

# Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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September 16, 2013

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September 2013, at the Barton County Courthouse.

## *Members present:*

Don Cates, Commissioner, 4th District, Chairman  
Kenny Schremmer, Commissioner, 1st District (Chairman Pro-Tem)  
Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner, 2nd Dist  
Don Davis, Commissioner, 3rd District  
Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner, 5th District Chairman  
Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk  
Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator

## **I. OPENING BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Cates called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

Commissioner Davis moved to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2013 Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business.

## **III. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **A. ALLIANCE INSURANCE GROUP / EMC INSURANCE COMPANIES: Dividend Return:**

-Cody Smith, Alliance Insurance Group, will present the Commission with a dividend return check as a result of the County's participation in the Kansas County Safety Dividend Group with EMC Insurance Companies.

Cody Smith, Alliance Insurance Group, said, over the last four years, Barton County has received \$112,041.71 in dividend checks and this year will receive \$24,589.91. EMC offers dividend checks each year for those in the program. EMC is one of the companies Alliance represents. Smith noted they paid just under \$900,000 in dividend checks last year to participating counties and said Barton County's portion was 2.74%.

Commissioner Cates said our dividend is dependent on the overall EMC experience with counties, rather than just Barton County. Smith said explained all counties together determine the total dividend, but Barton County's claims determine their percentage share of the overall dividend. Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, said the County has not had a liability claim in a number of years and noted our work comp mod rate is .74 which is almost unheard of for a county.

Information Only. No Action Required.

### **B. RESOLUTION 2013-20: Placement of Traffic Signs, Stop Signs at Kiowa Road and Second Street, Great Bend Township:**

-Richard Boeckman, County Counselor / Administrator, will present the proposed Resolution 2013-20, Placement of Traffic Signs, Stop Signs at Kiowa Road and Second Street, Great Bend Township. Stop signs are needed at the offset intersection of Kiowa Road and Second Street in Great Bend Township. If

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the Resolution is approved, stop signs will be placed so traffic arriving from the east and west must stop for north and south bound traffic.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, said the request to place stop signs at Kiowa Road and Second Street came from Virgil Kober. Boeckman said the estimated cost is \$300 and said the Road & Bridge crew would perform the work.

## **2B-5 Warrants for Stop Sign**

"Because the STOP sign causes a substantial inconvenience to motorists, it should be used only where warranted. A STOP sign may be warranted at an intersection where one or more of the following conditions exist:

1. Intersection of a less important road with a main road where application of the normal right-of-way rule is unduly hazardous.
2. Street entering a through highway or street.
3. Unsignalized intersection in a signalized area.
4. Other intersections where a combination of high speed, restricted view, and serious accident record indicates a need for control by the STOP sign."

Commissioner Davis moved to adopt Resolution 2013-20, Placement of Traffic Signs, Stop Signs at Kiowa Road and Second Street, in Great Bend Township.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **C. ROAD AND BRIDGE: Ratify Purchase of a Tank Culvert:**

-As part of a culvert replacement project, the Road and Bridge Department purchased an 8'6" X 60' 1/2" tank culvert with headwalls. Purchased from The Railroad Yard, the culvert cost \$13,995.00. As there was only one culvert left in the vendor's stock, the purchase was made under the authority of the County Administrator. The Commission will now be asked to ratify the purchase.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, said this is an inverted railroad tank car with a base welded to it. Boeckman said it provides a quick method to build a bridge. Clark Rusco, County Engineer, recommended such a bridge be placed at 673 NE 30 Rd in Lakin Township which is an area that received heavy water flow during the recent rains requiring the culverts to be replaced. Boeckman said there was only one tank culvert left in the vendor's stock, so the purchase was made under the authority of the County Administrator.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to ratify the \$13,995.00 purchase of the tank culvert from The Railroad Yard. Payment to be made from the Road and Bridge Fund, Culverts line, 002-92-5300.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

Commissioner Cates said the Culverts line has a balance of \$3,000 or \$4,000. Charging the expense to this line would put us \$10,000 negative and asked how will we account for that. Boeckman said we can exceed a line as long as we do not exceed an entire budget.

Cates asked for a vote on the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **D. SOLID WASTE: Proposed Repair of Barton County Landfill Access Road:**

-Due to the amount and weight of customer vehicle traffic at the Barton County Landfill, the main access road from the scale house to the Subtitle D Landfill is in need of repair. A proposal has been received from Venture Corporation for \$176,028.00. Work includes a section of road from the north end of the truck scale to the entrance gate, from the entrance gate approximately 1,200 feet east, the entrance and parking lot and the east access road leading to near the equipment storage building. If approved, the cost will be paid from the Solid Waste Fund.

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Mark Witt, Solid Waste Manager, said various options have been presented, including an installation of cold mix asphalt by the Barton County Road & Bridge Department and a proposal from Venture Corporation on an application of hot mix with several options.

**Venture Option #1:** Two inch (2") overlay of parking lot & main entrance, asphalt patching & milling. Asphalt cost \$108 per ton, based upon several passes of application equipment due to size of area to be paved.

**Venture Option #2:** "Straight runs" for the application equipment. Asphalt cost \$89 per ton (no turning or adjustment of application equipment).

**Venture Option #3:** Asphalt patching of broken areas on the access road along the east side of the Subtitle D Landfill. Road runs north & south, from the main access road to just south of the equipment storage building. Asphalt cost \$170 per ton.

Witt showed maps of the area and discussed the need for repair of the access road.

