

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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May 11, 2020

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 11th day of May 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 Daily moved to approve the minutes of the May 1st Special Meeting.
Commissioner Schartz 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 April 27, 2020, and ending May 11, 2020.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the appropriations for the period of April 27th to May 11, 2020 and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.
Commissioner Daily seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. PROCLAMATION 2020-06: National Nurses Week, May 6 – 12, 2020:

-National Nurses Week begins each year on May 6th and ends on May 12th, Florence Nightingale's birthday. These permanent dates reinforce the recognition of nurses as being the compassionate, experienced and trusted front line in the health field. It is suggested that the Barton County Health Department be recognized through the adoption of Proclamation 2020-06.

Phil Hathcock, County Administrator, said the nurses and all Health Department staff has, with diligence and professionalism, set a standard of excellence in providing direction, testing measures and care over the past several months. Hathcock asked the Commission to adopt Proclamation 2020-06, recognizing National Nurses Week and our Health Department for their tireless efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic and for taking appropriate measures that have allowed for the continuation of services during this time and for simultaneously providing immunizations, family planning and other public health programs.

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Hathcock said it is amazing what the Health Department has accomplished and noted they are short several nurses and all of them have stepped up and put in extra hours. Hathcock said Karen Winkelman had not had a day off, including weekends, for the over a month and a half and has worked tirelessly day and night. Hathcock said this includes also her staff who have been busy compiling all of the information and care for the patients. There has been a rise in positive numbers, which adds more work to their plate. Adopting this proclamation is the least we can do for them.

Commissioner Schartz said Karen Winkelman was faced with a big challenge and has really proven herself, as have the other nurses. COVID has put more pressure on the other nurses. Very thankful to have such a great group of employees at the Health Department.

Commissioner Daily said they have proven they were willing to jump in there with both feet and applauds all of them.

Commissioner Daily moved to adopt Proclamation 2020-06, National Nurses Week, May 6 – 12, 2020.
Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. PROCLAMATION 2020-07: National Bike Month, May, 2020:

-The bicycle is an economical, healthy, convenient, and environmentally sound form of transportation and an excellent tool for recreation and enjoyment of Barton County's scenic beauty. Throughout the month of May, citizens are urged to experience the joys of bicycling and to be vigilant of bicyclists in our community when driving. Dale Hogg, Be Well Barton County Committee Member, has been asked to present the Proclamation that names May 2020 as National Bike Month.

Dale Hogg, Be Well Barton County Committee Member, said bike awareness 2020 is perhaps is even more appropriate this year. The reason for making this designation is three-fold. First, families and individuals are getting outside. Secondly, it is more than just physical health; it is about the soul and spirit as well for good mental health. Lastly, safety, in light of Brandon Steinert who was struck by a car when riding recently, we must be careful.

Commissioner Daily asked about bike routes. Hogg said Be Well Barton County has maps on their website as well as Central Kansas Partnership, the Health Department and Chamber who all have copies of the maps. Daily asked if "Bike Across Kansas" had been here in a while. Hogg said it was cancelled due to COVID-19. Dale Hogg read the proclamation and asked that it be adopted.

Commissioner Schartz moved to adopt Proclamation 2020-07, National Bike Month, May, 2020.
Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

C. PROCLAMATION 2020-08: Mental Health Awareness Month, May, 2020:

-The outbreak of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) has come with fear, anxiety and changes that have brought about strong emotions for both adults and children. This year, The Center for Counseling and Consultation emphasizes that caring has the power to make a life changing impact on those affected by mental health conditions during this pandemic and long after.

Julie Kramp, The Center Executive Director, said Shanna Long, LMSW, Clinical Director of CBS Department, would present.

Shanna Long said the COVID-19 pandemic has brought with it, worry, anxiety and change and read the proclamation.

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Commissioner Schartz asked Julie Kramp to describe some of the changes they have had to undergo the past couple of months. Kramp said they have primarily switched from face-to-face and open access to phone video and have applications for intake packets done online. Kramp said they had a lot of technology in place already that made the transition easier. Some things still must be done in person such as injections and certain treatments. Schartz asked how some of the clients have reacted. Kramp said some people are relieved by not having to risk exposure. Some clients have transportation difficulties. Kramp said, for children, unfortunately it is another missed interaction opportunity and noted being alone is difficult for some. There is a variety of impacts.

Commissioner Schartz moved to adopt Proclamation 2020-08, Mental Health Awareness Month, May, 2020.

