

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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September 22, 2014

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 22nd day of September 2014, at the Barton County Courthouse.

Members present:

Kenny Schremmer, Commissioner, 1st District, Chairman
Homer Kruckenber, Commissioner, 2nd District
Don Davis, Commissioner, 3rd District
Ken Lebbin, 4th District
Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk
Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator

Members absent:

Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner, 5th District (Chairman Pro-Tem)

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

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

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

The minutes of the September 15, 2014, Regular Meeting were not available.

II APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:

Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of September 8, 2014, and ending September 22, 2014.

Commissioner Lebbin moved to approve appropriations for the period of September 8, 2014 to September 22, 2014. Authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.
Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. WETLANDS AND WILDLIFE NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY: Website Photography:

-For some time, Dr. Dan Witt has generously provided photography for the Wetlands and Wildlife National Scenic Byway website. The photographs are nature based and are all shot locally. In reaction to a citizen concern, County staff met with Dr. Witt and identified the various birds and animals depicted in his photography. Bj Wooding, County Cartographer, will review the process that she, Judy Goreham, Environmental Manager, and Dr. Witt went through in labeling the photos.

Bj Wooding, County Cartographer, introduced Dr. Dan Witt who has provided many photographs for the Barton County website as well as the Wetlands and Wildlife National Scenic Byway website. Wooding said all of the photographs now have a label identifying the pictures. Wooding thanked Dr. Witt, The Great Bend Tribune and all others who contributed photos.

Dr. Dan Witt complimented Wooding and Goreham for their work on the website. Witt said his vision is to involve the Barton County Historical Society in creating a community mural depicting life from the beginning to present.

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Commissioner Davis moved to express appreciation to Dr. Witt, Ms. Goreham and Ms. Wooding for their efforts. In addition, move to present Dr. Witt with a Letter of Appreciation. Commissioner Lebbin seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. ADAMS, BROWN, BERAN AND BALL: Re-issue of the 2013 Audit:

-The Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund was selected for audit. This report will result in the 2013 Audit being re-issued.

Vickie Dreiling, Adams, Brown, Beran and Ball, said they are required to evaluate an entity and determined Barton County was a low risk auditee. However, there are five criteria that must be met in order to make that determination and Barton County met all but one. Since there was no single audit in 2012, one of the criteria was not met. The single audit was short by \$39,000, so that increased the coverage level from 25% to 50%. Therefore, another program had to be audited. Dreiling said they audited the EDRLF, Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund September 11, 2014. The only active loan in that account is Custom Re-bath. Dreiling said there were no changes in the opinions and no significant findings or material weaknesses were identified.

Commissioner Lebbin moved to accept the 2013 Re-issued Audit Report, as submitted by Adams, Brown, Beran and Ball.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

C. HISTORIC BRIDGE: Proposed Demolition of Bridge #650, Federal Aid Highway System:

-The County is considering the replacement of a historic Works Project Administration (WPA) bridge. The bridge is located in the Claflin area. The concrete and stone bridge spans a tributary of Beaver Creek and has "WPA 1940" stamped in the cement curb. It is suggested that the bridge be replaced with reinforced concrete box in order to widen it to a safer 30 foot roadway width that is consistent with the roadway width north and south of the structure. As the bridge is on the National Register of Historic Places, the State Historic Preservation Officer must be given the opportunity to comment on any action that would, generally, alter or destroy the structure. This item was presented on August 18, 2014, and served as notice to both the Kansas Historical Society and the public of the proposed action to demolish the bridge and replace the structure with a wider and safer reinforced concrete box.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, said Bridge #650 is on NE 60 Ave, one-half mile North of NE 220 Road near Beaver. The bridge was placed on the National Historic Register in July, 2008 with the hope the County would obtain grant money to help with repairs. There was no state funding provided.

Clark Rusco, County Engineer, said the bridge would require a significant amount of money to repair. There is a good volume of traffic on this bridge including large farm implements and heavy oilfield traffic. It is too narrow and unsafe in the present condition. Replacing the bridge with a modern structure would be wider and safer. Rusco took bids in 2011 and said it would cost approximately \$130,030 to repair the bridge.

Boeckman said he contacted the State Historical Society and will notify them of the Commissioner's action regarding Bridge #650. There will be a seven day period for the public to make any objections. Boeckman said it is less expensive to replace the bridge than to repair the existing one, but most importantly, there would still be safety issues.

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Commissioner Schremmer said when the bridges were put on the National Historic Register, they understood the State would be forthcoming with funds to help with repairs so the bridges could be maintained. The State did not furnish those funds.

