

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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December 7, 2009

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 7th day of December 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

Marcia Sauber, Deputy 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 with the exception of Item A, and to table that for one week.

Commissioner Edmonds seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Edmonds moved to approve the minutes of the November 23, 2009 and the November 30, 2009 Regular Meetings.

Commissioner Kruckenberg noted an error in the minutes of November 30, 2009, which said he praised the merits of the insurance pool. Kruckenberg said he praised the wheat pool of years ago, for what they did for the cooperative elevator movement. He had nothing to say about the insurance pool.

Richard Boeckman said the Clerk's Office would listen to the recorded minutes and make the needed correction.

Commissioner Edmonds withdrew his motion.

Commissioner Edmonds moved to approve the minutes of the November 23, 2009 regular meeting.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

II. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:

-An Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of November 23, 2009 through December 7, 2009.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve appropriations for the period of November 23, 2009 through December 7, 2009.

Commissioner Edmonds seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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III. OLD BUSINESS:

A. 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 Richard Boeckman, County Counselor \ Administrator; Amy Miller, Emergency Risk Manager and the Commission. The findings will be discussed at this time. This item was tabled on November 30, 2009, to allow vendors the opportunity to resubmit bids in the event that awards are made separately.

(ITEM TABLED)

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: Requirements of Regular and Special Meeting

Notification:

-KSA 75-4318 states, in general, as an open meeting requirement, a public body may require that a request to receive notice (of regular and special meetings) must be submitted to the body prior to the commencement of a fiscal year. As the County prepares for Fiscal Year 2010, the Commission may direct staff to request written notification from the public to receive meeting announcements. Such requests would be made of the businesses and persons currently receiving announcements.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, presented details.

Commissioner Krier moved to direct the Administrator's Office to provide a notice to individuals, the media and local governments asking for notification that they wish to continue receiving notice of all Commission Agenda and Special Meetings for 2010.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

I voted aye. Motion passed.

B. SHERIFF'S OFFICE: Purchase of Lightbars:

-In addition to patrolling the County, Sheriff's deputies investigate crimes and work traffic accidents. In order to improve visibility, it is suggested that lightbars on four patrol vehicles be replaced. The department has priced lightbars and the recommended equipment can be purchased at this time for \$3,400.00. This includes installation by members of the Sheriff's Office. Monies are available in the Equipment Replacement Fund for this purchase.

Sheriff Greg Armstrong and Undersheriff Larry Holliday provided details on the following bids:

Vendor	Description	Price
OMB Express	LED Lightbar – State contract	\$1,572.00 ea
Speed Tech	LED Lightbar	\$ 850.00 ea

Commissioner Edmonds shared a point with the Commission and stated the Sheriff had managed to find within his budget some \$58,000 for new vehicles so far this year, but requires the County's General budget to support \$3400 worth of lightbars.

Commissioner Krier questioned one vehicle purchase where there was no trade.

Sheriff Armstrong there have been numerous break-downs and in the last month they've had an extremely high volume of call-outs. Said that vehicle is being utilized when a vehicle is down or in for repairs so they don't have to take from the actives. Armstrong said it's for anyone's use whether it be a reserve or any of the regulars when their vehicle is down. Using it for a spare. Said the trade value was only \$2500.

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Commissioner Edmonds requested the actual mileage on the 2002 Ranger and the 2005 Ford F-150 when traded.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to award the lightbar bid for the Sheriff's Office to Speed Tech for \$3,400.00. Cost to be paid from the Equipment Replacement, Sheriff's line, 46-10-4345.

Schremmer noted he made the motion because the Sheriff needed to keep his officers protected and safe.

Commissioner Edmonds said he didn't question the utility of the purchase, but did have some heartburn about the source of funds, but never-the-less, would second the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Krier moved that we take the four used lightbars and put them up for bid and if no bids are taken, then we put them up for public auction at the next County auction.

Commissioner Edmonds seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

C. SHERIFF'S OFFICE: Purchase of Vests:

-The protective vests worn by deputies have a set life of five years. As such, it is appropriate that they be replaced from time to time. Sheriff Armstrong researched replacement options and suggests that twenty Second Chance Level II vests be purchased at this time. Monies are available in the Equipment Replacement Fund for this purchase. Further, half the cost will be offset by Bulletproof Vest Partnership Funds from the United States Department of Justice.

Undersheriff Larry Holliday provided details on the following bids:

Vendor	Description	Price
<i>Protective Products</i>	<i>Python TG Level II, two carriers</i>	<i>\$500.00 ea</i>
<i>Basingers</i>	<i>Second Chance Level II, two carriers & soft trauma plate</i>	<i>\$500.00 ea</i>

Commissioner Schremmer moved to award the vest bid for the Sheriff's Office to Basingers for \$10,000.00. Cost to be paid from the Equipment Replacement Fund, line, 46-10-4345. Bulletproof Vest Partnership Funds will be used to off-set the expense.

Commissioner Edmonds seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

D. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: Regional Councils for Homeland Security:

-Homeland Security Funds are currently awarded on a regional basis throughout the State of Kansas. To facilitate the process, each County has a representative on their respective Regional Homeland Security Council. Amy Miller, Emergency \ Risk Manager, has served as Barton County's representative since 2006. At this time, the Commission will consider her reappointment for a two year term.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, provided details.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to appoint Amy Miller, Emergency Risk Manager, to the South Central Regional Council for Homeland Security for a two-year term ending December 31, 2011.

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.

Comm Schremmer: Gov's Comm Emerg Prep & Response mtg in Topeka – what we're concerned the most about – H1N1, sharp economy drop, deer poaching, domestic violence, traffic difficulties with rail & truck, burden of local schools.

Comm Schartz: no report

Comm Kruckenberg: no report

Comm Edmonds: no report

Comm Krier: no report

Information Only. No Action Required.

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.

G. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Personnel Matters:

-The Commission will enter into Executive Session with the County Counselor \ Administrator. The purpose of the session will be to discuss personnel matters related to non-elected personnel. The Commission meeting will resume in 20 minutes.

At 9:48 A.M. Commissioner Kruckenberg moved to enter into Executive Session for a period of twenty (20) minutes to discuss personnel matters. The regular meeting will then resume at 10:10 A.M. The County Counselor/Administrator will attend this session.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

At 10:10 A.M. Commissioner Krier moved go back into regular session.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

H. ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION: Personnel Matters:

-The Commission will make any necessary announcements as a result of the Executive Session. If necessary, further discussion or a decision may be made at this time. No action is anticipated.

Commissioner Schartz announced that no action would be taken.

V. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business.

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VII. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Krier made a motion to adjourn at 10:14 A.M.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Donna Zimmerman
ATTEST: *by Marcia Sauber deputy*
Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk
by Marcia Sauber, Deputy

Jennifer Schartz
Jennifer Schartz, Chairman