

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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April 13, 2020

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 13th day of April 2020, at the Barton County Courthouse.

Members present:

Kenny Schremmer, Commissioner, 1st District, Chairman
Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner, 2nd District
James R. Daily, Commissioner, 4th District
Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner, 5th District (*Chairman Pro-Tem*)
Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk
Phil Hathcock, County Administrator

Members attending via Phone/Teams:

Don Davis, Commissioner, 3rd District
Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

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

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

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2020, Regular Meeting.
Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

III. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:

-An Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of March 30, 2020, and ending April 13, 2020.

Commissioner Daily moved to approve appropriations for the period of March 30, 2020, to April 13, 2020 and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.
Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. PROCLAMATION 2020-05: National Public Safety Communications Officers Week:

-Dena Popp, 911 Director, has asked that the Commission consider the adoption of Proclamation 2020-05, National Public Safety Communications Officers Week. In part, the Proclamation recognizes the benefit of having a calm, clear voice collecting relevant data and dispatching appropriate first responders.

Dena Popp, 911 Director, said across the nation in times of personal crisis, countywide disaster and now this COVID-19 pandemic, the 911 call center is the first access point for those seeking emergency services. Popp said many will never see a dispatcher, yet they are the front-line to your emergency. 911 dispatchers receive emergency and non-emergency calls and dispatch emergency personnel and equipment and render lifesaving assistance to the public. Dispatchers are the lifeline for officers and first responders. Popp said not everyone has the ability to be an emergency dispatcher; it takes a great deal of multi-tasking, compassion, patience, the ability to work long shifts, nights and weekends as well as

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olidays. The call load and stress load varies. Popp said the job can be very challenging at times, yet dispatchers are proud to serve the profession despite rarely being told good job or thank you and noted they recently received two calls commending staff for a job well done. April 12-18 National Public Safety Telecommunicator Week brings honor, pride, celebration and publicity to the unsung heroes that serve their communities.

Commissioner Daily said he appreciated Dena and her crew. Daily said he did that job for 7½ years when he started with the police department and noted it is a job that goes unnoticed and is a big job.

Commissioner Schartz asked Dena to take our thanks back to the other employees. Asked if the number of calls had decreased. Popp said the call load is down some and said they forewarn officers in the event they need to wear masks, gowns and protective wear.

Commissioner Daily moved to adopt Proclamation 2020-05, National Public Safety Communications Officers Week.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. ENGINEERING AND MAPPING: Software License Subscription Renewal:

-The Mapping Office uses Autodesk, which is essentially design and drafting software. The County Engineer will begin using Autodesk for some functions. The Autodesk software licenses are up for renewal at this time. It is suggested that the County change from a maintenance agreement to a subscription service to provide additional savings. The cost for three years for the two licenses is \$3,445.24.

Wooding, Cartographer, said the main software used is Autodesk. Wooding said the maintenance plan requires renewal every three years and said they are offering another discount. Wooding said they have two licenses, one for herself and one for Barry McManaman.

Commissioner Daily asked, with as good as the software has been in the past, have they made any upgrades. Wooding said she uses the 2020 version and receives updates periodically.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the DLT price quote of \$3,445.24 for two (2) three-year subscriptions for AutoCAD. Price to be paid from the Mapping Sub-Account for the Engineer's Account of the General Fund, Professional Service Fees Line, 001-32-5475-38.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

V. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Karen Winkelman, Interim Health Director: Last Monday there were 747 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Kansas and as of yesterday, there are 1337 cases, up 590 cases. There have been 56 deaths, up 34 in a week. 298 hospitalizations up 115. Ages 55-64 year range for the most positive cases in the State of Kansas. Of the total positive test results, 23% of tests were performed at KDHE and 76% at private labs. Several outbreaks throughout the state have been identified at long-term care facilities and group living settings, correctional facilities, church gatherings and some private companies. Barton County remains at 4 confirmed cases with no deaths. The Barton County Sheriff's Office has assisted in serving 50 isolation/quarantine orders to date. Continue to have daily updates with KDHE. A big change for the Health Department moving forward is case definition. In the disease investigation world,