Clark Rusco said, although bids have not been sought yet, he estimates the cost to replace the bridge to be approximately \$50,000 less than to repair.

Commissioner Lebbin said to be consistent with the roadway width north and south of the structure, moved to replace Bridge #650, Federal Aid Highway System. Direct the County Counselor / Administrator to notify the Kansas Historical Society of the decision. Direct the County Engineer to begin the process for replacing the bridge with a wider bridge that meets current safety standards for today's heavier farm equipment.

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

D. SOLID WASTE: Purchase of Replacement Vehicle:

-The Solid Waste Department solicited bids from the automotive dealerships in Barton County for a replacement truck. Specifications included a one ton regular cab pickup with four wheel drive, 4.10 rear axle ratio, towing package, A/C and AM/FM radio. The bid best meeting the specifications, a 2015 Chevrolet 3500HD Regular Cab Pickup, was purchased from Dove Chevrolet for \$26,992.90. The Commission will be asked to ratify this purchase.

Phil Hathcock, Solid Waste Manager, said the bid from Dove was \$1,292.95 lower than the bid discussed at study session and noted Dove was able to provide a pickup with a long bed.

3/4 Ton Vehicle Bids received include:

Doonans	2014 Sierra 2500	\$28,660.56
Dove	2014 HD 2500	\$24,873.19
Manweiler	2015 Chevy 3500	\$28,285.85
Marmies	2015 Ford F250	\$27,505.06

After discussion with the Commission, it was suggested that a One Ton pickup be purchased. Local car dealers were called to provide updated bids. One Ton Vehicle Bids received include:

Doonans	2015 GMC 3500HD	\$34,034.00
Dove	2015 Chevrolet 3500HD	\$26,992.90
Manweiler	2015 Chevy 3500	\$28,285.85
Marmies		No Bid

Commissioner Davis moved to ratify the purchase of the 2015 Chevrolet 3500HD Regular Cab Pickup from Dove Chevrolet for \$26,922.90, to include the payment from the Solid Waste Budget, Vehicular Equipment line, 140-68-6205.

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

E. COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE: Request for Approval – Added / Abated / Escaped / Refunded Taxes for 2013:

-Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk, will present a listing of Added / Abated / Escaped / Refunded Taxes for 2013. Orders for these actions are kept on file in the County Clerk's Office. These are used to correct assessments and are requested by the County Appraiser's Office or the County Clerk's Office.

Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk, presented the following orders:

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Property Types	Values	Escaped Taxes	Added / Abated	Refunds
Gas				
Oil	-59,622		-\$9,109.36	\$9,109.36
Personal Property				
Real Estate				
16/20 M Trucks				
State Assessed Utilities				
Special Assessments				
Grand Totals	-59,622		-\$9,109.36	\$9,109.36
Total Taxes	-\$9,109.36			
Total Records Selected	1			

Commissioner Davis moved to approve the Listing of Added / Abated / Escaped / Refunded Taxes for 2013 as presented by the County Clerk and reviewed by the County Appraiser. Direct the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.

Commissioner Lebbin seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

V. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Richard Boeckman: David Leroy, Clarence Township, called concerning the Liberty road complaints from Steve Barger and Judy Demel. Boeckman reported that Leroy said they were aware of the problem and are hauling rock to the site and working to repair the road. Leroy said no one complained to the township directly.
- Dave Wirth, Logan Township Trustee: Concerned about the \$750,000 sent to the County from the State for the Oil & Gas Depletion Fund. The original intent was for there to be some way to service the townships if oil values declined. Asked if that money would be held in escrow or used in capital outlay. Logan Township has budget concerns.
- Richard Boeckman: Oil & Gas Depletion statute provided funding for county, not townships. The money will no longer be made available to the counties, but will be used for schools. As a compromise, the money provided to the counties can now be used for whatever purpose the counties choose.
- David Wirth: A township with only a \$50,000 budget won't have decent roads. Will the Oil & Gas Depletion Funds be left in reserves or spent? Boeckman said the money is in reserves to be used for various expenditures.
- Comm Lebbin: During budget discussions, it was a unanimous decision to keep the funds in reserve and not to use them for normal operating expenses.
- David Wirth: Now that the County has sold the sand dredge, will they replace it or privatize sand? Comm Schremmer said that has not been decided yet.

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ADJOURN:

Commissioner Davis made a motion to adjourn at 9:49 A.M.

Commissioner Lebbin seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk



Kenny Schremmer, Chairman