

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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April 20, 2022

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 20th day of April 2022, at the Barton County Courthouse.

Members present:

Kirby Krier, Commissioner, 1st District
Barb Esfeld, Commissioner, 2nd District, *(Chairman Pro-Tem)*
Shawn Hutchinson, Commissioner, 3rd District, Chairman
Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner, 5th District
Bev Schmeidler, County Clerk
Matt Patzner, Director of Operations
Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor

Members absent:

Jon Prescott, Commissioner, 4th District

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

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

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

Minutes of the April 13, 2022, Regular Meeting were not available.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

There is no Old Business at this time.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

A. PROCLAMATION 2022-10: National Crime Victims' Rights Week:

-Camila Komarek, Victim Advocate, will provide details. In recognition of National Crime Victims' Rights Week, the County Attorney's Office has requested that the Commission adopt Proclamation 2022-10. The week of April 24 – 30, 2022, has been selected to reaffirm the County's commitment to respect and enforce victims' rights and address their needs during Crime Victims' Rights Week and throughout the year.

Camila Komarek, Victim Advocate, said National Crime Victims' Rights Week brings us closer to victims of all crimes. The theme is Rights, Access and Equity for all victims. In 2021, the Barton County Attorney Office prosecuted 465 criminal cases, approximately 1,000 traffic cases and 50 juvenile offender cases with 262 new victims of crime. In 2021, the Victim Advocate made 3,097 contacts to victims in Barton County. These contacts included crisis counseling, follow up information to cases, criminal justice to court advocacy, assistance in filing compensation claims as well as telephone and postal contact. There is a collaborative effort between agencies to assure victims receive necessary services to recover from the trauma.

Komarek read the proclamation.

Commissioner Krier moved to adopt Proclamation 2022-10, National Crime Victims' Rights Week and I applaud Camila and everyone involved in this, the County Attorneys Office for looking out for victims because they seem to be overlooked in a lot of places. We seem to spend a lot of money on the perpetrators, but we overlook the fact that, sure there may be some theft and you lose a barbecue or

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vehicle or something like that. There are victims of physical crimes and stuff, I applaud you guys for doing this.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion and said if you have ever been a victim of a crime and thank God I have not been of a serious crime, you know that the pain of that does not end when the perpetrator is in jail. I think that is one reason why we as a community, need to be very supportive of mental health issues. I have been on The Center board for a long time and some good things are going to be coming out of that after the first of the year and will help. We need to make it more readily available to people. My question is I know that you guys work with the victims, at what point do you terminate that help.

Komarek said we do not. I actually just was talking to a victim whose case has been done for over a year and they called me, had questions looking for somewhere to go yesterday, so as long as they need help, they can call me anytime.

Commissioner Schartz said I think that is very admirable. I appreciate you doing that.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. CENTRAL KANSAS COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS: Fiscal Year 2023 Comprehensive Plan and Behavior Health Submission:

-Amy Boxberger, CKCC Director, will provide details. The Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC) requires submitting 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. Also required is the submission of the Behavior Health Request for the same period.

Amy Boxberger, CKCC Director, asked the commission for permission to submit the FY 2023 Comprehensive Plan and gave an overview of the program. CKCC is state funded by grants through local county government. We are considered county employees and are provided office space by the counties in the 20th Judicial District. We provide community supervision of high-risk offenders who are not incarcerated. Overall goals are to divert high-cost incarceration and provide rehabilitative services, provide supervision of adult offenders and correctional services not in the facility but in our community. CKCC responds to specific local issues and needs. We are uniquely positioned to evaluate and recommend programming to respond to risks and needs in the community. Goal is to prevent future crime by using solutions unique to each community. Our funding remains the same as last year with Department of Corrections Grant at \$510,344.14 and a Behavioral Health Grant for \$15,350.00 for a total allocation of \$525,694.14.

Commissioner Schartz said you are continually called to do more with less. Boxberger said they have had to seek out additional funding.

Commissioner Esfeld moved to approve the Community Corrections Comprehensive Plan and Behavioral Health Request for the Fiscal Year 2023 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.

Commissioner Prescott joined the meeting.

C. JUVENILE SERVICES: 2023 Budget Approval:

-Marissa Woodmansee, Juvenile Services Director, will provide details. The Juvenile Services Department requests approval of the 2023 fiscal budget. The budget has been prepared based on figures provided by the Kansas Department of Corrections – Juvenile Services.

