

# Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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June 15, 2020

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 15th day of June 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  
Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor

*Members attending via phone/Teams:*

Don Davis, Commissioner, 3rd District

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## PUBLIC HEARING

9:00 a.m.

-This Public Hearing is being held to considering an application to be submitted to the Kansas Department of Commerce for Small Cities Community Development Block Grant funds under the CDBG-CV Economic Development/Meals category. A specific project application to be discussed is small business grants. The estimated project cost is \$300,000.00, with a CDBG grant request for \$300,000.00. The public is invited to attend this meeting and to provide comment on the proposed project. Other project proposals introduced at the meeting will be considered. Oral and written comments will be recorded and become a part of the Barton County CDBG Citizen Participation Plan.

Sue Cooper, Grant Coordinator, explained the initials CV designates it is coronavirus funding and noted we have exhausted all of our EDRLF funding. Cooper said the funding is to assist with micro and economic development grants. Micro grants are for businesses with five or fewer employees. Economic development grants are for six to fifty full-time employees. Cooper said the funding is for inventory and working capital to reopen a business and during the coronavirus. Cooper explained the funds can only be used as grants and not for loans. Nearly nine million has been awarded to sixty-six Kansas communities. An additional seven million is anticipated and this is application for that funding.

Commissioner Schartz said we lost out on the original nine million as we still had funding to loan.

Information Only. No Action Required.

### **CLOSE OF BUDGET HEARING:**

At 9:03 A.M. Commissioner Schartz moved to close the Public Hearing and open the Barton County Agenda Meeting

Commissioner Daily seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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### **I. OPENING BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Schremmer called the meeting to order at 9:04 A.M.

Commissioner Daily moved to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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Commissioner Kruckenberg moved to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2020, and the June 8, 2020, Regular Meetings.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **II. OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business.

## **III. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **A. COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE: Cereal Malt Beverage License:**

-Per K.S.A. 41-2702, no retailer shall sell any cereal malt beverage without having secured a license for that business. When a business is located in the unincorporated portion of the County, that application shall be made to the Board of County Commissioners. Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk, will present an application for Edgar Jacobs, Prosser Arena, Odin, Kansas.

Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk, said Edgar Jacobs currently has a Cereal Malt Beverage License to sell at the Odin Store. Jacobs has applied for a second license to sell cereal malt beverages at the Prosser Arena.

Commissioner Daily moved to approve the 2020 Cereal Malt Beverage License for Edgar Jacobs, Prosser Arena, in Odin, Kansas.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

### **B. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT: Resolution 2020-10 – A Resolution Certifying Legal Authority and Authorization to Apply for the CDBG-CV from the Kansas Department of Commerce:**

-Prior to the agenda meeting, the Commission held a Public Hearing to receive comments relative to a \$300,000.00 application to the Kansas Department of Commerce (KDOC). The specific project is the use of said fund as small business grants within the County for businesses negatively affected by COVID-19. Ms. Cooper will ask that the Commission adopt a Resolution authorizing the application. Should the Resolution be adopted, the Chairman will also be asked to sign the additional documentation as required by the KDOC.

Sue Cooper, Grant Coordinator, said CDBG-CV funding requires the adoption of a resolution. The project narrative and anticipated jobs documentation has been completed. Cooper said the residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan needs to be signed by the chairman.

Commissioner Schartz asked about the time frame to receive the funding. Cooper said earlier it was approximately three weeks.

Commissioner Schartz moved to adopt Resolution 2020-10, A Resolution Certifying Legal Authority and Authorization to Apply for the CDBG-CV from the Kansas Department of Commerce. Direct the Commission Chair to sign other required documentation including the Residential Anti-displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan under Section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as Amended, and the Statement of Assurances and Certifications as required by the KDOC.

Commissioner Daily seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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## **C. PUBLIC INFORMATION: Oxford House, Great Bend:**

-Oxford House is a concept in recovery from drug and alcohol addiction. In its simplest form, an Oxford House describes a democratically run, self-supporting and drug free home. Barb Esfeld, County Appraiser, and Amy Boxberger, CKCC Director, will be present during the update on the four Oxford Houses in Great Bend.

Barb Esfeld, County Appraiser, said the first Barton County Oxford Houses were opened over six years ago. Esfeld said earlier when someone was released, they would have no place to go for recovery. Esfeld said her son, Tim Konrade, was here and also noted Doug, James, Lindsey and Robert also present. Esfeld said Barton County now has one women's house and three men's houses. Oxford Houses don't ask for money. The residents must work and pay rent to support themselves. Our community awarded them \$10,000 from 100+ People Who Care. Esfeld said that \$10,000 allowed them to open their 4<sup>th</sup> men's house. The funding also helps with scholarships that they pay back.

