

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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November 2, 2009

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 2nd day of November 2009, 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
Kirby Krier, 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 Krier moved to approve the agenda.
Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Edmonds moved to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2009 Regular Meeting and the October 23, 2009, Special Meeting and noted the minutes of the October 26, 2009, Regular Meeting were not available.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

A. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Agreement for Cash Incentives:

-Under the Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund (EDRLF) Guidelines, up to a certain percentage of fund monies can be used as Cash Incentives to qualified businesses. Generally, cash incentives are available for a manufacturer selling a majority of products or services outside the State of Kansas, replaces a product normally imported into Kansas, is a regional distribution center principally for inter-state commerce or provides supervision of business activities that primarily occur outside of Kansas. The incentive may be used for real estate, buildings, equipment, working capital or other needs as approved by the EDRLF Loan Review Commission. In addition, the application must create or retain 100 or more full-time equivalent jobs with fifty-one percent meeting the low to moderate income requirements. With cash incentives to be spent locally, the application must be in production within six months of the date of funding or the incentive is terminated. Monies must be returned if the business closes within three years and, after that period, the cash incentive is forgiven, provided that all other terms are met.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, presented an Agreement for Cash Incentives.

Commissioner Kruckenberg moved to enter into an Agreement with the City of Great Bend and Red Barn Pet Products, Inc.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

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

Jan Peters, Great Bend Chamber of Commerce President

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B. CONSOLIDATION OF OFFICES: Future Direction:

-At the evening meeting in Hoisington on October 19, 2009, the Commission discussed with the public Commissioner Kirby Krier's idea for the possible consolidation of certain County offices. Included in his proposal would be the elimination of the positions of the County Treasurer, the County Clerk and the Register of Deeds. Krier's plan is that the duties of the three positions would then be assigned to one professional who would also oversee the functions of each office's statutory duties. Although a public vote would be required during a gubernatorial election, the next being in 2010, the placement of the question on the ballot could be the result of Commission action or citizen petition. At this time, the Commission will consider directing Mr. Boeckman's future actions in reference to the consolidation.

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

- Comm Krier: Look at the talent that the County has now. Eliminate the elected office of Treasurer. Janet Crane could oversee the Treasurer's Office. Eliminate the elected office of Register of Deeds. The Appraiser could oversee that office. Every year Adams, Brown, Beran & Ball recommends cross training and we should do that between offices.
- Comm Schartz: We can do nothing or vote to have Richard Boeckman prepare a study.
- Tim Keenan: Appreciate effort to save taxes but this would be a mistake. This is an accountability issue. Leave these three offices elected. Look at non-elected positions when looking at cost.
- Comm Edmonds: Significant loss of accountability.
- Aliease Dougherty: Disservice to take away peoples right to vote.
- Becky Wornkey: Commission should put this foolish notion to rest and look at wages, longevity and insurance.
- Kyle Radenberg, previous county employee: There are ways to be more efficient on the 2nd floor, but not doing away with elected officials.
- Daniel Nobles: Nothing to fix, not broken. Elected officials doing a wonderful job.
- Comm Krier: Asked Ms. McMallow (Radenberg) to give an example of ways to be more efficient
- Kyle Radenberg: Cross training between offices.
- Comm Krier: When Marcia Johnson, Register of Deeds, took back her office she needed a part-time person to help get caught up. It was hard to find someone qualified.
- Marcia Johnson, Register of Deeds: Her office in tremendous mess when she returned and did use help from the Appraiser and County Clerk's offices.
- Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk: ELVIS software system poses a problem for cross training when considering security access.
- Comm Kruckenberg: Commended Krier, but said he's ahead of his time.
- Aliease Dougherty: No complaints on Treasurers Office.
- Chuck Smith, Tribune: Dictatorial and totalitarianism. This is wrong. Don't take away my right to vote.
- Comm Krier: Let voters decide. Would like to continue discussions with Kyle McMallow (Radenberg) and others on ways to be more efficient.
- Kyle Radenberg: Would not be comfortable participating.
- Comm Krier: Would like to discuss further in study sessions.

No motion made.

