

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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October 20, 2014

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 20th day of October 2014, at the Barton County Courthouse.

Members present:

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

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

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

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the agenda.
Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Kruckenberg moved to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2014, Regular Meeting.
Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

II APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:

Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of October 6, 2014, and ending October 20, 2014.

Commissioner Lebbin moved to approve appropriations for the period of October 6, 2014 to October 20, 2014. Authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.
Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

A. MEMORIAL PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Presentation of a Memory Book:

-Paige Loftland, Memorial Parks Committee, has created a Memory Book that covers the Golden Belt Veterans' Memorial Project from inception to dedication. She has asked for time to present the book to the Commission. This item was tabled on October 6, 2014.

Paige Lofland, Memorial Parks Committee, presented the Memory Book to the Commissioners. Lofland said she is "all about the history of Barton County" and wants to track the history of this project. She noted the book is not complete and will add to it as they finish their work.

Commissioner Davis said he would to thank the cemetery board and especially Paige Lofland for all their due diligence in this work and we really appreciate it and moved to accept the Memory Book from Ms. Lofland and to thank her for the effort.
Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

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NEW BUSINESS:

A. UNITED WAY: Presentation of United Way of Central Kansas Poster:

-Last month, United Way presented area businesses with a Poster, drawn by a local student, representative of this year's theme, United Way in Action. The poster presented to Barton County was drawn by Kendyl Henning, a 6th grader at Holy Family School in Great Bend. Ms. Henning has been asked to present the poster to the Commissioners.

Becca Maxwell, United Way Board of Directors, said the 2015 campaign theme is "Pay It Forward" and noted 99% of the money raised stays local.

Jessica Wilson, Financial Officer, said Barton County was chosen as the recipient of the poster based on the county's support through payroll deduction. Barton County is in the top 20 contributors.

Kendyl Henning, Holy Family School 6th grader, presented the Commissioners with the poster she drew and said she chose "Meals on Wheels" for her drawing.

Commissioner Schartz moved to accept the United Way of Central Kansas Poster from Kendyl Henning and thanked her for her efforts.

Commissioner Lebbin seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. WETLANDS AND WILDLIFE NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY: K4 Overlook Improvement Project – Hiring an Architect:

-Barton County was informed on Monday, July 14, 2014, that the K4 Overlook Improvement Project grant had been approved for the full amount, \$232,460. Specifically, the project includes building a handicap-accessible 10-foot tall viewing tower. The next phase of the project involves hiring an architect. It is suggested that PBA Architects out of Wichita be hired. This is the firm that provided the work estimates included in the grant application.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, said he applied for a 2012 tourism grant which was initially only \$90,000.

Alan Milbradt, PBA Architects Wichita, said PBA worked on the Jack Kilby project.

(Computer difficulties with PowerPoint presentation – MOVED ON TO ITEM C)

Construction Costs:	\$208,460.00
Construction Engineering	<u>+\$24,000.00</u>
Total	\$232,460.00
Less 20% match	<u>-\$46,492.00</u>
Total request	\$185,968.00

Barton County will provide construction engineering services.

\$2500 architect inspection fees included in the construction engineering costs.

80/20 grant - KDOT returning 80% of the cost

County shares the 20% match with KS Dept of Wildlife, Parks & Tourism.

KDWPT reimburses County for its share of the twenty percent. The monies will be deposited in the General Fund and transferred, via Resolution, back to Capital Improvement.

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2014 TAX SALE:

-The annual Tax Sale was held on October 14, 2014. At the time of the sale, two parcels remained. The County collected \$447.00, with \$16.00 in filing fees. Kevin Wondra, County Treasurer, will provide an update on the auction.

Kevin Wondra, County Treasurer, said Sheriff Bellendir conducted the auction since there were only 2 parcels on the tax sale.

<u>Tract #</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Buyer</u>	<u>Judgment Amt</u>	<u>Sale Price</u>
3	306 Frey St.	Great Bend	Teodora Hernandez	Charlene E. Beach	\$ 678.47	\$ 22.00
9	171 S. Main	Hoisington	Lonnie Philbern	City of Hoisington	<u>\$2,488.30</u>	<u>\$425.00</u>
Totals					\$3,166.77	\$447.00
ROD Filing fees (2 parcels @ \$8.00 fee/parcel)						\$ 16.00

Information Only. No Action Required.

B. WETLANDS AND WILDLIFE NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY: K4 Overlook Improvement Project – Hiring an Architect: (CONTINUED)

Alan Milbradt, PBA Architects Wichita, presented renderings in a PowerPoint presentation. Milbradt said there will be landing every 2½ feet with views of Cheyenne Bottoms from each landing. Suggested the landing could become part of the educational experience.

