

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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June 28, 2023

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 28th day of June 2023, at the Barton County Courthouse.

Members present:

Duane Reif, Commissioner, 1st District
Barb Esfeld, Commissioner, 2nd District, (*Chairman Pro-Tem*)
Shawn Hutchinson, Commissioner, 3rd District, Chairman
Tricia Schlessiger, Commissioner, 4th District
Donna Zimmerman, Commissioner, 5th District
Bev Schmeidler, County Clerk
Matt Patzner, County Administrator
Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

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

Commissioner Zimmerman moved to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Schlessiger seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Esfeld moved to consider the minutes from the June 14, 2023, and the June 21, 2023, as submitted by the County Clerk.

Commissioner Hutchinson said was that good enough.

Matt Patzner said you need to approve.

Commissioner Esfeld said approve, that would be nice.

Commissioner Hutchinson said motion to approve those meeting minutes, is there a second.

Commissioner Schlessiger seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

-There was no Old Business.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

A. COUNTY ENGINEER: Construction Costs for Off-System Bridge #202:

-Barry McManaman, County Engineer, will provide details. Bids were opened on June 14, 2023, for the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) Project 5 C-5205-01, replacement of Off-System Bridge #202. The bridge crosses Walnut Creek on East Barton County Road. The low bid of \$605,663.00 was submitted by L&M Contractors, Inc. KDOT will pay for 85% of the project construction cost with Kansas Local Bridge Improvement Program (KLBIP) funding. Barton County is responsible for the remaining 15%. Per the KLBIP agreement, the County is to fully fund the contract up front, with KDOT reimbursing the County for 85% of the final construction cost.

Barry McManaman, County Engineer, said the bridge was about a mile east of Kiowa Kitchen on East Barton County Road. It was only nineteen feet wide causing great difficulty as farm equipment cannot pass. There had been discussions about replacing this bridge for a number of years.

The following bids were received:

L&M Contractors	\$605,663.00
Reece Construction	\$637,090.18
King Construction	\$661,787.00
Bridges Inc.	\$762,400.72

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The engineer's estimate from Kirkham Michael was \$833,308. L&M stated in the bid documents that they would start around November 13 but in conversations with them, they may be able to start as early as August or September. The road would be closed during construction. McManaman noted that KDOT had the upcoming four lane project. If the bridge would get replaced before the KDOT project, farmers would be able to use that bridge during the four-lane construction.

Commissioner Zimmerman asked if another bridge in that area was recently replaced. McManaman said yes, about a quarter mile west of this bridge.

Commissioner Reif said this would be during fall harvest. McManaman said landowners in the area were happy to see it replaced as it would give them another route to utilize.

Commissioner Schlessiger said they had avoided that bridge for years.

McManaman noted that this was a reimbursement program, the County would have to pay up front and then get the funds reimbursed by KDOT.

Commissioner Reif said this was a relatively old bridge. McManaman said it was built in the 1920's.

Commissioner Schlessiger moved to accept the \$605,663.00 bid from L&M Contractors, Inc. for the replacement of Off-System Bridge #202 under KDOT Project 5 C-5205-01. Cost to be paid as follows – Special Bridge Fund, Construction Related Items Line, 003-92-6191-92 at \$90,849.45 and Capital Improvements Fund, Improvement Not Buildings-General Line, 071-00-6310 at \$514,813.55. The KDOT reimbursement, up to \$514,813.55, to be deposited into the General Fund and any additional funds to be deposited into the Special Bridge Fund. Note that the General Fund deposit will be transferred to Capital Improvement.

Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – ROUND I: Grant Deadline Extension:

-Matt Patzner, County Administrator, will provide details. In 2021, the Commission authorized a series of Façade Improvement Grants. There are approximately eleven projects that remain unfinished.

Generally, these projects have been hampered by supply line and contractor issues. The Commission will be asked to extend the grant period to December 31, 2023.

Matt Patzner, County Administrator, said the current outstanding were AJN Investments, LLC; B&H Development, LLC; High Noon, LLC; Chelsea Properties, LLC; Hammond Inc. at 1405 Main and 1211 Main; The Landing; My Town LLP; two for Randall Polzin and WHB, Inc. Patzner asked that the commission extend the deadline to December 31, 2023.

Commissioner Hutchinson said they had not wanted to extend the deadlines however due to the Historical Tax District, there had been delays.

Commissioner Esfeld said she had received compliments from commissioners of other counties regarding the Façade Improvement Grant project.

Commissioner Esfeld moved to extend the contract period for the remaining Façade Improvement Project, Round I recipients, to December 31, 2023.

Commissioner Zimmerman seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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No Executive Session Held

C. 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.

IV. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

V. OTHER BUSINESS:

Tracy and Gordon Zahnter – asked the commission to consider a noise ordinance in the unincorporated areas of the county. They have a neighbor who plays music loudly for hours. They have tried everything they can to resolve the issues, putting in triple paned windows, staying in hotels, etc. When they call 911 and the Sheriff's Office responds, they are not able to do much without an ordinance.

Tony Lopez – also asking for noise ordinance to be considered, he lives in the same rural area.

Patrick Hoffman – he will draft something and have the County Attorney and Sheriff review it.


VI. ADJOURN.

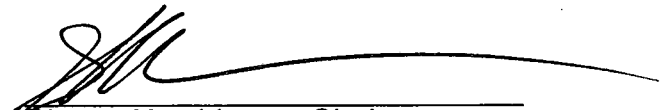
Commissioner Schlessiger moved to adjourn at 9:39 A.M.

Commissioner Reif seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:


Bev Schmeidler
Barton County Clerk


Shawn Hutchinson, Chairman