

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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January 3, 2012

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 3rd day of January 2012, at the Barton County Courthouse.

Members present:

Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner, 5th District, Chairman

Kenny Schremmer, Commissioner, 1st District (Chairman Pro-Tem)

Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner, 2nd District

John Edmonds, Commissioner, 3rd District

Don Cates, Commissioner, 4th District,

Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

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

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

The minutes of the December 27, 2011 Regular Meeting were not available.

II. APPROVAL OF ENCUMBRANCES:

-A 2011 Encumbrances Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period ending December 23,

11. Encumbrances, simply, are items or services wherein funds have been committed in the Fiscal year but the invoice has not been received.

Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk, explained encumbrances were a payment for any product or service that has not been received, but where we have a billing or an invoice with a 2011 date.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve encumbrances through December 23, 2011.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. SUNFLOWER DIVERSIFIED SERVICES: Letter of Support:

-Sunflower Diversified Services has requested a Letter of Support for a Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) grant application. Monies provided by KDOT would be used to continue the operation of the General Public Transportation System.

Sarah Krom, Sunflower Diversified Services, requested a letter of support for State fiscal year of 2013 for their General Public Transportation System. Krom estimated they provided 51,000 rides during calendar year 2012 and noted that during KDOT's fiscal year 2012, they contributed \$311,250 to support the system. Sunflower will request at least that same level of support from KDOT but will still have to pay about \$63,000 of unmet costs for transportation themselves.

Tim Johnson, Sunflower Diversified Services, was also present.

Commissioner Cates asked if this would require County matching funds. Krom said no.

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Commissioner Schartz asked when rates were last increased? Krom said rates were raised in 2008 and they were looking at reduction of services as opposed to another rate increase.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve a Letter of Support for the Sunflower Diversified Services grant application for Kansas Department of Transportation Funds.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES FOR COUNTY FUNDS:

-A designation of Barton County financial institutions as official depositories comes before the Commission. Such institutions must meet the 100% pledged securities requirement for all County funds. According to County Resolution 2006-23, all depositories must provide to the County Treasurer and the Financial Officer proof of security for these funds whenever such information is requested. Each institution designated as an official depository shall be notified by certified letter that they are required to meet the 100% pledged security.

Janet Crane, Financial Officer, and Kevin Wondra, County Treasurer, presented details.

The listing of the depositories the County proposes for use in 2012 follows:

- American State Bank, Great Bend
- Community Bank, Ellinwood\Great Bend
- Farmers Bank and Trust, Albert \ Great Bend
- First Kansas Bank, Great Bend \ Hoisington \ Claflin
- Landmark National Bank, Hoisington\Great Bend
- Sunflower Bank, Ellinwood \ Great Bend
- Wilson State Bank, Hoisington

Crane said the County had \$32 million in deposits at 2011 year end and noted the seven banks listed are official depositories. Crane said she works with the County Treasurer on the investment of funds and bids out long term CD's.

The following individual(s) presented information or made comments:

Becky Wornkey: Asked why the Credit Union could not be included? Crane said it was not allowed per statutes.

Commissioner Cates moved to approve the 2012 Official Depositories as listed.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

C. COUNTY ENGINEERING: KDOT Off-System Bridge Program – FFY 2013 Grant:

-The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) has awarded a grant from its Off-System Bridge Program for Federal Fiscal Year 2013 (FFY 2013). This grant is for the replacement of Bridge #203, a 39'-69' Steel Truss Bridge located 0.3 miles south and 1.5 miles east of Great Bend, Kansas, on SE 35 Avenue. With a total estimated project cost of \$576,630, the County's estimated match would be \$115,326. Other details include construction engineering services being provided by the Engineering department, estimated at \$110,000.

Clark Rusco, County Engineer, reported this project requires an 80/20 match and estimated that we're most likely looking at a project cost of \$400,000 and a county match of \$80,000. Rusco estimated construction engineering at \$50,000 and said our out-of-pocket expenses would be \$30,000. Rusco explained we pay "up front" and then are reimbursed and said we encumbered \$115,000 for this project.

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Rusco further explained the old bridge was originally “moved in” and was the last truss bridge in use in Barton County.

Commissioner Schremmer asked if this included cost of easement? Rusco said no, the 40' easement cost is \$7,500 and is not funded by the grant.

Commissioner Cates moved to accept the KDOT Off-System Bridge Program grant for Federal Fiscal Year 2013 for the replacement of Bridge #203, a 39'-69' steel truss bridge located 0.3 miles South and 1.5 miles East of Great Bend, Kansas, on SE 35 Avenue and moved to encumber \$115,000 from the Special Bridge Fund, Construction Costs and Equipment line, 17-10-4420, for the required match.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

V. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Comm Schremmer: Asked Treasurer Kevin Wondra about a recent situation, during the sale of property, where our records showed property taxes weren't paid. Schremmer said the tax payment had not been processed yet. Treasurer Wondra explained several employees had been sick and one employee had been gone with a new grandchild. Wondra also said Sunflower Bank used to process payments under Jan Karlin, but he ended up paying more for processing than we earned on interest last year so the office is processing the payments this year. Said they have been slammed with walk-in traffic and had gotten behind.

VII. ADJOURN:

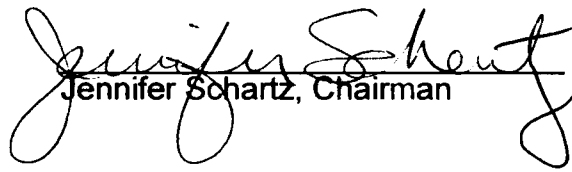
Commissioner Schremmer made a motion to adjourn at 9:30 A.M.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:


Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk


Jennifer Schartz, Chairman