

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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March 15, 2021

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 15th day of March 2021, at the Barton County Courthouse.

Members present:

Kirby Krier, Commissioner, 1st District
Barb Esfeld, Commissioner, 2nd District
Shawn Hutchinson, Commissioner, 3rd District (*Chairman Pro-Tem*)
James R. Daily, Commissioner, 4th District, Chairman
Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner, 5th District
Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk
Phil Hathcock, County Administrator
Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

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

Roll Call taken by County Clerk.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2021, Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

II. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS: 13th Month – 6th Run:

-An Accounts Payable Register for the 13th Month, 2020, will be submitted to the Commission.

Thirteenth month expenditures include any unpaid bills for a product, service or utility that was received in 2020.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to approve the 13th Month – 6th Run appropriations for 2020 and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.

Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

III. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:

-An Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of March 1, 2021, and ending March 15, 2021.

Commissioner Krier moved to approve appropriations for the period of March 1, 2021, to March 15, 2021. Authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.

Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE: Request for Approval – Added / Abated / Escaped / Refunded

Taxes:

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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.

Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk, presented the following tax roll adjustments and year-to-date RECAP:

BATCH #6				
Property Types	Values	Escaped Taxes	Added / Abated	Refunds
Gas				
Oil	- 3,427		-\$ 611.52	
Personal Property	- 10,933		-\$ 1,789.80	\$ 418.86
Real Estate				
16/20 M Trucks	- 392		-\$ 64.00	\$ 64.00
State Assessed Utilities				
Special Assessments			-\$ 300.00	\$ 146.22
Grand Totals	- 14,752		-\$ 2,765.32	\$ 629.08
Total Taxes	-\$ 2,765.32			
Total Records Selected	19			

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the Listing of Added / Abated / Escaped / Refunded Taxes as reviewed by the County Appraiser and presented by the Clerk. Direct the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion.

Unanimously voted aye. Motion passed.

B. APPRAISER'S OFFICE: Valuation Update:

-By March 1 of each year, the Appraiser's Office is to have completed valuation of property and mailed notices to the public per K.S.A 79-1460. Wendy Prosser, County Appraiser, will report on the mailing of notices of valuation and valuation trends.

Wendy Prosser, County Appraiser, said they are required to mail real estate valuation notices by March 1st each year. They requested and received a 15-day extension for 2021, therefore the CVNs will be mailed today. By statute, these valuations must be within 10% of the fair market value as of January 1, with the exception of AG land. It is important taxpayers review their valuation notices and schedule an informal meeting if necessary. By statute, real estate owners have 30 days to schedule their informal appeal. Appeals will begin March 22nd and can be held in-person or via telephone. Today is the deadline for taxpayers to report their personal property to the county. The county then values that property and notifies the taxpayers by May 1st. Taxpayers have 15 days to review their value notices and call for an information meeting.

Information Only. No Action Required.

C. NOXIOUS WEED: Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress Report:

-Noxious weeds are one of the greatest threats to the Kansas environment. They displace native plant species, interfere with the production of agricultural crops, increase erosion, destroy wildlife habitat and decrease property values. The Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA) is responsible for laws aiding in the control and management of noxious and invasive weeds in Kansas. The KDA requires Kansas counties to submit an Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress Report.

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Curren Williams, County Works Director, said the annual report and financial summary will be submitted to the state.

Commissioner Daily asked if weeds would be an increased burden this year. Williams said no.

Commissioner Krier said he uses the county weed department on pastures and noted a lot of farmers utilize their service. Other counties are not doing as well as our weed department is.

Commissioner Daily asked if they get the chemical for free or if it is paid for. Krier said they pay for it on a cost share on most chemicals.

Commissioner Hutchinson and Commissioner Esfeld said the general public also uses their chemical.

Commissioner Esfeld moved to approve the 2020 Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress Report. Direct Mr. Williams to submit said report to the Kansas Department of Agriculture.

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

D. NOXIOUS WEED: County Agreement to Treat Noxious Weeds:

-The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) Secretary has submitted an agreement to treat noxious weeds on KDOT rights-of-way. Included in the contract is a price of \$24.00 per hour for operator and \$51.00 per hour for the spray vehicles. Also detailed is how the work shall be recorded and what chemicals may be used.

Darren Williams, County Works Director, asked the Commissioner to approve the agreement.

Commissioner Daily asked how many years the county has been doing this. Williams said they have been doing this for the past 18 years.

Commissioner Hutchinson how long it takes the department to spray. Williams said approximately 2 weeks.

Commissioner Krier moved to approve the Kansas Department of Transportation, Bureau of Construction and Maintenance, County Agreement to Treat Noxious Weeds for 2021

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

E. PUBLIC HEALTH: Integrated Referral and Intake System (IRIS) Renewal:

-The Integrated Referral and Intake System (IRIS) is a web-based, bi-directional referral communication tool used to help organizations connect the individuals and families served to the right resources in the community. Partners can better coordinate referrals to needed services while keeping providers updated along the way. In addition to the Health Department, information can be shared with health and mental health providers, as well as social and correctional programs. Karen Winkelman, Health Director, will ask that the Commission approve renewal of the maintenance program at a cost of \$3,396.00.

Karen Winkelman, Health Director, said Bev Frizzell is present and noted their programs use it the majority for the department.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked how much it is used. Frizzell said at least 12 times this past year and noted other programs use it as well.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the \$3,396.00 renewal of the IRIS maintenance for a 12-month period. Payment is to be made to the University of Kansas Center for Research through the Health (006-

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, Family Planning (006-60) and Maternal Child and Health (006-62) Budgets, Professional Services Fee lines, at a cost of \$1,132.00 per budget.

Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

VI. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

VII. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Karen Winkelman: The last vaccination drive-thru was last Saturday. Weather was a factor. 288 first doses and 415 boost doses for a total of 703 doses were administered. They moved the time up to 1pm for first doses due to the weather and had enough people available to keep the lines moving.
- Comm Krier: Recognized Coach Pat Stiles, Coach Jim Ryan, and the Central Plains High School girls' basketball team for winning state.
- Comm Esfeld: Acknowledged Christina Doyle as a past player of a winning Claflin team as well.

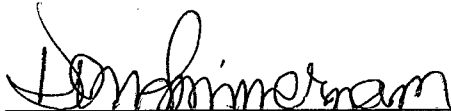
VIII. ADJOURN.

Commissioner Schartz moved to adjourn at 9:20 A.M.

Commissioner Krier said Coach Stiles puts a basketball in the crib when new players are born and seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

TEST:


Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk


James R. Daily, Chairman