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there are confirmed cases and probable cases. Confirmed cases have had lab testing done; have symptoms with a positive result. Friday, they added another classification called probable. Those are people who have been identified as a contact of someone with a laboratory confirmed case. Those people have been in quarantine but are now starting to show symptoms. This will be huge to take on contact investigation on those cases. The symptoms continue to be chills, fever, fatigue, sore throat, cough, difficulty breathing, and a lot of confirmed cases have indicated a loss of taste. KDHE is providing training. Masks were a big topic last week and homemade masks. A lot of individuals have asked about homemade masks. KDHE website gives guidance about when and how masks should be used, as well as what they should be made of. We have to think of wearing a mask out in public as protecting others from coughing and sneezing. COVID funding – Kansas received funding last week. KDHE is awarding 30% to local health departments. Will receive \$16,334 for pandemic preparedness and response activities that must be used by February 28, 2021. Funding can be used for overtime wages, testing supplies, cleaning supplies, personal protective equipment, shipping and transport costs for tests. There are a lot of overtime hours. Looking to request more money for the State of Kansas.

- Comm Daily: Asked what the remaining 70% funding would be used for. Winkelman said test, lab supplies, PPE, etc.
- Comm Schremmer: Are you getting better at this and are you sleeping better? Winkelman said yes and no. Each nurse is responsible for different programs, but need to be in touch with what the other nurses are doing. Winkelman has been responsible for disease control so she had more of an idea. The others were thrown in and doing very well.
- Comm Schartz: Suspects a lot of the overtime hours has to do with investigation. Cannot believe New York is still doing investigations. Winkelman said they just discussed that at their nurse meeting this morning. Been following people in quarantine. Now they will have to differentiate between probable cases and whether it was allergies or something else.
- Comm Schartz: Saw on the news where people should just think that they have it and stay home.
- Comm Daily: KDHE said ten possible symptoms of COVID, with one of them being pink eye. People are now saying they cannot smell or taste along with COVID. The more symptoms they come up with the more investigations you will probably have to do.
- Comm Kruckenberg: Should a person be wearing a mask in here. Kind of awkward. Winkelman said if you are comfortable wearing it that would be fine.

VII. ADJOURN:


Commissioner Schartz made a motion to adjourn at 9:26 A.M.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:


Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk


Kenny Schremmer, Chairman

PROCLAMATION 2020-05

NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS OFFICERS WEEK

WHEREAS, 911 lines are staffed by trained public safety communications officers twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, so that all citizens can be assisted in emergent, administrative and routine matters; and

WHEREAS, the world has seen, with the global pandemic, that having a single point of contact to direct emergency service personnel is essential to the safety and well-being of our communities; and

WHEREAS, modern technological improvements, to include Next Generation 911, which is based on internet rather than telephone technology, allows 911 to access voice, video, text and data applications that are practical for use during medical emergencies, reports of fire, criminal activity, severe weather and other critical events; and

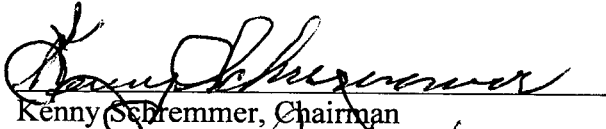
WHEREAS, the capabilities that improve service to individuals, homes and businesses also improve the delivery of information, tracking and security measures used for law enforcement, fire, emergency medical and other services; and

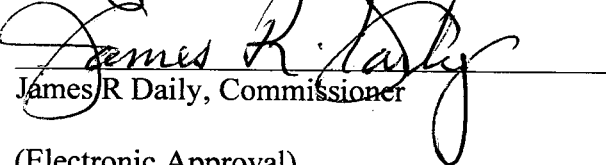
WHEREAS, this year, more than any other in recent history, it is vital that all agencies come together and recognize the benefit of having a calm, clear voice that collects relevant data and dispatches appropriate first responders.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, declares the week of April 12 – 18, 2020, to be National Public Safety Communications Officers Week in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our communities and citizens safe.


Adopted this 13th day of April, 2020.

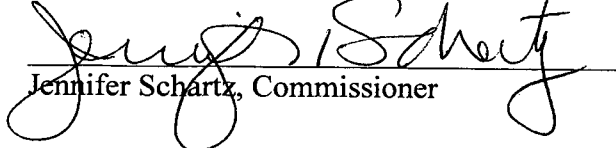
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Kenny Schremmer, Chairman

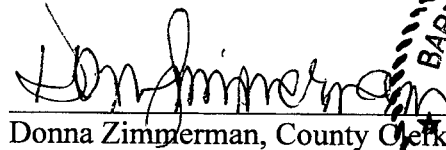

James R Daily, Commissioner

(Electronic Approval)
Don Davis, Commissioner


Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner


Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk

