

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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March 16, 2009

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 16th day of March 2009, at the Barton County Courthouse.

Members present:

Kenny Schremmer, Commissioner, 1st District (Chairman Pro-Tem)
Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner, 2nd District
John Edmonds, Commissioner, 3rd District
Kirby Krier, Commissioner, 4th District
Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner, 5th District, Chairperson
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.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2009 Regular Meeting.
Commissioner Krier 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 March 2, 2009 through March 16, 2009.

Commissioner Kruckenberg moved to approve appropriations for the period of March 2, 2009 through March 16, 2009.
Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

Commissioner Schremmer, Commissioner Kruckenberg, Commissioner Krier and Commissioner Schartz all voted aye.
Commissioner Edmonds abstained.
Motion passed 4 - 0.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

A. GOLDEN BELT AND HILLCREST MEMORIAL PARKS: Mowing Proposals:

-On February 23, 2009, Dale Phillips, Road and Bridge Director, presented an agreement with Haberman Lawn Care to extend its mowing contract for 2009. After consideration, the item was tabled and Mr. Phillips was directed to accept bids for such work. As a reminder, under a written agreement, both Golden Belt and Hillcrest Memorial Parks are to be maintained with a grass height no higher than 3" until October 30, 2009. In addition, each mowing will include trimming with special work required prior to Memorial Day.

Dale Phillips, Road and Bridge Director, provided details.

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CONTRACTOR	PLACE OF BUSINESS	MONTHLY BID
Frederick Mowing	Great Bend	\$1,600.00
Haberman Lawn Care	Great Bend	\$1,445.00
Messmer Services	Larned	\$1,375.00
C & S Lawn Service	Great Bend	\$1,600.00

Commissioner Schremmer moved to accept the proposal of \$1445.00 from Haberman Lawn Care for memorial park mowing services in 2009. Related costs to be paid from the Cemetery Fund, Professional Services line, 47-10-4330.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

Commissioner Edmonds questioned why we didn't select the low bid.

Commissioner Schremmer noted there was only a difference of \$70.00 and expressed confidence in Haberman's mowing services.

Dale Phillips stated Jason Haberman had done a good job mowing the cemeteries. He further stated all vendors met the specifications, but he didn't know the others and preferred Haberman Lawn Care get the bid, but said it was up to the Commissioners.

Chairman called for the vote.

Commissioner Schremmer and Commissioner Schartz voted aye.

Commissioner Edmonds, Commissioner Kruckenberg and Commissioner Krier voted nay.
Motion failed 2 - 3.

Commissioner Edmonds moved to accept the low bid of Messmer Services for \$1,375.00.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

Commissioner Edmonds, Commissioner Kruckenberg and Commissioner Krier voted aye.

Commissioner Schremmer and Commissioner Schartz voted nay.

Motion passed 3 - 2.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. RESOLUTION 2009-12: A Resolution Declaring a State of Local Disaster Emergency:

-At the Tuesday, February 17, 2009, Barton County Commission Meeting, a Resolution declaring a state of local disaster emergency was adopted, thus enacting the burning ban. As extremely dry weather conditions create a fire hazard, open campfires and fires are prohibited under the ban. In addition, the burning of fence rows, fields, wildlands, ravines, trash and debris may be done upon issuance of a written permit by the Fire Chief having jurisdiction of the area where the burning is to take place. At this time, the Commission will consider extending the ban until 12 noon, March 23, 2009, with the adoption of another Resolution.

Amy Miller, Emergency Risk Manager, noted we hadn't received any noticeable moisture the past week and that she spoke with Claflin Fire Chief Doug Hubbard and he felt the burn ban should be reinstated for another week.

Great Bend Fire Chief Mike Napolitano said he spoke to Ellinwood Fire Chief Chris Komarek and they both felt the burn ban should be reinstated.

Commissioner Krier moved to adopt Resolution 2009-12, A Resolution Declaring a State of Local Disaster Emergency.

Commissioner Edmonds seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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B. JOB FEST 09: Funding Request:

-JobFest, a community job fair for central Kansas, is scheduled for May 5, 2009, in Jack Kilby Square, Great Bend. Event partners include Barton Community College, CPI Qualified Plan Consultants Inc., the City of Great Bend, the Great Bend Tribune, KansasWorks, and the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce. Kala Steffen, Workforce Development Training Coordinator, Barton Community College and JobFest Committee Member, will request that the Commission provide funding for partnership status.

Kala Steffen, Workforce Development Training Coordinator, Barton Community College and JobFest Committee Member, provided details on the request for funding.

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

Renee Richmeier – Chamber of Commerce Recruiter

Commissioner Krier moved to allocate \$5000.00 to the JobFest 09 Committee. Monies to be paid from the Finance General Account of the General Fund, Economic Development line, 10-24-5045, but upon completion of the JobFest, any money allocated from the County that was unused, he would like for the County to be reimbursed.

Commissioner Edmonds suggested to allocate \$2500.00 as the normal allocation for this project and then allocate another \$2500.00 in recognition of the exceptional economic times in which we find ourselves and then continue with the drawback provision for unused funds. This would avoid setting a precedent at a higher level and would still recognize that the funding was necessary this year because of the economic realities.

Commissioner Krier rescinded his original motion.

In a new motion, Commissioner Krier moved to allocate \$2500.00 to the JobFest 09 Committee. Monies to be paid from the Finance General Account of the General Fund, Economic Development line, 10-24-5045. Upon completion of the JobFest, if money is needed in excess of the \$2500.00, the County would like them to come back and ask for another allocation of more money and then there would not be the drawback provision.

