

# Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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June 1, 2022

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 1st day of June 2022, at the Barton County Courthouse.

## *Members present:*

Kirby Krier, Commissioner, 1st District  
Barb Esfeld, Commissioner, 2nd District, (*Chairman Pro-Tem*)  
Shawn Hutchinson, Commissioner, 3<sup>rd</sup> District, Chairman  
Jon Prescott, Commissioner, 4th District  
Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner, 5th District  
Bev Schmeidler, County Clerk  
Matt Patzner, Director of Operations  
Patrick Hoffmann, County Counselor

## **I. OPENING BUSINESS:**

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

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

Commissioner Krier moved to approve the minutes of the May 25, 2022, Regular Meeting.  
Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **II. OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no Old Business.

## **III. NEW BUSINESS:**

*Jim Jordan, County Treasurer, was unavailable.  
Will discuss with commissioners in Study Session next week.*

### **A. TREASURER'S OFFICE: HB 2380 Motor Vehicle Fee Bill:**

-Jim Jordan, County Treasurer, will provide details. HB 2380, Senate Substitute for HB 2380 by Committee on Ways and Means, essentially calls for increasing certain registration and title fees on vehicles for services performed by county treasurers and the division of vehicles and decreasing certain fees related to administrative costs and disposition of such fees and eliminating the division of vehicles modernization surcharge. This bill has not been passed into law. It is anticipated that the Kansas County Treasurer's Association will reintroduce this bill in an effort to reduce state-mandated operational costs.

### **B. HEALTH DEPARTMENT: 2nd Annual Community Baby Shower:**

-Karen Winkelman, Health Director, will provide details. The Barton County Health Department will host a Community Baby Shower from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., on Thursday, June 23, 2022. The 2nd annual event, held at Jack Kilby Square, is open to new and expectant parents, support people and community service providers. Educational opportunities will focus on safe sleep. Included will be door prizes, daddy relay games, immunizations and activities for children.

Karen Winkelman, Health Director, introduced Christy Huslig, Maternal Child Health Team, to give details.

Christy Huslig, Maternal Child Health Team, said this would be the second time to hold the event. They partnered with the Kansas Children's League Healthy Families and Great Bend Fire Department this year. Huslig wrote a mini grant last year for Injury Prevention. That grant gave them the funds for the event.

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They have approximately 40 cribs to give to families and sleep sacks. Great Bend Fire Department will be giving out smoke detectors. Approximately 23 vendors are participating including WIC, Health Department, Family Crisis Center, Moment of Grace, United Healthcare Community Plan, Rise Up Barton County, Great Bend Fire Department, United Way, Public Library, Sunflower Early Education, Catholic Charities, University of Kansas Health Center, AETNA, Kansas Works, Sunflower Health Plan, Great Bend Police Department, Birthright, Clara Barton, Barton County Academy, Birthkeeping and Midwifery, and others. The hope is to bring all the resources to one place for families. They will have demonstrations for safe sleeping for babies, talk about smoking cessation and second hand smoke as well as breastfeeding. Goal is to educate people and save lives.

Commissioner Schartz said anytime people with like goals can come together and network, it makes for a stronger community.

Huslig said all the pediatricians, OB's and any physicians that deliver babies will be at the shower.

Commissioner Prescott asked Huslig how this year's shower compares to last years. Huslig said last year they had 15 vendors.

Huslig said the Community Baby Shower began with KIDS (Kansas Infant Death Sids) Network out of Wichita. They train Safe Sleep Instructors.

## **C. USDA DISTANCE LEARNING AND TELEMEDICINE GRANT PROGRAM: Program Update:**

-Dereck Hollingshead, Information Technology Director, will provide details. In 2020, Barton, Ellsworth, Rice and Stafford Counties received a USDA Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant. Funding provided for telehealth equipment for detention facilities and public health as well as Central Kansas Community Corrections and 20th Judicial District Juvenile Services.

Dereck Hollingshead, Information Technology Director, said the grant had been around for at least 17 years and Barton County was able to apply for it every year. USDA now awards the grant in \$1million increments. The USDA DLT Grant covers 85% of the cost with the applicant covering 15%. Notified in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2020 that Barton County received the grant award of almost \$900,000.00. Barton County's portion was approximately \$80,000.00. The previous Grant Coordinator secured funding from other sources to help with those costs so Barton County would only have to pay approximately \$25,000.00. They started placing orders for equipment in late 2020 and early 2021. There were significant delays on deliveries and damaged items throughout 2021 and early 2022. The equipment received in good condition was immediately put to use. This grant saved Barton County a lot of money and allowed IT to proactively replace critical equipment before equipment failure. Barton County again applied for the USDA Grant in 2021 but were denied because the 2020 grant had not been completed. In the first quarter of 2022, Barton County had still not received the medical carts, so the remaining order was canceled. Security and AV products were found to replace the canceled products which were all eligible per the grant. Barton County has contracted with an attorney who specializes in the USDA DLT Grant to assist with the change order and finalize the grant. The change order must be submitted this week or early next week and takes anywhere from 3 weeks to 4 months to get approved. Depending on how long the change order takes will determine if Barton County can reapply for 2022. If unable to apply in 2022, Hollingshead recommended applying for 2023. In 2023, IT would be able to do a refresh of all the equipment since it will have reached the 3-year period. That equipment could then be moved to other parts of the county that do not have access to grant funding. This has been one of Hollingshead's favorite projects as it allowed the county the get equipment that would never have been purchased at full cost and allowed for upgrades to outdated equipment.

Commissioner Prescott asked Hollingshead if Barton County was applying for a specific amount in 2022. Hollingshead said they submit a plan with a budget. Going forward, it would have to be decided if the other counties with be included. Including them in the past helped with the rurality score.

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Commissioner Esfeld asked how often we could apply for the grant. Hollingshead said every year, but the attorney said usually every 2 – 3 years.

Commissioner Esfeld asked about the damaged medical carts. Hollingshead said FedEx would deliver them from the east coast. They would alter the packages and arrived with broken stands and crushed legs. After a few of those arrived, they canceled the rest so the grant could be completed.

Commissioner Schartz said reapplying was probably easier than the initial application. Hollingshead said yes, it will be easier.

Hollingshead said they will use the telemedicine soon at the jail, the doctor will not have to travel as much.

## IV. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

## V. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Commissioner Krier – asked Karen Winkelman about monkeypox. Winkelman said it is a distant cousin to chicken pox and smallpox. It is more prevalent in other countries but there are 15 confirmed cases in 7 (states) of the United States. It is believed that there is some protection from the smallpox vaccine for those that had received it. Since smallpox had been eradicated, the vaccine is very limited, but they are looking at possibly upping production of the vaccine.

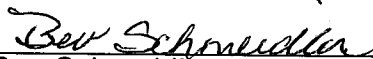
## VI. ADJOURN.

Commissioner Schartz moved to adjourn at 9:32 A.M.

Commissioner Prescott seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Bev Schmeidler  
Barton County Clerk



Shawn Hutchinson, Chairman

## Executive Session Notes from Director of Operations – County Clerk not present

6/1/2022 10:05 am

Jennifer moves to go into executive session for a period of 10 minutes to discuss no elected personnel  
Jon seconds

All in favor aye from all.

Kirby makes motion to come out of executive session with no action taken

Jennifer second

All in favor aye from all.