C. RESOLUTION 2009-29: Barton County Nuisance Code and Rescinding Resolution 2009-25, Same, Adopted September 28, 2009:

-In September, Resolution 2009-25, commonly referred to as the Nuisance Code, was amended. This Resolution allows for the abatement of nuisances, to include inoperable vehicles, salvage material, garbage, weeds and other noxious vegetation. In addition, to assure the continued relief from such nuisances, those persons found to have violated the well being of others through the collection of nuisances upon private property can be penalized through the court system.

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Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, presented details on the proposed updates reference the field work related to complaints.

Sheriff Greg Armstrong supported the change.

Commissioner Krier moved to adopt Resolution 2009-29, Barton County Nuisance Code and Rescinding Resolution 2009-25, Same, Adopted September 28, 2009.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

D. EMERGENCY RISK MANAGEMENT: Local Emergency Planning Committee:

-Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC's) were established by the Federal Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act of 1986. Originally, the LEPC was designed to provide a forum for emergency management agencies, responders, industry and the public to work together to evaluate, understand and communicate chemical hazards in the community and develop appropriate emergency plans in case of accidental release of these chemicals. In recent years, the LEPC's planning efforts have been refocused to include planning for a variety of disasters that may affect the community. Floods, hazardous material spills, wildfires, natural disasters, and even terrorism all constitute real challenges facing community leaders today. Federal and State planners have advocated for development of "All-Hazards" planning, which prepares communities and counties for any disaster; not just those from chemical releases. A part of this planning requires the input of several individual appointees to the Committee.

Amy Miller, Emergency Risk Manager, discussed applications for appointments.

Amy Miller, Chairperson

Kenton Doze, Police Chief, Hoisington

Dean Aking, Police Chief, Great Bend

Greg Armstrong, Sheriff

Chris Komarek, Fire Chief, Ellinwood

Lily Aking, Public Health

Ron Seidel, Division Manager, Kansas Gas Service

Dale Phillips, Road and Bridge

Doug Hubbard, Director, Claflin EMS & Fire

Tenelle Nuest – RN, Bio-Terrorism, Ellinwood Hospital District

Sara Krom, Transportation Manager, Sunflower Diversified

Mark Witt, Landfill

Nikki Atkinson, 911 Communications Director

Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner

Kim Bainbridge, Branch Manager, Local Red Cross

Rob Pumford, Pilot, Eagle Med

Don Halbower, Volunteer, Disaster Services

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

Aliease Dougherty

Don Halbower

Commissioner Krier moved to approve the membership list of the Barton County Local Emergency Planning Committee, including Don Halbower Disaster Services Volunteer, and direct Amy Miller, Emergency Management Director, to forward the list to the Kansas Division of Emergency Management and the Kansas Commission on Emergency Planning and Response.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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E. COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS: Update:

-As a part of their public service, the Commissioners often sit on various boards and committees. This educational item has been scheduled so that each Commissioner can report, as appropriate, on the happenings of their individual assignments.

There were no reports.

F. COUNTY SERVICES: Informational Update:

-Mr. Boeckman will provide the informational report of work completed during the last period. The report, which will be made available to the media, will serve as a public reminder of the services provided by the County on a regular basis.

Information Only. No Action Required.

IV. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

V. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Comm Krier: Received many compliments on Road & Bridge sand/sealing, striping & mowing projects.
- Don Halbower, Representing American Legion Post 180: Very pleased Commission has taken action to erect memorials at cemeteries.
- Richard Boeckman: Commission has not formally taken action, but has set aside a portion of Golden Belt for veterans.
- Becky Wornkey: Do away with cookie tray for Commissioners on Mondays.

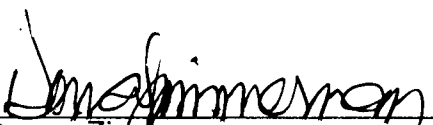
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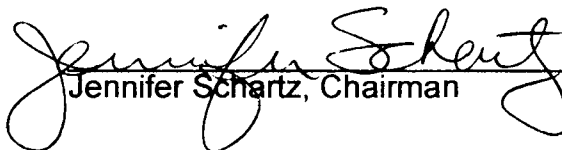
Commissioner Krier made a motion to adjourn at 10:18 A.M.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:


Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk


Jennifer Scharz, Chairman