Sharon East, county resident, said she visited the site yesterday and was unable to navigate the site from her wheelchair. Said it was overgrown with weeds, the signage wasn't visible and asked when that was going to be attended to.

Alan Milbradt said landscaping is an element of the project.

Commissioner Schremmer said he was aware of the condition, but noted it was a state road and suggested the county contact the state to see who should keep it mowed and maintained.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, said he will visit with Secretary Jennison next week about maintenance of the site and noted signage will be part of the project.

Dale Phillips, Road and Bridge Director, said the details can be worked out with an agreement with all parties (KDWP&T and KDOT agreements).

Commissioner Lebbin asked what is the scope of the educational experience.

Richard Boeckman said interpretative panels could be added on each of the three landings, etc. Said this was not a part of this grant, but could be a future project. The interpretative panels could provide education on migratory birds, animals found at the Bottoms, whooping cranes, etc.

Sharon East asked when the project would begin.

Clark Simpson, PBA Architects, they hope to be complete by spring.

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K4 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT			
VIEWING TOWER			
Cost of Architect	\$33,050.00		
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KDOT Share	80%	\$26,440.00	
Remainder Share			
County	10%	\$3,305.00	
KDWPT	10%	\$3,305.00	
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Return to County		\$29,745.00	

Commissioner Schartz moved to hire PBA Architects for the K4 Overlook Improvement Project (2014 Grant). The \$33,050.00 architectural services cost is to include:

Four site visits	\$17,400.00
Structural	\$ 9,000.00
Landscape	\$ 6,650.00

The total cost, \$33,050.00, is to be paid from the Capital Improvement Fund, Building and Fixed Equipment – General line number 071-00-6305. The Kansas Department of Transportation will reimburse the County 80% of that amount, \$26,440.00, and the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism will reimburse the County 10% of that amount, \$3,305.00. Reimbursements will be transferred, via Resolution, back to Capital Improvement at the appropriate time.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.
 All voted aye. Motion passed.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS: Memorial Parks Advisory Committee:

Memorial Park Advisory Committee is charged with advising and assisting the Commission regarding the care and maintenance of the Barton County Owned and Operated Memorial Parks and Cemetery. With not less than five, nor more than seven members, there are two positions open. One terms in July, 2016, and one in July, 2018. Dan Esfeld has applied for appointment.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, said Dan Esfeld is a veteran who applied for appointment and noted the current appointees include:

APPOINTMENT	REQUIREMENT	DATE APPOINTED	TERM DATE
Edward Scott	Resident, 4-yr trm	8/22/2011	7/1/2014
Mic Lang	Resident, Unexpired	8/12/2013	7/1/2015
Stanley Jantz	Resident, 4 yr trm	9/24/2012	7/1/2015
Margaret Potter	Resident, 4 yr trm	6/4/2012	7/1/2015
Carrie Buhler	Resident, 4 yr trm	8/12/2013	7/1/2016
John Haberman	Resident, 4 yr trm	8/12/2013	7/1/2016
Paige Lofland	Resident, 4 yr trm	10/6/2014	7/1/2018

Commissioner Schartz moved to appoint Dan Esfeld to the Barton County Memorial Park Advisory Committee. The uncompensated term ends July 1, 2018.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.
 All voted aye. Motion passed.

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BOARD APPOINTMENT: Great Plains Development:

-Great Plains Development assists the County, and its Cities, with Small Business Administration loan applications, Community Development Block Grant writing and economic development revolving loans. As a Great Plains Development member, the County is eligible to appointment two people to the Board. At this time, the Commission will be asked to consider the appointment of Commissioner Homer Kruckenberg.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, said Janet Crane had previously served on the board. Boeckman said Commissioner Kruckenberg volunteered to serve.

Commissioner Davis moved to appoint Commissioner Homer Kruckenberg to the Great Plains Development Board.

Commissioner Lebbin seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

V. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Comm Kruckenberg: Highly embarrassed by today's Hutch News article quoting our Co Attorney saying "there is no time table to determine if there will be charges filed" against the driver in the accident where a trailer came disconnected causing two motorcycle deaths. The sister of the woman who died in the accident was quoted as saying "it is hard to grasp what's taken so long, I just want some answers".
- Richard Boeckman: Read the article. Called Doug Matthews who said he hadn't read the article yet.
- Comm Kruckenberg: Co Attorney could be a little more resolute. Wants to get a piece of him.

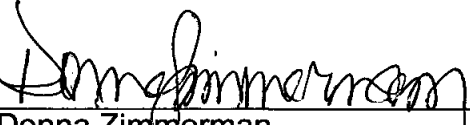
VII. ADJOURN:


Commissioner Lebbin made a motion to adjourn at 9:53 A.M.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:


Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk


Kenny Schremmer, Chairman