



# Barton County LEPC

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## Meeting Notes

**January 26, 2016**

10:00 a.m.

Barton County Courthouse  
Conference Room  
Great Bend, KS 67530

### **1. Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Amy Miller at 10:07 a.m.

### **2. Introduction of Members**

Chairman Miller welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked that all of those individuals present introduce themselves and describe their agency/affiliation. Members and guests were also asked to sign the Record of Attendance.

Members Present: Stephen Billinger, Barton County Sheriff's Office  
Phil Hathcock, Barton County Solid Waste, Manager  
Mary Hoisington, Great Bend Tribune, Publisher  
Doug Hubbard, Claflin Fire Department  
Chris Komarek, Ellinwood Fire Chief  
Sarah Krom, Sunflower Diversified Services  
Amy Miller, Barton County Emergency Management, Director  
Martin Miller, Great Bend Airport  
Jane Schepmann, Clara Barton Hospital  
Shelly Schneider, Barton County Health Department, Director

Guests Present: None

**3. Adoption of Meeting Notes from the October 19, 2015 Meeting**

Chairman Miller asked if there were any revisions to the October 19, 2015 Meeting Notes. There were none offered.

Action: To approve Meeting Notes from October 19, 2015.

Motion: Mary Hoisington

Second: Steve Billinger

Vote: Carried on voice vote.

**4. Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson**

Amy Miller, LEPC Chairperson, informed the committee members present that the bylaws require the committee to elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson at the first meeting of the fiscal year. Nominations would be accepted from the floor.

Action: To elect Amy Miller as Chairperson of the Barton County LEPC for the 2016 year.

Motion: Jane Schepmann

Second: Shelly Schneider

Vote: Carried on voice vote.

Committee members discussed the responsibilities of the vice-chairperson position.

Action: To elect Phil Hathcock as Vice-Chairperson of the Barton County LEPC for the 2016 year.

Motion: Shelly Schneider

Second: Jane Schepmann

Vote: Carried on voice vote.

**5. Severe Weather Awareness Week 2016**

Amy Miller, Chairman, informed the committee that Severe Weather Awareness Week has been scheduled for March 14 to March 18, 2016. The weather safety presentation by the National Weather Service in Wichita, will be on March 8 at 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. The statewide tornado drill is scheduled for March 15 at 6:30 p.m.

Miller informed the members about the Integrated Warning Team Meeting on January 25 in Lyons. The meeting was attended by emergency managers, National Weather Service personnel and media meteorologists from across the State of Kansas. Miller said discussions included the issuance of Red Flag Warnings, a presentation by the Kansas Department of Transportation on road closure procedures, and a discussion on hazard simplification for warnings.

**6. Annual Training and Exercise Planning Workshop (TEPW)**

Amy Miller, Chairman, passed out copies of the 2016-2018 Barton County Exercise calendar. Miller said that the Public Information Workshop would not be completed on February 3, 2016, as was reflected on the calendar, but that it would be held at a later date.

**7. Training Opportunities**

Chairman Miller asked members if there were any training opportunities that anyone wanted to announce. Steve Billinger, Sheriff's Office, said that Barton County College would like to hold an active shooter exercise. He is meeting with a group at the college to review the "Run, Hide, Fight" program. He said that the Sheriff's Office can provide the class for schools and businesses.

**9. Reports from Members**

Amy Miller, Chairman, announced that the 2016 Kansas Local Emergency Planning Committee Conference would be held in Manhattan, Kansas on July 20-21, 2016. She also informed members that the Kansas Department of Agriculture had announced that the Ban on Poultry Exhibitions had been lifted effective December 4, 2015. She also reminded members that the South Central Health and Medical Symposium would be held March 3 in Wichita at Century II.

**10. Other Business and Public Comments**

No other business or public comments were brought before the committee.

**11. Discuss next meeting date of LEPC**

The next meeting date has been suggested for April 12, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the Barton County Courthouse, Great Bend, Kansas.

**12. Adjournment**

Action: To adjourn the January 26, 2016 meeting of the Barton County LEPC.

Motion: Mary Hoisington

Second: Chris Komarek

Vote: Carried on voice vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

Approved: April 12, 2016  
Amy Miller