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

D. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN FUND: Working Capital Loans – First Class Auto, Hoisington:

-Great Plains Development has found that First Class Auto Design, owned by Michael and Shawna Petersilie, 165 W Broadway, Hoisington, Kansas, qualifies for funding under the Barton County Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund working capital loan program. The business has requested a loan of \$25,000.00. Two full-time equivalent jobs would be retained as a result of the loan, meeting 51% of the Low-to-Moderate Income requirement. It is suggested that the term of the loan be three years, 12 months interest only payments, with an interest rate of .5%.

Sue Cooper, Grant Administrator, said First Class Auto provides screen printing and different items for schools, wherein there is a hardship with school being closed. They also provide services to salons and restaurants, uniforms, t-shirts and apparel for sporting events. Cooper said, obviously their business has been impacted.

Commissioner Schartz said this loan is using money that has been available for a long time, but the guidelines are not as stringent now. Cooper explained that Barton County's funding is for any community outside of Great Bend and includes rural areas and said there is still funding available and encouraged businesses to apply. Cooper said there is a LMI Low to Moderate Income criteria that must be met. Businesses can contact Cooper or Great Plains Development.

Commissioner Schartz asked how much money was still available. Cooper said as of May 4th, there was \$137,490.81 available.

Commissioner Daily asked for the deadline. Cooper said until the funding runs out. Daily asked what is done through the local media to advertise. Dale Hogg said they would cover it. Hathcock said we announced it and put on Facebook. Cooper said we have also made two press releases.

Commissioner Schartz asked what amounts could be requested. Cooper said \$25,000 was a standard amount, but the commissioners would approve the amount.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve an Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund Working Capital Loan to First Class Auto Design, Hoisington, Kansas. Said loan shall be in the amount of \$25,000.00, three-year term, 12 months interest only payments and an interest rate of .5%. Direct Sue Cooper to notify the Kansas Department of Commerce and Great Plains Development of the approval of the loan.

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

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E. SUNFLOWER DIVERSIFIED: Early Childhood Intervention Funding:

-The Sunflower Diversified Early Childhood Intervention Program provides individualized services to children ages birth to three years with a developmental delay or disability. Sunflower's professional staff serves the child in the home setting, thus including the family in the educational process. In the 2020 Barton County Operating Budget, Sunflower Diversified's Early Childhood Intervention Program was funded at \$15,000.00. Jon Prescott, Executive Director, Sunflower Diversified, will request the funds be awarded at this time.

Jon Prescott, Sunflower Diversified Executive Director, said 2019 was a year of growth and investment. Prescott said if they can catch the kids early enough they do not know they have an intellectual delay or disability. Families find it tough to accept and pursue help. Oasis program provides the opportunity to train families they serve. Opened autism services last January. 150 children in central and western Kansas with the diagnosis of autism. Great success in baby and toddler sign language. Prescott said it has been nearly 3 years he has been leading the company. Serving 167 children in five counties. Prescott said the cost to serve a child is \$2,600 a year with \$380 in KDHE reimbursement and \$400 from Part C. If the child is not covered by Medicaid (which 49% are not eligible), that leaves \$1,820 uncovered. Of the 51% that were Medicaid covered, they had a net cost of \$494 per child.

Prescott said they closed March 23rd due to COVID and quit doing home visits. Pre-school closed March 6th. The State of Kansas finally approved providing tele-med services. There is no tele-med solution for physical therapy. Attendance in preschool was up 14% last year.

Commissioner Daily asked if there have been studies done and said he has a nephew with severe autism who is non-functioning. Prescott said there is an impact of being physically present. Daily asked if there is a study being done on being present vs tele-med services. Prescott said if the child ends up being in services longer than there is no savings.

Commissioner Schartz asked if health insurance covers services. Prescott said there are a few policies that have autism coverage.

Commissioner Daily moved to allocate \$15,000.00 in support funding to Sunflower Diversified, Early Childhood Intervention Program. Monies have been included in the 2020 Budget in the Finance General account of the General Fund, Early Intervention Line, 001-26-6920.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

F. CENTRAL KANSAS COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS: Fiscal Year 2021 Comprehensive Plan Submission:

-The Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC) requires submission of a Comprehensive Plan (grant application) each year. These documents 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, said, during FY 2019, there were 168 offenders discharged from the program, 43 or 26% were revoked and 125 or 74% did not enter the Kansas prison system. Boxberger said they barely missed their 25% mark and explained of the 43 revocations, 5% were revoked for committing a new misdemeanor, 44% were revoked for committing a new felony and 51% were revoked for conditional violations. Those that were successful generally completed their inpatient or outpatient treatment. The positive of COVID is that it is increasing the opportunity for care. This year, looking to get the right people to the right interventions at the right time. The goals this year are to continue to comply with evidence based principles, stable housing, mental health, motivation, transportation, language, childcare and then criminal thinking, substance abuse and peer associations. This year's budget is \$510,344.14, which is about a 5% increase; however, it was eaten up by insurance costs.

