

# Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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November 23, 2009

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 Schremmer moved to approve the agenda.  
Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Krier moved to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2009 Regular Meeting.  
Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:**

-An Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of November 9, 2009 through November 23, 2009.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve appropriations for the period of November 9, 2009 through November 23, 2009.  
Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.  
Commissioner Schartz, Commissioner Schremmer, Commissioner Kruckenberg and Commissioner Krier voted aye.  
Commissioner Edmonds abstained.  
Motion passed 4 – 0.

## **III. OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business.

## **IV. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **A. DESIGNATION OF EMERGENCY VEHICLE:**

-Haz-Mat Response Inc., on behalf of its driver Troy McFarren, has applied for a designation for an emergency vehicle in Barton County. Haz-Mat Response is called out to certain emergency situations, such as hazardous material spills or leaks. According to K.S.A. 8-2010a, such application shall be submitted to the Commissioners of the County in which the vehicle will be operated. The benefit for operating an emergency vehicle is the use of a red light.

Sheriff Greg Armstrong provided details. Troy McFarren was also present.

Commissioner Krier moved to approve an Emergency Vehicle Permit for a vehicle owned by Haz-Mat Response and operated by Troy McFarren. Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance to be maintained at \$1,000,000.00.

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

## **B. AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009 (ARRA): Use of Bonds:**

-The City of Hoisington is interested in pursuing the use of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) Bonds for building a hotel in Hoisington. If approved, the federal funds would be passed through the County.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, and Jonathan Mitchell, Hoisington City Manager, provided a public report on the proposed use.

Barton County is the recipient of \$2,650,000 in Recovery Zone Facility Bonds from the Department of Commerce. Two resolutions must be adopted to enable the County to use these bonds: designate the area as a recovery zone and allocate funds. Application must be before June 30, 2010 and bonds issued by December 31, 2011.

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

Jonathan Mitchell, Hoisington City Administrator

Kevin Couan, Bond Counsel for Gilmore & Bell

Phil Griffin, High Plains Management Developer

Ron McVey, Deckert Construction Inc.

Nancy Farmer, Hoisington Chamber of Commerce President

Lee VanScyoc, Hoisington National Bank & Economic Development Board

Stacy Bressler, Ex-President of Hoisington Chamber of Commerce

Information Only. No Action Required.

## **C. PROCLAMATION 2009-05: Support for the Census 2010:**

-Recognizing that the Census is vital to communities as it determines the apportionment of legislative seats, voting districts, the allocation of funds and the location of service facilities among other things, the Commission supports the 2010 Census efforts. Further, as census information for individuals is confidential and federal law prohibits any public or private agency from gaining access to the confidential data, the County commits to the full and accurate count placing special emphasis on enumerating members of traditionally undercounted population group. Under proposed Proclamation 2009-05, the County notes its willingness to work with key stakeholders in our community, including other elected officials, planners, community based organizations, business groups, religious institutions and members of the media.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, provided details.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to adopt Proclamation 2009-05, Support for the Census 2010.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **D. CONSOLIDATION OF OFFICES: Public Input:**

-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. Since that time, the Commission asked that Mr. Boeckman approximate the cost for the work required to take this issue to the point the County could consider a Resolution authorizing such consolidation.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, provided details.

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Commissioner Edmonds read a proposed resolution that would direct County staff to end further study of the consolidation of elected officials. A vote in favor of this resolution would be a vote in opposition to consolidation. A vote against this resolution would be a vote in favor of consolidation. Commissioner Edmonds offered the resolution as read in a motion for consideration by the Commission.

*(SEE ATTACHED PROPOSED RESOLUTION)*

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

Commissioner Krier said he could not support it as it stifles debate, the press can't ask for any additional information nor can the public. Said the County should get an AG opinion.

Commissioner Kruckenberg said three weeks ago he said Kirby was ahead of his time and should be commended for bringing it up.

Commissioner Krier stated the chair has been the one who has kept this going by putting it on the agenda. He said if the chair doesn't put it back on it will rest.

Commissioner Schremmer said he had stayed fairly quiet, but had over 45 contacts on the issue and said overall people want it left alone. Said one good thing to come from this process is that people will hopefully do more thinking about whom they elect.

Commissioner Kruckenberg stressed we don't need a wordy resolution.

Commissioner Schartz responded she had tried to get a motion a couple weeks ago.

Commissioner Edmonds asked for clarification of a motion vs a resolution.

Richard Boeckman said a motion gives direction whereas a resolution has the force of law.

Commissioner Schartz withdrew her second.

Motion died for lack of a second.

Commissioner Schremmer moved that the discussion pertaining to consolidation of elected officials cease and that we move forward.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **E. COUNTY ENGINEERING: Engineering Services:**

-Kirkham Michael and Associates and EBH and Associates were both asked to submit a Proposal for Design Engineering Services. Specifically, the projects involve, Phase I, roadway improvements on NW 10 Avenue from the north City Limits of Great Bend, Kansas, north to NW 30 Road thence east on NE 30 Road to US-281 Highway. Phase II is for roadway Improvements on NE 30 Road from US-281 Highway east to NE 30 Avenue. Roadway improvements for both Phase I and Phase II include asphalt overlay, pavement markings, traffic control and rock wedge installation.

Clark Rusco, County Engineer, provided details and noted the bid from Kirkham Michael was \$4,500 and the bid from EBH & Associates was \$14,000.

Commissioner Krier moved to approve an Engineering Services Agreement with Kirkham Michael for both Phase I (NW 10 Avenue) and Phase II (NE 30 Road) improvements. Cost of services, \$4,500, to be paid

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from the County Engineer's Account of the General Fund, Professional Services line, 10-27-4330, Professional Services.

Commissioner Edmonds seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **F. KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES: Annual Meeting Report:**

-The Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) held its Annual Meeting beginning November 15, 2009, in Overland Park. One item of note determined at the Meeting was the Legislative Policy for 2010.

Chairman Jennifer Schartz will provide information. It is anticipated that other attendees will join in providing the public report.

- Comm Schartz: Barton Co added an amendment on the Severance Tax portion of the KAC Platform to repeal the sweep of funds where 70 Counties were affected. Brad Dillon, Reno Co, wanted a repeal on exemption of low producing oil wells. That issue was deleted from the platform.
- Comm Kruckenberg: Wished Sheriff Armstrong could have listened to item at KAC and not get so excited about liability issues and making do with what they have.
- Comm Schremmer: Disappointed in KAC meeting this year and lack of county participation. They will try to schedule meeting in Wichita in a few years. Listed to discussions on: Why is our State so far in debt? Why are Counties & Townships having trouble making it? Why do we have so many exemptions?

The following individual presented information or made comments:

Kyle Radenberg

Information Only. No Action Required.

Commissioner Krier moved to table Agenda Items G and H until next week

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **G. 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. **ITEM TABLED**

## **H. 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. **ITEM TABLED**

## **V. ENDING BUSINESS:**

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

## **VI. OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Comm Edmonds: Congratulated people of Hoisington for the using the word "Christmas" and not "Happy Holidays".

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## VII. ADJOURN:

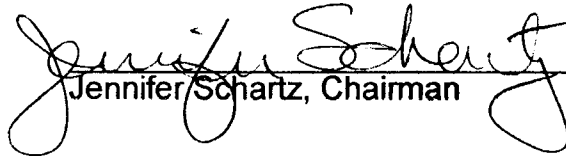
Commissioner Krier made a motion to adjourn at 10:49 A.M.

Commissioner Edmonds seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

  
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Donna Zimmerman  
Barton County Clerk

  
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Jennifer Schartz, Chairman