

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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March 30, 2009

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 30th 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 Schremmer moved to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Kruckenberg moved to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2009 and March 23, 2009 Regular Meetings.

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 16, 2009 through March 30, 2009.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve appropriations for the period of March 16, 2009 through March 30, 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. MKEC ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS: Courthouse Chiller Replacement Project:

-MKEC Engineering has submitted a proposal to replace the Courthouse chiller. Included in the project is the design of a new chiller, chemical pot feeder and air / dirt separator as well as meeting the electrical needs of the equipment. Cost of the design services total \$14,650.00, with a schedule of costs of additional design or other services. Item tabled February 23, 2009.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, said there are two choices: to perform a design build job by hiring a mechanical engineer or have various companies look at the chiller and prepare proposals that are specific to their product. The Commissioners would then need to determine which proposal was best. Boeckman reported Mr. Woody's proposal was for the design of the chiller and would not address problems on the third floor. The cost of the mechanical engineer is \$14,650 to prepare the RFP and also includes project supervision.

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Commissioner Schartz moved to accept the MKEC proposal for the design of the courthouse chiller replacement. Associated costs, at no more than \$14,650.00, to be paid from the Capital Improvement Fund, General Use line, 45-10-4310.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. RESOLUTION 2009-14: 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, April 6, 2009, with the adoption of another Resolution.

Amy Miller, Emergency Risk Manager, stated the burning ban was not necessary this week since we received moisture from the recent snow.

Miller said due to blizzard conditions over the weekend, Chairman Schartz was contacted Saturday morning to do a local disaster declaration. Miller stated that declaration now needs to be officially adopted and signed so we can forward with the State. There were 16 local disaster declarations in counties across the state and the Governor signed a State Disaster Declaration across the state which includes 62 Counties.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to adopt Resolution 2009-14, a Resolution Declaring a State of Local Disaster Emergency.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. RETIRED AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM FUNDING REQUEST:

-The Barton County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) has requested \$6,100.00 to offset costs for out of town medical appointments. Staffed by volunteers, this service helps those who are physically unable to drive or financially unable to afford the cost of transportation. Monies were allocated in the General Fund, Finance General Account, for this purpose.

Kay Boyd provided details and requested \$6100 for two of their programs.

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

Linda Lapka, Great Bend resident, uses RSVP transportation to out of town medical appointments

Angie Maddy, Dean of Student Services-Barton County College

Commissioner Schremmer asked if this covered all of rural Barton County. Boyd said yes.

Commissioner Krier moved to award \$6100.00 in support funding for RSVP. The allocation is to be paid from the Finance General Account of the General Fund, Medical Transportation Program line, 10-24-5040.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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C. PROGRAM UPDATE: KSU \ Barton County Extension Council:

-K-State Research and Extension is a partner in the nationwide land-grant system of universities that was created in the 1860s to educate people from all walks of life and to generate and distribute useful public knowledge. Drawing on the expertise and accumulated studies and discoveries of the land-grant system, other universities, state and federal agencies, and industry, the K-State Research and Extension includes statewide county/district extension offices, research centers, and experiment fields supported by county, state, federal, and private funds.

Rick Snell, Extension Agent, provided a local program update and stated this last snow storm was worth an estimated \$5 million.

Information Only. No Action Required.

D. LAKIN TOWNSHIP: Culvert Repair Assistance:

-At the evening meeting on March 23, 3009, Lakin Township Officials discussed a culvert problem at the intersection of NE 90 Avenue and NE 20 Road. At the request of Commissioner Kirby Krier, Roy Schlochtermeyer, Township Trustee, contacted the Road and Bridge Department to determine the scope and cost of the replacement.

Dale Phillips, Road and Bridge Director, explained the project work would include 3 culvert extensions, cutting a small drainage ditch for the culvert extensions and installing one 52 foot culvert. Lakin Township officials asked for assistance because they do not have large equipment to safely handle the project. The county would provide the excavator and appropriate labor and the township would provide all materials, aggregates, trucks and labor. Work estimated at approximately 20 hours with the county's cost not to exceed \$2470. Phillips reported the county would already be working in the area and would suspend their current project to complete the township project.

The commissioners suggested the township check with private contractors who may do the work for less than the county cost.

Roy Schlochtermeyer, Lakin Township Trustee, said they hadn't checked into private contractors, but guessed they could do that.

Commissioner Krier moved to assist Lakin Township with a culvert repair at the intersection of NE 90 Avenue and NE 20 Road. The estimated in-kind contribution of the county, \$2,470.00, to be offset by Lakin Township in the actual amount of expenses.

Commissioner Edmonds seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

E. RESOLUTION 2009-15: Hoisington Annex Declaration:

-In 2006, the Commission acquired a building at 352 W 12th, Hoisington, Kansas, that is commonly known as the Hoisington Annex. At this time, only a portion of the building is used for public purposes as defined by KSA-19-15,117. Should the Commission adopt the presented Resolution declaring that northeast portion of the building is not for public use, the space could be leased.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, provided details and explained this resolution would allow us to enter into a lease extended beyond one year.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to adopt Resolution 2009-15, Hoisington Annex Declaration.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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F. CLARA BARTON HOSPITAL: Lease of Office Space:

-The County was approached by Clara Barton Hospital reference the lease of office space in the Hoisington Annex. If a lease is approved, space would be used for offices.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator and Jim Blackwell, Clara Barton Hospital, reviewed the proposed lease. Boeckman noted when the county acquired this building it was intended for use by non-profits and Clara Barton Hospital is non-profit.

Chuck Waters, Clara Barton Hospital, also present.