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Commissioner Daily asked if this was the first time they gathered data on those who are not repeating a crime. Boxberger said no, doing more of a comparison of those who are revoked against those who are not. Shout out to Matt Patzner who helped her a lot with pivot tables and data collections. Dereck Hollingshead helped them switch to a new phone system. When working remotely, the phones ring as if they are in their offices. Boxberger said they are also working remotely via Teams.

Commissioner Daily moved to approve the Community Corrections Comprehensive Plan for Fiscal Year 2021 for Central Kansas Community Corrections and approve its submission to the Kansas Department of Corrections.

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

G. CENTRAL KANSAS COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS: Behavioral Health Grant:

-Central Kansas Community Corrections is applying for \$25,159.55 for a Behavioral Health Grant from the Kansas Department of Corrections. The agency is requesting funds for a contractual cognitive facilitator, employment officer and for behavioral health services.

Amy Boxberger, CKCC Director, said they received this grant the past few years to supplement the vouchers for the indigent offenders to receive services and Oxford housing, etc. This is also the program they partnered with the Health Department in the past when they had Quinla as a facilitator in the program. When Quinla left, they entered into a contract with The Center for Counseling. There is a staff of case managers to help facilitate cognitive groups. Working on quality assurance. Boxberger said three million would be awarded to thirty-three agencies.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the Fiscal Year 2021 Behavioral Health Grant in the amount of \$25,159.55. Authorize the Chair to sign grant forms as needed. Direct Amy Boxberger to submit said grant to the Kansas Department of Corrections.

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

H. JUVENILE SERVICES: 2021 Budget Approval:

-The Juvenile Services Department is requesting approval of the 2021 fiscal budget as prepared by Director Marissa Woodmansee. The budget has been prepared based on figures provided to the Department by the Kansas Department of Corrections- Juvenile Services.

Marissa Woodmansee, Juvenile Services Director, said, with the assistance of Patrick Hoffman, they worked really hard to get the interlocal agreement done which names Barton County as the administrative county. Woodmansee said Hoffman drafted the agreement and they got the other counties to approve it and then submitted it to the state. Now they are working to get it filed in the Register of Deeds Offices in all five counties. Woodmansee said she has also been working on the Governor's ERO, aligning Juvenile Services with the Department of Children and Families. Woodmansee said they are only four years into a Juvenile Reform, so they are still learning what they should be doing with the youth. Placed more funding into the Intake and Assessment program for the "cross-over kids" who are a child in need of care that commits an offense or an offender who is a child in need of care. Intake and Assessment generally runs 500 plus youth a year. The Immediate Intervention program had 102 youth go through with 91 being successful and 11 unsuccessful for an 89% success rate. Must do 2% better next year. Intensive probation is the population of youth scored through the risk assessment. They only supervise the very high risk and had 30 youth successful, 6 unsuccessful for a total of 67.77%. We did not meet our benchmark. They have not reduced our funding. Some reasons for not meeting the benchmarks include youth who were in active use, non-compliant, or did not buy into any of the program hours.

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Woodmansee said funding for the Graduated Sanctions Programs is \$602,690 with prevention allocation being \$33,157.82. We delivered 287 packets to all of the 6th grade and JAG students.

Commissioner Schremmer asked what ages are covered. Woodmansee said Intake and Assessment covers children 0-17. Intervention Programs cover kindergarten up to age 17. Parent Project also available to get parents engaged.

Commissioner Daily moved to approve the 2021 Budget as presented by Marissa Woodmansee for Juvenile Services.

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

I. GLASS PARTITIONS: Courthouse, Register of Deeds and Treasurer's Office:

-County administration has solicited bids for glass partitions to be placed in the front office areas for the Register of Deeds and Treasurer's Office. The partitions would be placed on current counters as a barrier between staff and the public.

Phil Hathcock, County Administrator, said Jim Jordan requested quotes for partitions in his office to better protect his employees. He also got quotes for the Clerk's Office, Register of Deeds Office and the Appraisers Office. The Treasurer and Register of Deeds have requested the partitions be installed. There were two quotes received, one from Jimlo Glass for \$7,290.00 for both offices and the second one from Quality Glass for \$4,115.48 for both offices. Each office has two counters. Hathcock said the quotes are for tempered glass with brass posts.

