kansas Community Corrections Act provides grants to Kansas Counties to develop and maintain a range of programs for adult offenders assigned to Community Corrections agencies. A Comprehensive Plan (grant application) was submitted that set the goals for FY2018. The Year End Outcomes then sets out the results at the close of the year and require the review and approval of the Barton County Commissioners, as the Administrative County for the District to which the plan pertains.

Amy Boxberger, CKCC Director, presented the review of the May annual comprehensive plan goals. Boxberger said the main goal is to decrease the number of persons who end up in prison and noted the State sets the standard at not more than 25% going to prison. Our number of closures continues to grow every year.

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Year End Outcomes:

Target	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Year End
Less than 25% revocations	24% Revoked	21% Revoked	40% Revoked	18% Revoked	26% Revoked 74% Did not enter Kansas Prisons

In FY18, there were one hundred seventy-nine (179) offenders discharged from Central Kansas Community Corrections. Forty-seven (47) offenders, or 26% were revoked and entered into the Kansas Prison System while one hundred thirty-two (132) offenders, or 74%, did not enter the Kansas Prison System.

Commissioner Straub moved to approve the Fiscal Year 2018 Year End Outcomes Report for Central Kansas Community Corrections and authorize the Chair to sign grant forms as needed and also to let Amy know we fully support her.
 Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.
 All voted aye. Motion passed.

E. EMERGENCY RISK MANAGEMENT: Fiscal Year 2018 Emergency Management Performance Grant Program:

-The Kansas Division of Emergency Management is accepting applications for the FY 2018 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Program. The EMPG Program provides funding to assist states and local governments in developing and carrying out emergency management programs.

Amy Miller, Emergency Management Director, said the state just rolled out grant forms the past couple of weeks and noted we apply for the grant money each year. This is pass thru funding from the Federal government that comes into the Kansas Division of Emergency Management. Miller said, for the last several years, Barton County has received \$23,000/\$24,000 per year. Miller said the state will notify us within approximately 60 days if we are awarded.

Commissioner Straub asked whether the wild fires affected this funding. Miller said this is a different pot of money.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to authorize the Emergency Management Director to submit the application for the FY 2018 Emergency Management Performance Grant Program to the Kansas Division of Emergency Management and direct the Commission Chairman to sign the application for EMPG funds.

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

F. REVISION OF THE 2018 / 2019 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS LISTING:

-The Schedule of Authorized Positions for 2019 was adopted on July 30, 2018. The proposed Lifting Young Families Toward Excellence (LYFET) program at the Health Department will add one part-time position beginning in 2018. Both the 2018 and 2019 Authorized Positions will require an update.

Phil Hathcock, County Administrator, said the Health Department has applied and received a grant called Lifting Young Families Toward Excellence. This position, which includes benefits, is 100% grant funded.

Shelly Schneider, Health Director, said this program provides young parents the ability to learn new job skills and learn what type of work they would like to work at. The program includes parenting and

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budgeting skills and targets those who might not have had the best beginning in life the ability to make a better life.

Commissioner Schremmer asked if the position will be full or part-time. Schneider said the position is part-time.

Commissioner Straub moved to approve the updated 2018 / 2019 Authorized Positions Listing.
Commissioner Davis 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 Davis made a motion to adjourn at 9:34 A.M.
Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk



Jennifer Schartz, Chairman

PROCLAMATION 2018-14
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH – OCTOBER, 2018

WHEREAS, domestic violence (DV) is a widespread, preventable, public health problem impacting all demographics of Kansans, Kansas communities and residents of Barton County; and

WHEREAS, relationships are often counted as life's greatest treasures, and tragically, many are tarnished by one person's entitlement to power and control over the other, resulting in violence and fear; and

WHEREAS, DV abusers violate an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity with their intentional, systematic use of financial, psychological, sexual, physical, and coercive control and abuse; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports about 1 in 3 (36.4%) American women and 1 in 3 (33.3%) American men experienced contact sexual violence, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner during their lifetime; yet only 1 in 4 (24%) American women and 1 in 10 (10.6%) American men experienced DV and also reported some form of related impact from inflictions; and

WHEREAS, the above CDC statistic of 1 in 3 people who experienced this violence translates to a third, or 1 in 3 Kansans, amounting to over 1 million people and 35% of the Kansas population; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice reports DV homicides comprise 14% percent of all homicides in the U.S. and that women are more than twice as likely as men to be killed by an intimate partner; and the Kansas Bureau of Investigation reports DV homicides were 12.8% of all homicides in Kansas in 2016; and

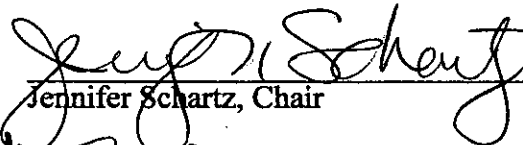
WHEREAS, in Kansas in 2016, one DV arrest was made by law enforcement every 46 minutes, one DV incident occurred every 23 minutes, and one DV murder occurred every 19 days.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, that this violence is inconsistent with community values and cannot be tolerated; and

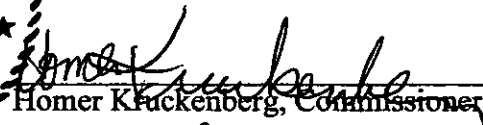
FURTHER that October 2018, is proclaimed as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Dated this 1st day of October, 2018.

