

# Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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August 9, 2010

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 9<sup>th</sup> day of August 2010, at the Barton County Courthouse.

*Members present:*

Kirby Krier, Commissioner, 4th District, Chairman  
Kenny Schremmer, Commissioner, 1st District  
Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner, 2nd District (Chairman Pro-Tem)  
John Edmonds, Commissioner, 3rd District  
Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner, 5th District  
Marcia Sauber, Deputy County Clerk  
Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator

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## **I. BUDGET HEARING: 9:00 A.M.**

### **A. BUDGET HEARING: 2011 Operating Budget:**

-Elected officials, Department Heads and supported agencies were asked to submit preliminary budget requests for the 2011 Operating Year. After reviewing the requests, the Commission then met with those same persons and overviewed the proposed budget. Changes from those meetings were incorporated into this version. It is now presented to the Barton County Commission to receive public comment.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, presented details with a PowerPoint presentation.

The 2011 budget was prepared with the following Commission priorities:

- Reduction in the County mill levy
- Provide sufficient funding to provide essential County services
- Continue to provide financially for supported agencies, but at reduced levels
- Continue to invest in the infrastructure of the County's roads and bridges
- Provide a .30 cent raise to most County employees

Barton County experienced an increase in valuation in 2010. For 2011, the estimated valuation is \$243,434,807, an increase of \$14,884,086. In keeping with the Commission priority to lower the mill levy, the 2011 Barton County budget includes a reduction in the mill levy of one mill, to 31.956 mills.

Mill levy revenues are expected to comprise 37% of the total County budget. The remaining 63% of the budgeted expenditures are financed by various other revenue sources and anticipated cash carry forward from 2010.

At 9:10 A.M. Commissioner Krier moved to close the budget hearing.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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## **II. OPENING BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Krier called the meeting to order at 9:11 A.M.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Minutes of the August 2, 2010 Regular Meeting were not available.

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## **III. OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business.

## **IV. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **A. ADOPTION OF THE 2011 BARTON COUNTY OPERATING BUDGET:**

-The Budget Hearing for the Proposed 2011 Operating Budget for Barton County was conducted prior to this Regular Agenda Meeting. Mr. Boeckman presented the budget during the Hearing and received public comment. The Commission is now asked to consider adoption of the 2011 Operating Budget.

Boeckman said the proposed budget before the Commissioners now carries a 5% reduction for Commissioners, no raises for elected officials and a .30 cent raise for all other County employees. This budget includes a one mill reduction.

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

Jim Johnson, Sunflower Diversified Services: Commented on the decision to take funds that had been previously designated for Early Education and instead sending the funding to the CDDO for distribution rather than directly to Sunflower.

Commissioner Edmonds noted this proposed budget would cause a tax revenue increase slightly in excess of \$100,000. Edmonds indicated he was going to make a substitute motion.

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

Becky Wornkey: Thanked the Commissioners for giving County employees a .30 cent raise & asked how much the insurance was going up next year?

Janet Crane, Financial Officer, responded for 2011 the employee health insurance rates were scheduled to increase 8%. The County's share would increase 12 ½% and in July 2011 the County's share would increase 15%.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the 2011 Barton County Operating Budget as presented by Mr. Boeckman.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

Commissioner Edmonds said he was prepared to offer a substitute motion to adopt preliminary draft #7 as presented with the following changes: a decrease in the millage by 1.412 percent, a reduction of the General Fund expenditures by deleting the pay raise item for \$75,605, a 5% payroll reduction for elected officials resulting in a further reduction of \$12,801 and a reduction in the Special Liability Fund expenditures of \$11,779. All of which results in a total proposed expenditure reduction of \$100,185. That in conjunction with the reduction in the millage keeps the total taxes levied for the year at \$7,678,995 which is the levy limit.

Edmonds said this was his substitute motion.

Commissioner Kruckenberg asked Edmonds if his motion was against the .30 cent an hour increase for County employees?

Edmonds responded he would not say against, he would say it deletes that item.

Commissioner Krier seconded Edmonds substitute motion.

Commissioner Edmonds voted aye.

Commissioner Kruckenberg, Commissioner Krier, Commissioner Schremmer and Commissioner Schartz voted nay.

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Substitute motion failed.

Commissioner Krier noted they still had Commissioner Schartz's motion on the floor to approve the 2011 Barton County Operating Budget.

Commissioner Kruckenberg noted this budget had the .30 cent per hour increase for employees and the 1 mill decrease.

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

Commissioner Edmonds voted nay.

Motion passed.

## **B. RESOLUTION 2010-09: A Resolution Expressing the Property Taxation Policy of the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, with Respect to Financing the 2011 Annual Budget for Barton County:**

-The Commission has an obligation to provide services to protect the health, safety and welfare of its citizens. As detailed in the adoption process for the 2011 Operating Budget, the cost of providing essential services continues to increase. Resolution 2010-09, Expressing the Property Taxation Policy of the County, details the costs of providing services as a contributing factor.

Janet Crane, Financial Officer, presented details.

Levy Computation	\$ 7,678,995
Actual Levy	<u>\$ 7,779,180</u>
Increase	\$ 100,185

Commissioner Schremmer moved to adopt Resolution 2010-09, A Resolution Expressing the Property Taxation Policy of the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, with Respect to Financing the 2011 Annual Budget for Barton County.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

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

Commissioner Edmonds voted nay.

Motion passed.

## **C. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN:**

-Through the budgeting process, Barton County plans for cash transfers, as savings, to the Capital Improvement Plan. This plan allows for the projected maintenance and remodeling of County buildings and major modifications to roads and bridges. The plan is developed and revised each year for the purpose of ensuring that County buildings and infrastructure do not fall into a state of disrepair and to keep the cost of annual maintenance level.