Marissa Woodmansee, Juvenile Services Director, asked permission to submit their State Block Grant. Funding remains stagnant but with the cost savings the state has done with not having juvenile offenders

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go into group homes, foster homes, etc., the funds have been repurposed for programs. The base allocation is \$796,239.01. That includes intake and assessment 24/7/365, diversion program, intensive supervised probation and case management. Last year 464 youth were served through intake & assessment for the total district, split between child in need of care and juvenile offenders. From Barton County, 16 youth went to detention. 68 youth went through the diversion program, down from the previous year of 100. Intensive probation and case management had 12 youth in the programs. Out of that 12, only 1 was unsuccessful. The Parent Project had 19 families last year. Of those families, only one child came back through intake & assessment.

Commissioner Schartz said Woodmansee does a great job and was glad to know she had some discretion about keeping the youth in our community.

Commissioner Esfeld asked where detention centers were located. Woodmansee said they still utilize Reno County Youth Services for the majority of the detention placements. However, those beds are harder to obtain and they have to go to Garden City and have even had to go to Topeka.

Commissioner Esfeld moved to approve the 2023 Budget as presented and authorize its submission to the Kansas Department of Corrections – Juvenile Services.

Commissioner Prescott seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

D. COURTHOUSE UPDATE: OSE Courthouse Renovation Design:

-Phil Hathcock, Facilities Director, will provide details. On December 14, 2021, the Commissioners approved Orazem & Scalora Engineering, PA (OSE) to perform a feasibility study to replace the existing heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC) system and improve building ventilation. After receiving a feasibility study, the Commissioners requested a proposal from OSE to provide services for design and oversight of the bid and build of the HVAC and ventilation system for the Courthouse.

Phil Hathcock, Facilities Director, presented details.

Commissioner Schartz said we knew this was going to be an expensive endeavor, but it is time to do this and preserve the building.

Commissioner Krier moved to accept the proposal from OSE to provide design, bid and build services related to the replacement of the existing heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC). Payment for basic services, \$164,500.00, and incidentals, to be made from the ARPA Fund, Equipment Line, 906-00-6951-60, supported in whole by the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, awarded to Barton County by the United States Department of the Treasury.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

E. ROAD AND BRIDGE: RFP – Replacement Bed on 2 – 1996 Peterbilt Dump Trucks:

-Darren Williams, County Works Director, will present details. The Road and Bridge Department accepted bids for a Bibeau bed and advanced hydraulic package update for two 1996 Peterbilt Dump Trucks until 2:00 p.m., March 13, 2022. FleetPride, Wichita, submitted the only bid at a cost of \$51,255.53 per vehicle.

Darren Williams, County Works Director, said only one bid was received from FleetPride for \$51,255.53 per truck bed. The beds are 15 feet with high lift tailgates, new tarp system with hand crank, certified hydraulic package to allow use for snow plowing and salt spreader. Also includes new controls for inside cabs, painting the frames black and matching the yellow beds.

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Commissioner Prescott moved to approve the FleetPride bid for the Replacement Bed on 2 – 1996 Peterbilt Dump Trucks. Total project cost of \$102,511.06, to be paid from the Equipment Replacement Fund, Equipment Replacement, Road and Bridge Line, 072-00-6485.

Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.

Commissioner Krier said Matt, myself, Darren and Gary Demel interviewed an individual for Gary's replacement. The one thing that Matt and I came away from is Gary cannot be replaced, we can just replace his position but not Gary. It is amazing. I think Matt will verify it is amazing what he has done over the years, what he brings to this county.

Commissioner Hutchinson said fifty plus years.

Commissioner Krier said fifty plus years, it is just amazing and his knowledge, I was explaining to the potential for his replacement, what he would have to do. It is pretty impressive.

Matt Patzner said I was blown away.

Commissioner Krier said I was too.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

IV. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

V. OTHER BUSINESS:

Commissioner Krier – recognized Linda Moeder and Duane Reif for diligently attending the commission meetings. Both are candidates for Commission District 1.

Duane Reif – important to attend and had been watching it streamed as well.

Linda Moeder – been informative to see the responsibilities of the commission.

VI. ADJOURN.

Commissioner Schartz moved to adjourn at 9:34 A.M.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:


Bev Schmeidler
Barton County Clerk


Shawn Hutchinson, Chairman

EXECUTIVE SESSION: (Done in Study Session)

At 11:11 A.M. Commissioner Schartz moved to go into Executive Session for Attorney Client privileges until 11:30 A.M. to include the commissioners, Patrick Hoffman and Matt Patzner.

Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

At 11:31 A.M. Commissioner Krier moved to come out of Executive Session with no action taken.

Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.