

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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June 7, 2023

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 7th 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 approve minutes of the May 24, 2023, and the May 31, 2023 Regular Meetings.

Commissioner Reif 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 May 24, 2023, and ending June 7, 2023.

Bev Schmeidler, County Clerk, presented details.

Commissioner Zimmerman moved to approve appropriations for the period of May 24, 2023, to June 7, 2023. Authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.

Commissioner Schlessiger seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

-There was no Old Business.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. COUNTY ENGINEER: KDOT No Passing Zones Study and Signing Project:

-Barry McManaman, County Engineer, will provide details. Barton County has been selected to receive Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) funding to analyze the need for no passing zones and signing on 77 miles of roads. These County blacktops, primarily in the southern half of Barton County, have not previously been studied for no passing zones. KDOT is asking the County Commission to approve the project. KDOT will cover the total design and construction cost, estimated at \$171,000.00.

Barry McManaman, County Engineer, said in the past they had a consulting firm do the studies on a couple of projects on major collector routes. With the approval of this project, they would go back and finish up the major collector routes that had not had studies done, as well as some of the minor collector

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Local road blacktops. One of the requirements by KDOT when requesting funding was to have an engineering study done.

Commissioner Zimmerman asked if that was the area Road & Bridge was already working on. McManaman said it was the same area.

Commissioner Schlessiger moved to approve the Kansas Department of Transportation, Bureau of Local Projects, Project Programming Request for the No Passing Zone Evaluation and Signing.

Commissioner Zimmerman seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. RESOLUTION 2023-18: A Resolution Transferring Monies from the General Fund to the Barton County Employee Trust Fund:

-Matt Patzner, County Administrator, will provide details. The County has traditionally provided certain funding to source employee engagement. As the Employee Relations Committee has been dissolved, it is suggested that the Commission transfer \$10,000.00 to be used for employee engagement. In addition, that Brenda Kaiser, Human Resource Director, be tasked with development of an Employee Engagement Committee.

Matt Patzner, County Administrator, said typical practices had included a summer picnic, holiday party, beef bundles, jackets and retirement gifts. The Employee Relations Committee that had been responsible for these had been dissolved. It was suggested that the Commission transfer \$10,000.00 to be used for employee engagement. Some of the areas to be focused on were employee morale, community service and employee input on benefits and certain policies. Looking at putting together a five-person board of interested employees. Patzner felt it was important to have employee engagement with input from the employees.

Commissioner Hutchinson felt this was a good idea.

Commissioner Esfeld said instead of having a representative from each department having to participate, this group would be just a few interested employees who want to participate.

Patzner said ideas would be generated from the employees and would go before the commission for action to be taken.

Commissioner Schlessiger said it was exciting to get five employees who can spread their enthusiasm.

Commissioner Reif moved to adopt Resolution 2023-18, A Resolution Transferring Monies from the General Fund to the Barton County Employee Trust Fund. Further, direct Ms. Kaiser to begin developing an Employee Engagement Committee.

Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

No Executive Session Held

C. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

-Chairman Shawn Hutchinson will present. Any Commissioner may make a motion for the board to recess the 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.

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ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

Commissioner Hutchinson – wished his mother a Happy Birthday.

VII. ADJOURN.


Commissioner Zimmerman moved to adjourn at 9:15 A.M.

Commissioner Schlessiger seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:


Bev Schmeidler
Barton County Clerk


Shawn Hutchinson, Chairman

RESOLUTION 2023-18

**A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING MONIES TO THE
BARTON COUNTY EMPLOYEE TRUST FUND**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, is vested in the retention and recruitment of employees; and

WHEREAS, in addition to pay and benefits, there is a known correlation between employee retention and employee engagement; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to improve employee engagement, the Commission will transfer certain funding for engagement activities and, when possible, will provide annual funding.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, directs the transfer of \$10,000.00 from the General Fund, Transfer Out Line, 001-00-9000, to the Barton County Employee Trust Fund, Fund 250.

Dated this 7th day of June, 2023.


BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Shawn Hutchinson, Chairman


Barb Esfeld, Commissioner


Duane A Reif, Commissioner


Tricia Schlessiger, Commissioner


Donna Zimmerman, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Bev Schmeidler,
County Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Patrick Hoffman,
County Counselor