Janet Crane, Financial Officer, presented the 2011 Capital Improvement Plan to the Commission.

Commissioner Krier moved to adopt the 2011 Capital Improvement Plan.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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## D. EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT PLAN:

-Through the budgeting process, Barton County plans for cash transfers, as savings, to the Equipment Replacement Plan. The plan is developed and revised each year for the purpose of ensuring that equipment is kept at a manageable level.

Janet Crane, Financial Officer, presented the 2011 Equipment Replacement Plan to the Commission.

Commissioner Schartz moved to adopt the 2011 Equipment Replacement Plan.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## E. SOUTHWEST DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES, INC: Agreement for Services:

-In 2004, Barton County adopted a resolution designating Southwest Developmental Services, Inc. (SDSI) as the Community Developmental Disability Organization (CDDO) for the County. At that time, the County entered into a services agreement. Under the 2011 agreement, SDSI will provide all services required by Kansas statutes for a CDDO for a total of \$135,138.00. The contribution was discussed during budget preparation.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, provided details.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the SDSI Agreement for Services for 2011 at \$135,138.00.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## COUNTY ENGINEER: Northeast 30 Road Overlay Project:

Clark Rusco, County Engineer, received bids on July 27, 2010, for the Northeast 30 Road Overlay Project. Northeast 30 Road is commonly known as the Juco or College Road. The project runs from the intersection of US-281 Highway east to NE 30 Avenue. The only bid, \$536,741.00, was submitted by Venture Corporation of Great Bend, Kansas.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, provided details.

DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT COST	EXTENSION
1. HMA Commercial Grade (Class A)	7,480 tons	\$58.75	\$439,450.00
2. Pavement Marking (Temporary) 4" broken (3.3 ft.) (Type I Tape)	138 Stations per line	\$8.50	\$1,173.00
3. Pavement Marking (Multi-Component) (White) (4")	27,354 feet	\$0.75	\$20,515.50
4. Pavement Marking (Multi-Component) (Yellow) (4")	17,470 feet	\$0.75	\$13,102.50
5. Field Office & Laboratory (Type A)	1	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
6. Mobilization	Lump Sum	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00
7. Traffic Control	Lump Sum	\$23,000.00	\$23,000.00
8. Contractor Construction Staking	Lump Sum	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Estimated Start Date:	9/15/2010		
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$536,741.00</b>

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Dale Phillips, Road and Bridge Director, noted this will be a two inch asphalt hot mix overlay.

Commissioner Kruckenberg moved to approve the bid submitted by Venture for \$536,741.00 and to give Boeckman the authority to sign other documents as they come along on this project. (Cost to be paid from the Capital Improvement Fund (Road & Bridge), Fixed Equipment line, 45-10-4610, at \$483,497.90 and the Capital Improvement Fund, CPI Repayment line, 45-10-5900) Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **G. BRIDGE REPAIR PROJECTS: Radium and Ellinwood Bridges:**

-It is commonly known that both the Radium and Ellinwood bridges are in disrepair. As such, the Commission directed County staff to prioritize the repair process. Given that directive, Mr. Boeckman signed a Notice of Award on August 3, 2010, with L&M Contractors, effectively ending the bid process.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, and Curt Mauler, L&M Contractors, presented the agreement and repair schedule.

### Radium Bridge

Start Date – September 3, 2010

Estimated Completion Date – September 25, 2010

Cost - \$24,500.00

To be Paid From the Special Bridge Fund, Construction Cost and Equipment Line, 17-10-4420.

### Ellinwood Bridge

Start Date – September 25, 2010

Estimated Completion Date – October 17, 2010

Cost - \$24,800.00

To be Paid From the Special Bridge Fund, Construction Cost and Equipment Line, 17-10-4420.

Commissioner Schartz moved to ratify the L&M Contractors Notice of Award to repair the Radium and Ellinwood bridges and enter into contracts for repair. With a bid of \$24,500.00 for the Radium Road Bridge and \$24,800.00 for the Ellinwood Bridge, the total cost, \$49,300.00 to be paid from the Special Bridge Fund, Construction Costs and Equipment line, 17-10-4420.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Chairman Krier will sign all documents on this matter.

## **H. 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.

## **V. ENDING BUSINESS:**

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

## **VI. OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Comm Edmonds: Referred to photo of most recent vandalism at Ellinwood bridge. Said it looks like the bridge is completely open in both lanes & if something happens with the bridge in that condition, the liability would fall on us for failing to limit traffic, is that correct?

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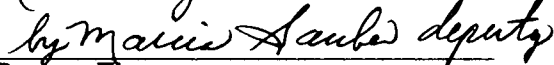
- Boeckman: Tort Claims Act has an exception that provides there is no liability for signage failure as long as the County has notice of the problem & reacts in a reasonable amount of time.
- Comm Edmonds: Should we be looking at J-Blocks to restrict the lanes rather than cones which can be vandalized at the Ellinwood Bridge?
- Dale Phillips: Absolutely correct, we will be forced to purchase those blocks for future problems on bridges & roadways. Phillips noted it was a felony to go through road signs or destroy road signs.

## VII. ADJOURN:

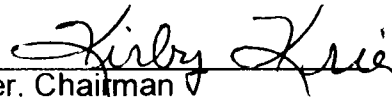
Commissioner Schremmer made a motion to adjourn at 10:13 A.M.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:   


Donna Zimmerman  
Barton County Clerk  
By Marcia Sauber, Deputy

  
Kirby Krier, Chairman