Commissioner Schartz asked does the Clerk and Appraiser not want the enclosures. Hathcock said they do not at this time. Schartz said this is a good idea for the elected offices and for flu down the road.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the \$4,115.48 bid from Quality Glass for glass partitions to be placed in the Register of Deeds and Treasurer's Office. Cost to be paid from the County Courthouse General Account of the General Fund, Bldg & Fixed Equipment Line, 001-18-6305.

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

J. SOLID WASTE: Phase IV Cell Construction – Change Order No. 1:

-Malm Construction Company is currently constructing the Phase IV Cell at the Barton County Landfill. Once construction began, it was determined that additional excavation was needed. Malm Construction has submitted Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$8,230.00 for this work.

Phil Hathcock, County Administrator, said they received a change order last week for the removal of approximately ten feet of waste piled on each side of the berm. The berm allows for expansion into the next phase. They unexpectedly found trash piled up against the berm. This required extra time and labor. Hathcock said technically you could go right up to the berm, but it creates problems down the road. Once the new cell is built, the landfill staff will have to move the trash. Hathcock said Road and Bridge provided the sand for the project. Hathcock said, including this change order, the county is at \$853,000 which is still well under the engineer's estimate of \$1.1 million.

Commissioner Daily moved to approve Phase IV Cell Construction, Change Order No. 1 as submitted by Malm Construction Company in the amount of \$8,230.00. Payment to be made from the Solid Waste Fund, Contract Construction Line, 140-68-6250.

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

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V. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Karen Winkelman, Interim Health Director: Provided state statistics. Barton County is now at 22 confirmed cases with one case classified as a COVID related death. 236 Isolation/Quarantine orders have been issued with 88 active open orders. So many things to look at in order to decide if they are active. Winkelman explained released numbers and said it is really hard to provide numbers that are spot-on. Starting drive-thru testing tomorrow. Maximum number of tests that can be administered is twenty tests per day. Nasal Pharyngeal swab with collection sent to KDHE lab. Will be handed an isolation/quarantine order on site. Will be on the North side of the Sheriff's Office.
- Comm Schartz: County has come under some criticism for not releasing more details.
- Winkelman: In public health, you always feel like you have not done enough. HIPPA has a huge role in this. First time in her experience, they have been able to share more information. Right now working with a long-term care facility and doing cohort testing. Cohort test is where you have a positive case and doing testing on everyone in the shared environment. It is up to the long-term care facility to make a press release. Tested 110 individuals and have six positive cases. Following KDHE protocols.
- Dale Hogg: Asked if there a charge for the testing. No charge per Winkelman.
- Comm Schremmer: You have done a marvelous job.

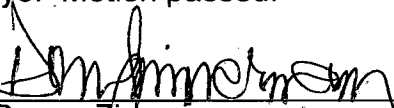
VII. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Schartz made a motion to adjourn at 10:43 A.M.


Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk



Kenny Schremmer, Chairman

PROCLAMATION 2020-06

NATIONAL NURSES WEEK
May 6 – 12, 2020

WHEREAS, National Nurses Week begins each year on May 6th and ends on May 12th, Florence Nightingale's birthday. These permanent dates reinforce the recognition of nurses as being the compassionate, experienced and trusted front line in the health field; and

WHEREAS, nurses touch the citizens of the world in thought and deed, offering hands-on care in tradition settings as well as through mobile clinics, telemedicine appointments and other means; and

WHEREAS, nurses must provide for physical, social and mental health needs; disease prevention; detection, diagnosis and treatment of illness; quality of life; preventable death and life expectancy while facing such challenges as financial means to pay for services; transportation and language barriers; and workforce and supplies shortages; and


WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has challenged the need for and personal safety of nursing professionals in way that has not been seen in modern history.

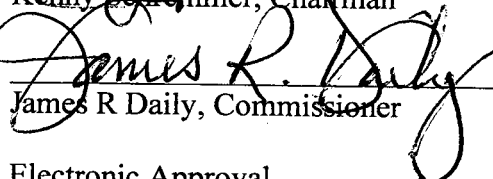
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, declares the week of May 6 – 12, 2020, to be National Nurses Week in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our communities and citizens safe; and

FURTHER, that the entirety of the Barton County Health Department is thanked for their tireless efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic, for taking appropriate measures that allowed for the continuation of services during this time and for providing immunizations, family planning and other public health programming.

