

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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November 9, 2009

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 9th 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 Kruckenberg moved to approve the agenda.
Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2009 and November 2, 2009 Regular Meetings.
Commissioner Edmonds 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 October 26, 2009 through November 9, 2009.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve appropriations for the period of October 26, 2009 through November 9, 2009.
Kruckenberg seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. DEPARTMENTAL APPRECIATION: Road and Bridge, Noxious Weed and Engineering Departments – Sand Sealing Operations:

-Within the last few weeks, the Road and Bridge, Noxious Weed and Engineering Departments, in a combined project, completed sand sealing operations on approximately 150 miles of County blacktop. Sand sealing involves applying hot asphalt to road surface to seal cracks and surface areas, then spreading aggregate to allow traffic to travel without delay.

Dale Phillips, Road and Bridge/Noxious Weed Director, provided details on sand sealing and road maintenance and noted Barton County has 389.5 miles of asphalt roads. He said in a typical year they seal 140 miles, but this year they sealed 150 miles at approximately \$84 per mile.

Phillips introduced the employees who worked on sealing roads.

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Commissioner Schremmer said it was with great joy that he moved to thank the Road and Bridge, Noxious Weed and Engineering Departments for excellent community service during the 2009 sand sealing operations.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

RECESS

At 9:21 a.m. Commissioner Krier moved to recess for five minutes.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

At 9:26 a.m. Commissioner Schartz called the regular meeting back into session.

B. ROAD VACATION: Liberty Township – Section 16, T20S, R14W, Liberty Township:

-The County has received a request from CJS Properties, LLC to vacate a portion of a road located in Section 16, T20S, R14W in Liberty Township. The description of the road is as follows:

All of roadway #258 located in the East-Half (E/2) of the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of Section Sixteen (16), Township Twenty (20) South, Range Fourteen (14) West.

Clark Rusco, County Engineer, and Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, provided details. Public comments were received at the March 3, 2008 Commission meeting. The Commissioners and interested parties viewed the roadway on March 14, 2008. Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks has recently granted Liberty Township access to their roadway easement located along the west line of Section 16, Township 20 South, range 14 West.

Commissioner Krier moved to take this item off the table.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to vacate roadway #258 located in Liberty Township in the East-Half (E/2) of the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of Section Sixteen (16), Township Twenty (20) South, Range Fourteen (14) West.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

C. LEGISLATIVE ISSUES: KAC Legislative Platform:

-On November 15 – 17, 2009, County officials will meet at the Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) Annual Conference. An important item that will be discussed is the KAC Legislative Platform. Member Counties will be called to review the issues and determine the platform's final form. It will then be utilized during the upcoming Legislative Session to promote issues related to County Government. Each year, Barton County reviews and considers the KAC Platform and other initiatives that may have local interest.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, led this discussion.

Commissioner Krier moved to approve the Kansas Association of Counties Legislative Policy Statement Draft, excluding low producing oil wells property tax exemption where they are asking to support repealing the property tax exemption for low producing oil wells which would be very detrimental to Barton County (SEE page 8 of 8 second paragraph from the end).

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Commissioner Edmonds concurred with Mr. Krier and stated he was also concerned on continued opposition of the TABOR Program (SEE page 6 of 8).

Commissioner Krier amended his motion to exclude the Taxpayers Bill of Rights, TABOR, (SEE page 6 of 8) and also excluding the low producing oil wells property tax exemption (SEE page 8 of 8).

Commissioner Edmonds seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Krier questioned the Rails to Trails legislation.

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

Becky Wornkey: Are all Commissioners going to KAC?

All going except Commissioner Edmonds.

D. RESOLUTION 2009-30: Amending and Restating the Barton County Employees Flexible Benefit Plan and the Barton County Employees Flexible Benefit Plan Summary Plan Description Effective January 1, 2010 to Include the First Amendment to the Restated Plan Document with the Heart Act Amendment Effective January 1, 2010:

- Barton County has sponsored a Cafeteria Plan for its employees since 1991. From time to time, that plan, formally known as the Barton County Employees Flexible Benefit Plan, is amended. Resolution 2009-30 amends and restates both the Plan and the Plan Summary Effective January 1, 2010 and includes the Heart Act Amendment Effective January 1, 2010.

