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**Barton County, Kansas**

## **NEWS RELEASE**

May 25, 2017.....Update on May 16, 2017 Barton County Tornado

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

Barton County residents are moving forward in an effort to clean up and rebuild following the tornado of May 16, 2017. A tabulation of storm damage dollar amounts is continuing, but as of today damage amounts are short of the threshold needed for a federal disaster declaration through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Before beginning permanent repairs to homes and buildings, property owners are reminded to obtain building permits from the appropriate jurisdiction. In addition, if the property is within a floodplain then a floodplain compliance process will need to be completed before a building permit is issued. Property owners within the city of Pawnee Rock should contact the city clerk for building permits and floodplain compliance information. Individuals can call the Pawnee Rock City Office, 620-982-4386.

Property owners within the rural areas of Barton County should contact Judy Goreham, Barton County environmental manager/zoning administrator, 620-796-4300, for information on building permits and zoning requirements. If the rural property is within a floodplain, the individuals should contact Barry McManaman, Barton County engineer, for floodplain compliance, 620-793-1808. If residents are unsure if their property is within a floodplain, either McManaman or Goreham can be contacted.

In an effort to help residents clean up their properties, the Barton County Board of County Commissioners waived fees for non-commercial waste at the Barton County Landfill. In order to qualify, Barton County residents need to provide the name and location where the debris came from. Landfill staff will perform visual inspections of the debris as it is brought into the landfill. Questions concerning construction

and demolition disposal should be directed to Barton County Landfill staff by calling 620-793-1898.

Storm victims in the rural areas of Barton County who need help cleaning up properties should contact Barton County at 620-793-1800 with information on what help is needed. Effort will then be made to work with appropriate groups/agencies that can provide help in the upcoming days.

Individuals wanting to dispose of tree debris in the rural areas of Barton County need to contact the fire chief of their jurisdiction for a burn permit. Barton County 911 Communications may be contacted at 620-793-1920 for a list of fire chiefs.

Individuals who want to volunteer within the City of Pawnee Rock should contact Linda McCowan-Waite, Pawnee Rock mayor, at 620-617-7121.

Additional resources within Barton County are available for storm victims through local agencies. Victims are encouraged to contact these agencies directly for assistance.

Food Bank of Barton County  
For Food  
3007 10th St, Great Bend  
Mon, Wed, Fri: 1-3 p.m.

Hoisington Community Food Bank  
For Food  
620-653-2119  
2nd & 4th Monday of month

Ellinwood Food Bank  
For Food  
620-564-3044  
Mon: 2-4 p.m. Thurs: 4- 7 p.m.

Hungry Heart Soup Kitchen  
For a Hot Meal  
1515 Williams, Great Bend  
Mon - Fri: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Emergency Aid  
For Rent, Utilities, Lodging  
3007 10th St, Great Bend  
620-793-3345  
Mon, Wed, Fri: 8:30-11 a.m.

Catholic Charities of SW Kansas  
For Non-Food Pantry, Infant Needs  
2201 16th St, Great Bend  
Mon, Wed, Fri: 1-5 p.m.

Central Kansas Dream Center  
For Rent, Utilities, Lodging  
2100 Broadway Ave, Great Bend  
620-603-6283

Salvation Army  
For Clothing, Utilities  
2545 10th St, Great Bend  
620-792-4299

Barton County Health Department  
For Vaccines, STDs, Family Planning, WIC  
1300 Kansas Ave, Great Bend  
620-793-1902

Catholic Charities of SW Kansas  
For Disaster Response, Family Planning  
620-227-1588

Family Crisis Center  
For Domestic & Sexual Violence  
866-792-1885

The Center for Counseling  
For Crisis Intervention  
620-792-2544

Fundraising efforts for storm victims are being coordinated by the United Way of Central Kansas and the Golden Belt Community Foundation. More information concerning these efforts will be released later this week.

For additional questions or information contact Amy Miller, Emergency Management Director, 620-793-1919.

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