Commissioner Schartz said the Landfill is supported by user fees, so there are no tax dollars involved. Commissioner Schartz also noted we are receiving more contaminated soil which brings in more revenue and said we've recently increased tipping fees, so the companies who use it are paying more to use it and they deserve to have roads that don't tear up their equipment.

Witt noted that Kip Spray and Rocky Seibert of Venture Corporation were both present.

Commissioner Cates questioned available budget/cash. Witt said, as of today, our expenses are at 52% for the year and our revenues are at 85% for the year. Witt further noted that doing this now saves on Venture mobilization costs as they are already in the area. Witt recommended **Venture Option #4**, which is the totality of Venture's bid, at a total cost of \$176,028.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve the repair of the Landfill Access Road for a total cost of \$176,028.00, to be paid from the Solid Waste Fund, Improvements Other than Buildings line, 140-68-6309, by Venture Corporation.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **V. OTHER BUSINESS:** (ITEM MOVED UP TO ACCOMMODATE JANA REED'S SCHEDULE)

- Jana Reed: Opposed to Clean Line Express crossing their family's land in Barton County. They were not given notice. Learned about it from call from Clint Mai. Will lose \$4.5 million on one lease and \$5 million on another lease.
- Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator: County does not have control. A KCC issue. Marshall County has opposed this and do not have control either. The Commission can speak to it, if they choose to do so.
- Comm Cates: Asked this to be put on a study session.

## **E. KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES: Election of a Kansas Representative to the National Association of Counties Board:**

-Through the Kansas Association of Counties (KAC), Barton County is eligible to vote for one candidate for the Kansas representative to the Governing Board of the National Association of Counties (NACo). Richard Malm, Jefferson County Commissioner, and Duane Patrick, McPherson County Commissioner, are running for the two year term, September 1, 2013 – August 31, 2015.

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Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, said the County is eligible to vote for a delegate for the Kansas representative to the Governing Board of the Nation Association of Counties (NACO). Richard Malm, Jefferson County Commissioner and Duane Patrick, McPherson County Commissioner, are running for the two year term.

Commissioner Schartz moved to vote for Richard Malm for the Kansas Representative to the NACO Board. Direct the Commission Chair and the County Clerk to complete the Official Ballot. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **F. KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES: Voting Delegates:**

-The Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) begins its Annual Conference in Wichita on October 29, 2013. Each year, the Commission designates a voting delegate and first and second voting alternates for the meeting.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, said the Commissioners need to appoint a voting delegate and first and second voting alternates for the meeting.

Commissioner Kruckenberg moved to designate Jennifer Schartz as the Kansas Association of Counties Voting Delegate with Kenny Schremmer named as First Alternate and Homer Kruckenberg named as Second. Direct the County Clerk to complete the Certification of Voting Delegate and return to the KAC. Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **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.

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## **IV. ENDING BUSINESS:**

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

## **V. OTHER BUSINESS:** (THIS AGENDA ITEM WAS DISCUSSED FOLLOWING ITEM D)

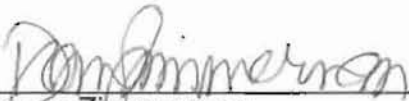
## **VI. ADJOURN:**

Commissioner Kruckenberg made a motion to adjourn at 9:55 A.M.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

  
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Donna Zimmerman  
Barton County Clerk

  
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Don Cates, Chairman

RESOLUTION 2013-20

**PLACEMENT OF TRAFFIC SIGNS  
Stop Signs at Kiowa Road and Second Street, Great Bend Township**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, has jurisdiction to place and maintain traffic control devices upon roadways under their jurisdiction as they may deem necessary; and

**WHEREAS**, it is deemed in the public interest to control and regulate traffic at the intersection of various Barton County roads within this jurisdiction.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, that the following signage should be placed at the following intersections:

That at the offset intersection of Kiowa Road and Second Street, being located in Great Bend Township, Barton County, Kansas. One stop sign shall be placed at the Northwest corner of the access road to the Great Bend City Sewage Treatment Plant. The other shall be placed at the Northeast corner of Lot 1, Block 2, Frontier Acres Subdivision. Signage shall be placed so traffic arriving from the east and west must stop for north and south bound traffic.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all sign installation shall be made and maintained by the Board of Barton County Commissioners in accordance with the "Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices" as set forth by the Federal Highway Administration and adopted by the Kansas Department of Transportation.

**ALSO RESOLVED** that should this Resolution be in conflict with any other resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, that only the conflicting part of the previous resolution, and not the previous resolution in total, shall be declared void and ineffective.

**ADOPTED** this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2013.

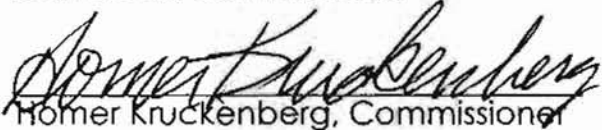
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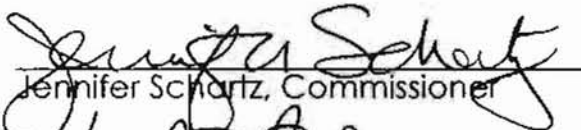
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Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner

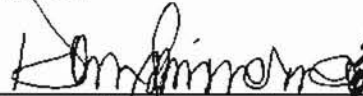


Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner



Kenny Schremmer, Commissioner


**ATTEST:**



Donna Zimmerman,  
County Clerk



**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**



Richard A. Boeckman,  
County Counselor