BARTON COUNTY COMMISSION


Jennifer Schartz, Chair

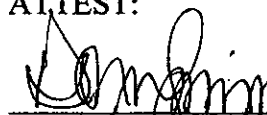

Don Davis, Commissioner

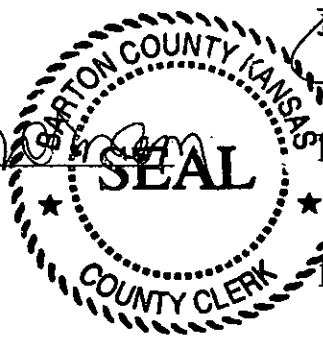

Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner


Kenny Schremmer, Commissioner


Alicia Straub, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Donna Zimmerman
County Clerk



RESOLUTION 2018-17

GOLDEN BELT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION TALENT RETENTION REVERSE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

WHEREAS, the County of Barton and the local region have seen a decline in local residents with college degrees that would serve as a basis for improving the economic conditions and subsequent quality of life improvements for the county and region; and

WHEREAS, this has led to a loss of overall population in the county, leading to increasing burdens on local government to meet the needs of our residents; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2010-10, on September 7th, 2010, established the Barton County Community Development Advisory Board by the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Advisory Board's members are appointed to represent all economic and geographic components of the County; and

WHEREAS, Barton County has tasked the Community Development Advisory Board with the responsibility to monitor the progress of the Barton County Strategic Plan and to make recommendations to the Commissioners concerning advancement and realization of the goals as set forth in the Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Advisory Board drafted a Strategic Plan for the development of the county in 2011, which was received and approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas on June 6, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Strategic Plan specified long-term goals to (1) attract, develop, and retain persons to sustain a prepared and motivated workforce for Barton County employers and (2) to expand the county's economic base in ways that contribute to job creation, workforce development, wealth retention, expanded tourism and improved quality of life for county residents; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Census Bureau states that only 16.7% of persons 25 years or older in Barton County have bachelor's degrees, compared to 30.0% for the nation; and

WHEREAS, Barton County has seen a population loss of -3.2% (2010 – 2016), compared to a 4.7% growth for the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas recognize that a full range of opportunities for advanced education and training need to be available and accessible, and retaining and attracting educated, skilled and entrepreneurial talent is essential to the growth of the county; and

WHEREAS, the Golden Belt Community Foundation, in collaboration with other partners focused on increasing talent retention and regional prosperity, and combatting deteriorating and financially distressed communities, has created a new scholarship fund ("Fund"); and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that this new Fund will lessen the burdens of government by preventing further erosion of the county's economic base by recruiting and retaining college educated employees for Barton County's workforce to live and work in the County and region; and

WHEREAS, through the Fund, the Golden Belt Community Foundation seeks to lessen the burdens of county government, and improve the quality of life, and economic condition of residents in Barton County, Kansas, and the surrounding region, which is consistent with the goals of the Barton County Strategic Plan and related economic development strategies; and

WHEREAS, the Fund is part of a broader regional effort with other county or community partners to expand our talent retention efforts, stimulate greater investments in our communities and improve our economic outlook; and

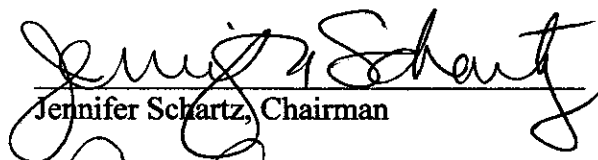
WHEREAS, the intent of the Fund is to support the efforts of local partners to attract young professionals with degrees to work and live in our financially distressed county and communities; and

WHEREAS, the relief of the poor and distressed or of the under privileged; advancement of education or science; lessening the burdens of government or to combat community deterioration and juvenile delinquency are all included in the definition of the term "charitable" as defined by the Internal Revenue Code, Treas. Reg. subsection 1.501(c)(3)-1(d)(2).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the County of Barton shall enter into a joint effort with the Golden Belt Community Foundation to administer the "Talent Retention Reverse Scholarship" program, which is designed to lessen the burdens of government by improving income levels, decreasing unemployment rates, increasing household incomes and increasing the percentage of residents with college degrees living and working in financially distressed areas in Barton County in accordance with the attached "FUND AGREEMENT".

Adopted this 1st day of October, 2018.

BOARD OF BARTON COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS



Jennifer Schartz, Chairman



Don Davis, Member



Homer Kruckenberg, Member

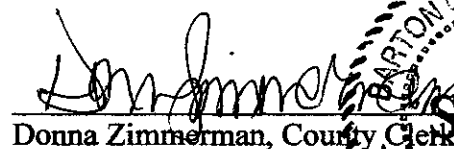


Kerry Schremmer, Member



Alicia Straub, Member

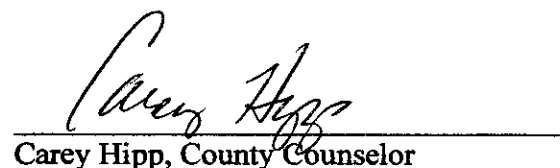
ATTEST:



Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Carey Hipp, County Counselor