

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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November 30, 2009

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 30th 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 Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Minutes of the November 23, 2009, Regular Meeting were not available.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

A. 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. This item was tabled on November 23, 2009, due to the length of the meeting.

- Comm Kruckenberg: Humane Society-in hibernation, no meeting until January.
- Comm Schremmer: Gov's Comm Emerg Prep & Response-mtg Tues/Wed in Topeka. Has another mtg the following Wed in Garden City.
- Comm Schartz: Center for Counseling & Consultation-seeing increased revenue. They are developing an employee handbook.
- Comm Edmonds: No report.
- Comm Krier: No report.

Information Only. No Action Required.

B. COUNTY SERVICES: Informational Update:

-Richard Boeckman, County Counselor \ Administrator, 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. This item was tabled on November 23, 2009, due to the length of the meeting.

Information Only. No Action Required.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

A. RESOLUTION 2009-31: A Resolution Designating a Recovery Zone Pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Tax Act of 2009 for the Purpose of Issuing Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds and Recovery Zone Facility Bonds:

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-Barton County received a \$1,767,000 allocation of the National Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds limitation and a \$2,650,000 allocation of the National Recovery Zone Facility Bonds limitation pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Tax Act of 2009. The Allocations are to be used for the issuance of Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds and Recovery Zone Facility Bonds for certain expenditures located in a prescribed area that the Commission determines has a significant level of Distress Factors. Resolution 2009-31, states that the Recovery Zone has experienced significant increases in unemployment during the calendar years 2008 and 2009 and, further, designates the entirety of Barton County as the "Recovery Zone".

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, provided details. It was noted if this \$1,380,000 allocation of funds is provided for the Hoisington Hotel project, it will leave \$1,270,000 available for other projects.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to adopt Resolution 2009-31, A Resolution Designating a Recovery Zone Pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Tax Act of 2009 for the Purpose of Issuing Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds and Recovery Zone Facility Bonds.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. RESOLUTION 2009-32: A Resolution Allocating \$1,380,000 of Recovery Zone Facility Bonds to the City Of Hoisington, Kansas Pursuant to the American Recovery And Reinvestment Tax Act of 2009 for the Purpose of Facilitating a Certain Project Within Barton County, Kansas:

-With the adoption of Resolution 2009-31, A Resolution Designating a Recovery Zone Pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Tax Act of 2009 for the Purpose of Issuing Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds and Recovery Zone Facility Bonds, the Commission designated the entirety of Barton County as the "Recovery Zone" for ARRA allocations. As the County has not issued any portion of the monies to date, the Commission will consider allocating \$1,380,000 in Recovery Zone Facility Bonds to the City of Hoisington to be used to finance the cost of constructing a hotel facility in Hoisington.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, and Jonathan Mitchell, Hoisington City Manager, presented the Resolution. Jonathan Mitchell indicated a conservative estimate for the first year hotel occupancy is 41%.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to adopt Resolution 2009-32, A Resolution Allocating \$1,380,000 of Recovery Zone Facility Bonds to the City Of Hoisington, Kansas Pursuant to the American Recovery And Reinvestment Tax Act of 2009 for the Purpose of Facilitating a Certain Project Within Barton County, Kansas.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

C. COUNTY ENGINEERING: US Highway 56 and Railroad Avenue Intersection High Risk Rural Road (HRRR) Grant Application:

-The Kansas Department of Transportation is accepting grant applications for the High Risk Rural Road (HRRR) Program. The total amount requested is \$62,250 and the County would be required to provide a ten percent match of \$6,225. Construction services, totaling \$10,000, as provided by the County are included in the grant application. Funds are available for this project in the Capital Improvement Fund.

Clark Rusco, County Engineer, provided details and noted this funding program was previously used for the Boyd Road and two curves at almost \$3 million. This current application is for four lights along Highway 56 and two lights on Railroad Avenue plus some seeding and planting along the roadside.

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Commissioner Krier moved to authorize the HRRR Grant Application Submission to the Kansas Department of Transportation for the US Highway 56 and Railroad Avenue Intersection. Authorize the Commission Chair to sign KDOT Form 1302, Request for Construction Project.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

D. WORKERS COMPENSATION \ LIABILITY INSURANCE: Proposals:

-The County, after a public application period, accepted proposals for Workers Compensation and Liability Insurance until November 4, 2009. After the closing date, the submissions were reviewed by Mr. Boeckman, Amy Miller, Emergency Risk Manager and the Commission. The findings will be discussed at this time.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, and Amy Miller, Emergency Risk Manager, provided details.

2009 costs were Work Comp, \$126,342.00, and Liability \$118,666.00

HAYDEN BID, EMC as the carrier: EMC – "Employers Mutual Casualty"

Liability	\$ 89,455.00
Work Comp	\$133,358.00
Total	\$222,813.00

KCAMP LIABILITY	\$109,225.00
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KWORK WORK COMP	\$117,427.00-per Jim Parrish of KWORK includes 25% advanced discount
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Total	\$226,652.00	for one more year
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If considered as a package, Hayden is cheaper by \$3,839.00.

The cheapest option is:

Hayden Liability	\$ 89,455.00
KWORK WORK COMP	\$117,427.00
Total	\$206,882.00 - \$15,931 less than Hayden total bid

Commissioner Kruckenberg asked how many Counties are in the pool. Richard Boeckman noted there are 69 members in the KWORK pool. Kruckenberg said he was for a pool. Fifty years ago almost, he wrote a masters degree thesis on the development of coops. At the time that happened, the private elevators controlled. But as the years went on, the coops are almost 100% this day. I think there's a trend there for the pool. I don't know why you couldn't be like Solomon and divide the child between liability and work comp.

Commissioner Edmonds questioned "joint and several liability" on insurance pools. Richard Boeckman explained there is a potential of exposure on pools. This liability does not exist for EMC, as stock holders bear liability as they are a traditional insurance company.

Randy Hayden, EMC Insurance, said we are bidding apples and oranges and said the County would know their costs if they signed with his insurance company. Asked for opportunity to re-negotiate if they aren't awarded both bids.

Commissioner Krier moved to table so that Mr. Hayden has an opportunity to come back.

Commissioner Edmonds seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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IV. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

V. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Richard Boeckman: Commissioners invited to attend County Holiday Party 12/04/09 at Gt Bend Knights of Columbus at 5:30pm.

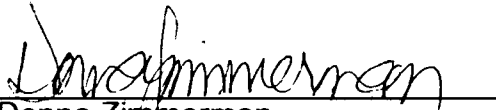
VI. ADJOURN:

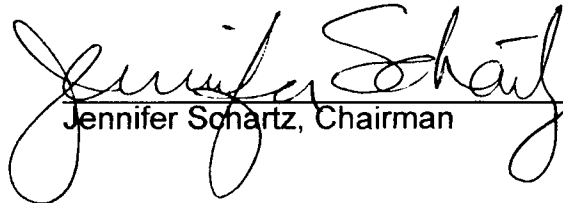
Commissioner Krier made a motion to adjourn at 9:42 A.M.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:


Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk


Jennifer Schartz, Chairman