

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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July 18, 2023

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 18th day of July 2023, at the 1500 Kansas location.

Members present:

Duane Reif, Commissioner, 1st District
Shawn Hutchinson, Commissioner, 3rd District, Chairman
Donna Zimmerman, Commissioner, 5th District
Bev Schmeidler, County Clerk
Matt Patzner, County Administrator
Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor

Members absent:

Barb Esfeld, Commissioner, 2nd District, (Chairman Pro-Tem)
Tricia Schlessiger, Commissioner, 4th District

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

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

Commissioner Zimmerman moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Item E, an update on the recent storm damage.

Commissioner Reif seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Reif moved to approve minutes of the July 11, 2023, Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Zimmerman seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

II. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:

-Bev Schmeidler, County Clerk, will present details. An Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of July 4, 2023, and ending July 18, 2023.

Bev Schmeidler, County Clerk, presented details.

Commissioner Zimmerman moved to approve appropriations for the period of July 4, 2023, to July 18, 2023. Authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.

Commissioner Reif seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

-There was no Old Business.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

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

-Bev Schmeidler, 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.

✓ Schmeidler, County Clerk, presented details.

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BATCH #8	VALUES	ESCAPED TAXES	ADDED / ABATED	REFUNDS
Gas				
Oil				
Personal Property	12,713			
Real Estate	(247,317)		(\$44,668.76)	\$44,668.76
16/20 M Trucks	4,783			
State Assessed Utilities				
Special Assessments				
Grand Totals	(229,821)	\$0.00	(\$44,668.76)	\$44,668.76
Total Taxes	(\$44,668.76)			
Total Records Selected	16			

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

Commissioner Zimmerman seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. CENTRAL KANSAS COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS: Request for Proposal – CKCC “The Family Peace Initiative” Classes:

Amy Boxberger, CKCC Director, will provide details. Central Kansas Community Corrections (CKCC) received a Kansas Department of Corrections Behavioral Health grant for curriculums used to assist felony probationers in building skills to live a healthy and productive lifestyle. Selected was the Family Peace Initiative, an alternative to incarceration, designed to improve outcomes for probationers with risk areas in antisocial attitudes, antisocial personality, antisocial companions, or a history of antisocial behaviors, as identified in the KDOC-approved risk assessment tools. CKCC released a Request for Proposal on July 6, and bids were accepted until July 10, 2023. Stepping Stones to Recovery submitted the only bid.

Amy Boxberger, CKCC Director, presented details. Boxberger said they would facilitate the curriculum of six hours a week for fifty weeks ending June 30, 2024. Her office would provide all supplies.

Commissioner Zimmerman asked if there was only one bid received and how many people would be accommodated. Boxberger said there was just one bid and they projected up to 75 people, divided into gender specific groups.

Commissioner Reif asked how many hours a week. Boxberger said one and a half hours each class, twice a week.

Commissioner Reif moved to approve the bid from Stepping Stones to Recovery to provide The Family Peace Initiative classes. Cost of service, not to exceed \$15,000.00, to be paid from the CKCC Fund, Other Contractual Services Line, 095-70-5465.

Commissioner Zimmerman seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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C. RESOLUTION 2023-19: A Resolution Establishing an Approval Process for Change Orders Relative to the Courthouse HVAC Improvement Project:

-Matt Patzner, County Administrator, will present details. Under the proposed Resolution, the County has developed procedures specifically for the HVAC Improvement Project at the Barton County Courthouse. Generally, in the event that Project Contractors or Sub-Contractors request a Change Order in an amount less than \$50,000.00, and approval at the next scheduled Commission meeting would likely cause a delay in the project completion, Matt Patzner, County Administrator, may approve said order with the authorization of Commissioner Shawn Hutchinson. If Commissioner Hutchinson is not available, with the authorization of Commissioner Duane Reif. Subsequent to such action, the change order would be presented to the Commission for ratification at the next available agenda meeting.

Matt Patzner, County Administrator, presented details.

Commissioner Hutchinson said this was a good thing, we do not want to hold them up.

Commissioner Zimmerman said they discussed it during study session last week and understood the necessity of it.

Commissioner Zimmerman moved to adopt Resolution 2023-19, A Resolution Establishing an Approval Process for Change Orders Relative to the Courthouse HVAC Improvement Project.

Commissioner Reif seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

No Executive Session Held

D. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

-Chairman Shawn Hutchinson will present. Any Commissioner may make a motion for the board to recess to executive session at this time as allowed by K.S.A. 75-4319. Any motion must contain the justification for the executive session, the subject matter to be discussed, any individuals in addition to the board who will attend the executive session and the time at which the regular session shall resume.

E. STORM DAMAGE UPDATE:

Amy Miller, Emergency Management, said they had a disaster declaration signed and approved by the Commission Chairman on Sunday, July 16th. She would be submitting it to the State of Kansas Division of Emergency Management. Most of the damage was within the city limits of Great Bend, although there was some damage outside the city limits. The National Weather Service did a storm survey yesterday. They determined it was straight line winds with winds up to 85 mph in some areas. Hail ranged from pea sized to baseball sized with some grapefruit sized. Lots of home damages as well as vehicles and glass damage. Miller encouraged everyone to file with their insurance companies. Up to five county vehicles with hail damage and all of the county buildings roofs will be checked for any damage. The City of Great Bend and the new City Administrator opened a cooling center for the public. The Barton County Health Department was offering Tdap shots for anyone needing them.

Commissioner Hutchinson said Karen Winkelman, Health Director, said KDHE was providing the Tdap doses free to the community. They would be set up in the Health Department parking lot and could also go to people in need.

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Miller said the National Weather Service said it appeared there were two different pushes of the storm. One went through the eastern part of town and out to the south, winds were not as high in that one. The other was on the west side of Great Bend.

Commissioner Hutchinson said he was proud to be a part of this community. Everyone came together and cleaned the area quickly.

Miller said we were very lucky to not have major injuries, there were cuts and scrapes from glass.

Commissioner Zimmerman asked Miller how many residents were still without power. Miller said the last number she saw was 1,500 on Sunday night.

Commissioner Zimmerman was appreciative of the power companies for getting power restored as quickly as they did.

Commissioner Hutchinson said the county assisted with trucks and equipment. He asked Miller to explain why the disaster declaration was important in layman's terms.

Miller said you want to get the disaster declaration in place in the event things are worse than originally perceived. It also allows the power companies to work longer hours. Also allows liability coverage for good Samaritans. It helps speed things up.

Commissioner Reif said anything that could be done to speed things up was helpful.

Dena Popp, Communications Director, thanked Road & Bridge for cleaning around the Communications Center, Mark Kircher from Wheatland for all of his assistance and the City of Great Bend Street Department. Popp said most injuries were minor but they were aware of one that was serious.

V. ENDING BUSINESS:

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1. Announcements
2. Appointments

VII. OTHER BUSINESS:

Bev Schmeidler – Early voting began today in the County Clerk's Office.

VIII. ADJOURN.

Commissioner Reif moved to adjourn at 9:22 A.M.

Commissioner Zimmerman seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Bev Schmeidler
Barton County Clerk



Shawn Hutchinson, Chairman