Net Crane, Financial Officer, provided details.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to adopt Resolution 2009-30, Amending and Restating the Barton County Employees Flexible Benefit Plan and the Barton County Employees Flexible Benefit Plan Summary Plan Description Effective January 1, 2010 to Include the First Amendment to the Restated Plan Document with the Heart Act Amendment Effective January 1, 2010.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

E. SPECIAL ALCOHOL FUNDING: 2009 Fund Distribution:

-Barton County has solicited applications for the distribution of Special Alcohol monies. The monies, derived from the 10% gross receipts tax on the sale of liquor in private clubs, may be expended only for the purchase, establishment, maintenance or expansion of services or programs whose principal purpose is alcoholism and drug abuse prevention and education, alcohol and drug detoxification, intervention in alcohol and drug abuse or treatment of persons who are alcoholics or drug abusers or are in danger of becoming alcoholics or drug abusers.

For 2009, monies available total \$9,148.00. Applications were accepted following a public announcement period. Requests for funding are as follows:

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ORGANIZATION	REQUESTED
Barton County Sheriff's Office, DARE	\$2,110.00
Clafin After Prom	\$5,000.00
DFYIT \ All-Stars	\$1,500.00
Dream, Inc.	\$17,000.00
Ellinwood High School After Prom Organization	\$6,500.00
Great Bend After Prom Party Committee	\$5,000.00
Hoisington After Prom Party for Youth	\$8,375.00
LEAD	\$3,410.00
TOTAL	\$48,895.00

Janel Rose, Health Educator from the Barton County Health Department, presented details.

Commissioner Krier moved to disburse the 2009 Special Alcohol Fund as such:

Barton County Sheriff's Office, DARE	\$1,000
Clafin After Prom	\$ 500
DFYIT / All-Stars	\$1,000
Dream, Inc.	\$2,148
Ellinwood High School After Prom Organization	\$ 500
Great Bend After Prom Party Committee	\$ 500
Hoisington After Prom Party for Youth	\$ 500
LEAD	\$3,000

Commissioner Edmonds seconded the motion.

I voted aye. Motion passed.

F. 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.

- Comm Krier: Spoke to Ellinwood High School students along with City Government about County Government. Wants County to start "Commissioner For a Day" program again. He will pay for the noon meal for the students and their teacher
- Comm Schremmer: SDSI Board working on management personnel assessment of performance.

Information Only. No Action Required.

V. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Comm Schremmer: Asked Dale Phillips, KAC Board Member, to work with board to move KAC annual meeting to central part of state.
- Dale Phillips: Will mention it at board meeting Sunday morning.
- Richard Boeckman: Commissioners invited to 3rd Annual Veterans Appreciation Day at KS Works Ofc- 1025 Main on 11/10/09 from 10am-3pm. Free lunch at 12:30pm
- Comm Schartz: Stated she think the consolidation of county offices is a dead issue.
- Daniel Nobles: NAACP 100th Anniversary Banquet Saturday night. Has tickets for the event and would appreciate their attendance.
- Scott Donovan, Eagle Radio: Introduced Matt Unruh as the new news director.

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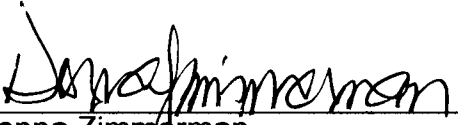
VII. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Kruckenberg made a motion to adjourn at 10:03 A.M.

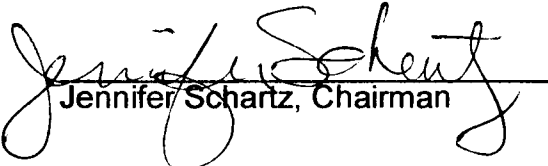
Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk



Jennifer Schartz, Chairman