Jim Blackwell said they are considering moving the hospital's medical records, billing and IT departments to the Hoisington Annex building.

It was noted that Clara Barton Hospital would pay for infrastructure improvements, primarily for IT.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to enter into the Lease for Office Space at the Barton County Annex, 352 W 12th, Hoisington, Kansas, with Clara Barton Hospital.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

Commissioner Kruckenberg, Commissioner Schremmer and Commissioner Schartz voted aye.

Commissioner Edmonds and Commissioner Krier voted nay.

Motion passed 3 – 2.

G. SHERIFF'S OFFICE: Application for Stimulus Monies:

-Sheriff Greg Armstrong has prepared a presentation reference an application for stimulus monies to hire three new detention officers. Under the application, the County would be responsible for all incidental costs, to include training, uniforms, health insurance and pay increases. In addition, the County would be required to assume the full cost of salary and other related expenses in the fourth year of service.

Sheriff Armstrong explained the federal stimulus grant would fund three new positions for the detention center. It would pay salaries and benefits for three years with a county commitment to fund the positions the fourth year. Armstrong said "what the detention center would bring in for one year, for 10–12 out of county prisoners, would almost pay for the fourth year".

Year/Detail	Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4	
	Cost	Paid by	Cost	Paid by	Cost	Paid by	Cost	Paid by
Base Salary & Uniform Allowance	\$73,850	Grant	\$73,850	Grant	\$73,850	Grant	\$73,850	County
Salary Increase - 3% Increase per Year	\$2,210	County	\$4,485	County	\$8,829	County	\$9,244	County
Insurance - Family Rate	\$42,957	Grant	\$42,957	Grant	\$42,957	Grant	\$42,957	County
Insurance Increase - 30%		County	\$12,887	County	\$29,630	County	\$51,407	County
Benefits - P/R Taxes, WWC - 17.4%	\$12,816	Grant	\$12,816	Grant	\$12,816	Grant	\$12,816	County
Benefits - P/R Taxes, WWC - Salary Increase	\$384	County	\$780	County	\$1,188	County	\$1,608	County
Uniform	\$8,900	County	\$0	County	\$300	County	\$0	County
Training	\$0		\$0		\$0		\$0	County
Total Cost	\$138,917		\$147,576		\$167,371		\$191,682	
Total	Cost	Fund	Cost	Fund	Cost	Fund	Cost	Fund
Stimulus funds - Salary, Insurance & Benefits	\$129,423		\$129,423		\$129,423		\$0	
County funds	\$9,494		\$18,153		\$37,948		\$191,682	
Total	\$138,917		\$147,576		\$167,371		\$191,682	

The commissioners voiced concerns about cost of additional employees, the Sedgwick County study, elimination of overtime in the detention center, etc.

Sheriff Armstrong stated he is understaffed by 16 positions in the detention center according to a Sedgwick County study plus has a need for 1 canine officer and 1 IT person for a total of 18 positions.

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

Becky Wornkey, taxpayer
Chuck Smith, Great Bend Tribune

The Commissioners voiced many more concerns.

Commissioner Krier moved to approve that Sheriff Armstrong can pursue grant money from the United States Attorney General's office at this time for three detention officers and those officers will stay in detention as officers for the next four years and not be moved up to road patrol and the assumption is that we will comply with the grant at that time.

Kruckenbergs seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

H. COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE: Printer Purchase:

-The County Clerk's Office is in need of a replacement printer. The current printer, purchased in 1988, is worn out. As a high capacity printer is needed for printing monthly financial reports, it is suggested that the current model be replaced with an IBM 6500-V10 continuous form printer. John Debes, Information Technology Director, recommends purchase from Twin Data Corporation.

Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk, and John Debes, IT Director, provided details and said the current printer is over 20 years old.

Commissioner Krier moved to approve the purchase of an IBM 6500-V10T from Twin Data Corporation. The cost of the printer, \$6,414.00, plus shipping, to be paid from the Equipment Replacement Fund, General line, 46-10-4310.

Commissioner Kruckenbergs seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Krier moved to pay the cost of maintenance, \$3,200.00, from General Account of the General Fund Budget, Maintenance line, 10-18-4345 for the maintenance of the IBM 6500-V10 printer. Commissioner Kruckenbergs seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

I. 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: CPI Board mtg 3/24/09. CPI paid off Landmark loan and will begin paying the principle to the County in addition to the interest at 4%. They are doing great and have picked up extra accounts.
- Comm Edmonds: No board assignments.
- Comm Kruckenbergs: Nothing to report.
- Comm Schremmer: SDSI Board mtg 3/25/09 at Garden City. Reported on funding needs and contributions by member counties. While there are 280 providers, there are still people in need.
- Comm Schartz: Center for Counseling Board-needs funding help too. GB Chamber Board-mtg held following GB Packing closing announcement. City hopes to keep employees here and find new jobs. Attended Agro-Tourism mtg last week in Great Bend.

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V. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business.

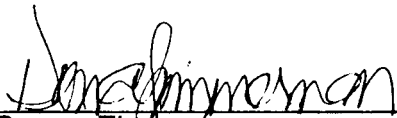
VII. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Schremmer made a motion to adjourn at 11:04 A.M.

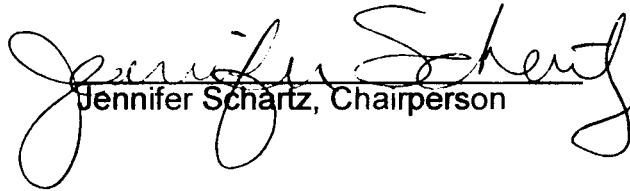
Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk



Jennifer Schartz, Chairperson