Adopted this 11th day of May, 2020.

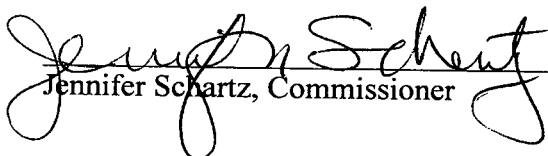
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Kenny Schremmer, Chairman

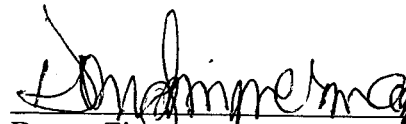

James R Daily, Commissioner

Electronic Approval
Don Davis, Commissioner


Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner


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ATTEST:


Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk



PROCLAMATION 2020-07

National Bike Month, May, 2020

WHEREAS, the bicycle is an economical, healthy, convenient, and environmentally sound form of transportation and an excellent tool for recreation and enjoyment of Barton County's scenic beauty; and

WHEREAS, in this time of the COVID-19 pandemic, getting outside for exercise is not only good for one's physical health, but also for one's mental health as people may be facing added stress and anxiety; and

WHEREAS, throughout the month of May, the residents of Barton County are encouraged to experience the joys of bicycling; and

WHEREAS, creating a bicycling-friendly community has been shown to improve citizens' health, well-being, and quality of life, growing the economy of Barton County, attracting tourism dollars, improving traffic safety, supporting student learning outcomes, and reducing pollution, congestion, and wear and tear on our streets and roads; and


WHEREAS, Be Well Barton County, the Barton County Commission, the League of American Bicyclists, schools, parks and recreation departments, police departments, public health districts, hospitals, companies and civic groups will be promoting bicycling during the month of May 2020 and throughout the remainder of the year; and

WHEREAS, these groups are also promoting greater public awareness of bicycle operation and safety education in an effort to reduce collisions, injuries, and fatalities and improve health and safety for everyone on the road.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, that May 2020 is Bike Month in Barton County, and all residents are urged to join in this special observance.


Signed this 11th day of May, 2020.

ATTEST:



Donna Zimmerman
County Clerk




Kenny Schlemmer, Chairman


James R. Daily, Commissioner

Electronic Approval
Don Davis, Commissioner


Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner


Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner

PROCLAMATION 2020-08
Mental Health Awareness Month, May 2020

WHEREAS, it is recognized that individuals living with mental illness and their families face additional challenges during the COVID-19 Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the need for mental health services and support is clear during this time of uncertainty; and

WHEREAS, caring about the impact this pandemic has had on those members of our community living with mental illness can create opportunities for support and growth; and

WHEREAS, in the face of these uncertain times and the challenges that come with them, services, support and the creation of awareness will be adapted to meet the needs of our community; and

WHEREAS, access to services, collaboration with community partners and the promotion of awareness, wellness and recovery will continue in our community; and

WHEREAS, awareness and caring are actions, they are gifts that are given to ourselves and to others, gifts that have the power to make life changing impacts; and

WHEREAS, caring helps people and communities begin to cope and build resilience in the face of a challenge; and

WHEREAS, each business, school, government agency, healthcare provider, organization and citizen share the impact of mental health issues and has a responsibility to promote mental wellness and support awareness efforts and help people realize they are not alone.

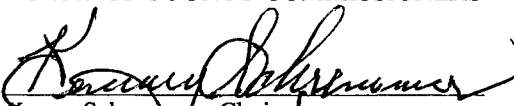
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, that May 2020 will be known as Mental Health Awareness Month in Barton County; and

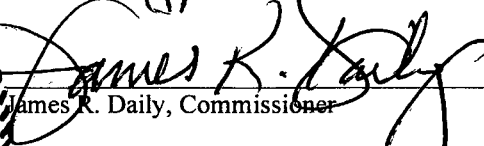
FURTHER, that the Commission urges the citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools in Barton County to stand together and recommit to increasing awareness, collaborating and promoting wellness and recovery; and

FURTHER, that Barton County and its citizens are encouraged to continue caring about, and understanding mental health needs, the steps citizens can take to protect their mental health, and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental health conditions. Caring leads to an understanding that we all stand together and no one is alone.

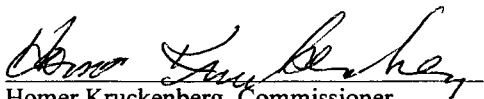
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ATTEST:


Donna Zimmerman
County Clerk