Commissioner Edmonds asked at what point would they return to discuss the additional funds?

Commissioner Krier said probably the week after the JobFest and wondered if they could charge.

Mary Hoisington, Great Bend Tribune, noted that with most advertising, vendors were allowed to charge on a monthly basis.

Commissioner Krier restated his new motion. He moved to allocate \$2500.00 for the JobFest and if they needed more allocation of money, then they could come back to the Commission to ask for additional funding.

Again Commissioner Krier restated his new motion. He moved to allocate \$2500.00 to the JobFest 09 Committee. Monies to be paid from the Finance General Account of the General Fund, Economic Development line, 10-24-5045 with additional monies to be spent from the Economic Development line upon request from the JobFest Committee, not to exceed \$5000.00.

Commissioner Edmonds seconded the motion.

Commissioner Schartz, Commissioner Krier, Commissioner Edmonds and Commissioner Kruckenberg voted aye.

Commissioner Schremmer voted nay.

Motion passed 4 – 1.

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

Becky Wornkey, Taxpaying Citizen of Great Bend
Amanda Brack, Barton County Community College

C. ROAD AND BRIDGE: Asphalt Mix Bids 2009:

-The Road and Bridge Department opened bids on February 19, 2009, for the 2009 Asphalt Mix Program. The bid specified approximately 15,000 to 20,000 tons of cold mix asphalt material, with the County furnishing all aggregate and asphalt oil. Using County specifications, contractor will be required to mix asphalt at the County pit on South Washington, Great Bend.

Dale Phillips, Road and Bridge Director, provided details on the following bids and noted that last year they mixed 25 tons of asphalt and are cutting back to 15-20 tons this year. Noted the Venture bid was \$4.85 for last year.

NAME	Venture		Hi Plains		Heft & Sons	
Price per Ton	\$5.19		\$6.70		\$6.95	
Extended Price	\$77,850	\$103,800	\$100,500	\$134,000	\$104,250	\$139,000
Start Date	April 15, 2009		April 1, 2009		April 15, 2009	
Completion Date	May 1, 2009		April 15, 2009		May 5, 2009	

Commissioner Krier moved to approve Venture's bid of \$5.19 per ton for the 2009 Asphalt Mix Bids. Extended price, \$77,850 - \$103,800, has been included in the Road and Bridge Budget as an operational expense.

Commissioner Edmonds seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

D. DETENTION FACILITY: Conditions Report:

-In December, 2004, the County held an open house dedicating the first phase of the building project. Phase Two of the project was completed within the next several months. At this time, Mr. Boeckman will provide a public report on the facility's current condition.

On February 26, 2009 Boeckman did a repeat inspection of the jail. Cleanliness and repair was generally fair to good. The showers show deterioration, there's some roof leakage and there's some corrosion of hot water pipes. Thermal components have resolved problems with the computer system.

Information Only. No Action Required.

E. COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE: Cereal Malt Beverage License – B&B Comedy, Brent L. Buehler:

-Per K.S.A. 41-2702, no retailer shall sell any cereal malt beverage without a license. When a business is located in the County's unincorporated area, application shall be made to the County Commissioners. At this time, the Commission will consider a license for B&B Comedy, Brent L. Buehler, for a May 2, 2009 event. As the event location is 601 N Highway 281, Hoisington, the South Homestead Township recommends approval.

Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk, presented details.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve the 2009 Cereal Malt Beverage License for B&B Comedy, Brent L. Buehler.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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V. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Comm Schremmer: Stated for the record the Commissioner voted to go "out of town for business" when we voted on lawn care at the cemeteries when we had a capable local person. We made the Haberman bid public last week which was unfair to him.
- Jason Haberman's Dad: County should buy local. Mowers, gas and repairs will be bought out of County by Messmer Services of Larned.
- Comm Schartz: 30mi trip from Larned to cemeteries. Only one person working for Messmer. Who would be the back up if that person was not able to come when we needed it? Wants to take another look at this.
- Becky Wornkey: Fuming over the vote on this agenda item.
- Comm Edmonds: Equity concerns about Haberman's bid being made public.
- Comm Kruckenberg: Blame the Tribune.

Commissioner Edmonds moved to reconsider and revert to Item A under Old Business.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

III. OLD BUSINESS; (ITEM REVISITED)

A. GOLDEN BELT AND HILLCREST MEMORIAL PARKS: Mowing Proposals:

Commissioner Edmonds moved to withdraw his motion to adopt the Messmer Services bid.

Commissioner Kruckenberg did not need to rescind his second to this motion.

Commissioner Schartz called for all those in favor of accepting the bid from Messmer Services for \$1375.00 to vote aye.

No one voted aye.

Schartz asked for all those opposed.

All voted nay. Motion failed 0 - 5.

Commissioner Edmonds moved to accept the proposal of Haberman Lawn Care in the amount of \$1445.00 monthly.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Krier asked if we were looking at rescinding the \$5,000 we send to Pawnee County for economic development.

Commissioner Schartz said that had not come up and that could be addressed at another time.

ADOURN:

Commissioner Krier made a motion to adjourn at 10:06 A.M.

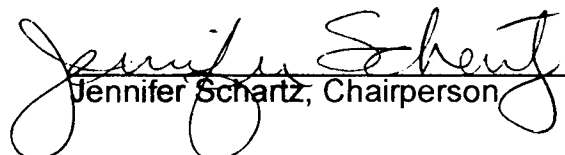
Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk



Jennifer Schartz, Chairperson