Amy Boxberger, CKCC Director, said as law enforcement does their job to protect and serve, we do our job with probation and community corrections. We haven't always had the peer support provided in the Oxford Houses. Boxberger said 10-15 years ago there wasn't even an NA meeting in Great Bend. They are working towards not just sanctions for bad behavior but providing skills for improvement.

James Redetzke, Credence Oxford House member, said there is zero tolerance for drug and alcohol use. If one person uses the whole house could go down. Redetzke explained they are part of a big chapter and the members have the opportunity to go to an annual convention called World. Redetzke said the Oxford House saved his life three times and noted he had never had that support. Redetzke said addiction is real and said he has been an addict since he was 13 years old. Couldn't be more thankful for what the county has done for the Oxford Houses.

Doug Kelly, Credence Oxford House, said he has been an addict since he was 14 years old and has been in and out of jail. Kelly said he has been an addict for 33 years, but thanks to the programs, he will celebrate 33 months sober soon.

Robert Rodriguez, Oxford House, said he has been an addict for many years. Was sentenced to one year in jail and had to spend six months without his daughter. Rodriguez said thanks to the Oxford House, he got a furlough and is now caught up with his child support. Rodriguez said he is not able to prove he can change his life and doesn't want his daughter to see the addict father. Has a support system to go to when he wants to use.

Lindsey from Serenity Way Oxford House said she started using when she was 14. Lindsey said the program has given her the confidence to stand up in front of people and not be ashamed. Oxford gives her a place to be clean and safe.

Commissioner Schartz asked how many people had been helped in our community in the last six years. Kelly said there is a 40-bed capacity in our houses. Schartz asked what the average length of stay is. Kelly said if you stay 18 months you have an 87.9% chance of never reusing.

Commissioner Daily asked if there was administrative oversight. Boxberger said it is completely funded by addicts and is peer ran. Boxberger said their three rules are: don't use, don't cause disruptions and pay your rent. They work through behaviors and situations on their own. They do not want to order someone to be there as it would have the potential to taint the house. They build attraction to living there rather than court ordered. Boxberger said someone had relapsed and no one reported it, the whole house could get kicked out and explained it doesn't work if they allow addictive behavior. Kelly said when one person is struggling, they will evict everybody and then interview everyone before anyone is let back in. Daily asked if someone is kicked out, are they out for a certain length of time. Kelly said two weeks and then they look at how they are doing.

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## IV. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

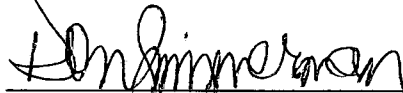
## V. OTHER BUSINESS:

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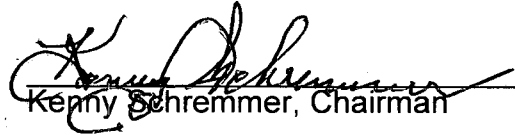
## VI. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Schartz made a motion to adjourn at 9:33 A.M.  
Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Donna Zimmerman  
Barton County Clerk



Kenny Schremmer, Chairman

**RESOLUTION 2020-10**

**A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING LEGAL AUTHORITY AND  
AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR THE CDBG-CV FROM THE KANSAS  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, is a legal governmental entity as provided by the laws of the STATE OF KANSAS, and

WHEREAS, Barton County, Kansas, intends to submit an application for assistance from CARES Act under the COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.


THE APPLICANT hereby certifies that the Barton County, Kansas, is a legal governmental entity under the status of the laws of the STATE OF KANSAS and thereby has the authority to apply for assistance from the CARES Act under the KANSAS SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.


THE APPLICANT hereby authorizes the Commission Chair of Barton County, Kansas, to act as the applicant's official representative in signing and submitting an application for the assistance to the COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.

As the Chief Elected Officials of Barton County, Kansas, we hereby certify that we have knowledge of all activities in the above-referenced application.

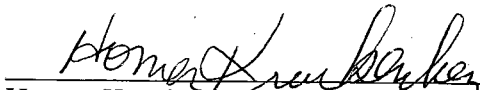
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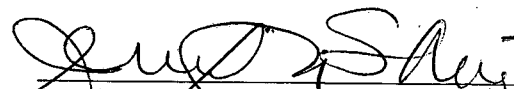
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

  
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James R. Daily, Commissioner

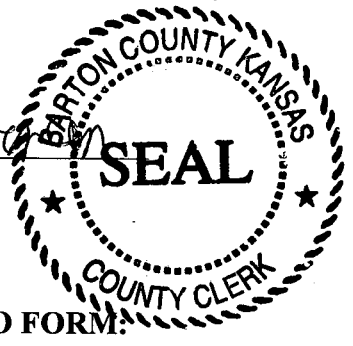
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Don Davis, Commissioner

  
Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner

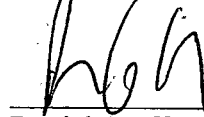
  
Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Donna Zimmerman,  
County Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Patrick Hoffman,  
County Counselor