

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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July 27, 2015

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 27th day of July 2015, at the Barton County Courthouse.

Members present:

Kenny Schremmer, Commissioner, 1st District, Chairman

Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner, 2nd District

Don Davis, Commissioner, 3rd District

Alicia Straub, 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 Kruckenberg moved to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Straub moved to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2015 Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

The minutes of the July 20, 2015 Regular Meeting were not available.

II. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:

-An Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of July 13, 2015, and ending July 27, 2015.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve appropriations for the period of July 13, 2015 to July 27, 2015.

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. COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE: Request for Approval – Added / Abated / Escaped / Refunded Taxes for 2014:

-Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk, will present a listing of Added / Abated / Escaped / Refunded Taxes for 2014. 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 tax roll adjustments:

BATCH #13				
Property Types	Values	Escaped Taxes	Added / Abated	Refunds
Gas				
Oil	-690,416		-\$108,846.52	\$105,437.50
Personal Property	- 1,406		-\$ 299.30	\$ 513.60

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Real Estate	- 534		-\$ 92.20	\$ 92.20
16/20 M Trucks				
State Assessed Utilities				
Special Assessments				
Grand Totals	-692,356		-\$109,238.02	\$106,043.30
Total Taxes	-\$109,238.02			
Total Records	14			

Commissioner Schartz asked if this is money we had anticipated. Zimmerman said it is money that was anticipated by the county, the college, various townships, school districts, etc. affected by the adjustments.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the Listing of Added / Abated / Escaped / Refunded Taxes for 2014 as presented by the County Clerk and reviewed by the County Appraiser and direct the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. ENRON GAS PIPELINE: Operating Procedures Update:

-Greg Alexander, Senior O&M Technician, Enron Gas Pipeline Operating out of Bushton, Kansas, has asked to provide an operating procedures update to the Commission.

Greg Alexander, Enron Gas Senior O&M Technician (now known as Northern Natural) said a 20 inch pipeline enters the west side of Barton County, going through Great Bend Feeding and eastward on to Rice County. Alexander explained there is also a 2 inch branch line in Claflin that runs to their main line. There are 4 lines in the southeast corner of the county that range in size, coming in from Stafford County and going into Rice County. Alexander said the large diameter lines are not odorized. The road crossing signs have a contact number for the (OCC) Operations Communications Center for any calls or concerns. Alexander said "high consequence areas" are a major concern, but noted there are no high consequence areas in Barton County.

Commissioner Schartz asked Alexander about the gases at the landfill and noted it appeared on the map Alexander provided them that their lines run close to the Landfill. Schartz asked if we could capture those gases and tie into their line. Alexander said that may be a possibility and said he would check into it.

Information Only. No Action Required.

C. CITY OF HOISINGTON: Railroad Crossing Replacement – Creation of Detour:

-The railroad crossing in Hoisington will be replaced during the week of August 10 – 14, 2015. The City is asking that the County prepare the detour route. Suggested is a path that takes travelers west on Keystone Road, north on Vine Street and east on Broadway Avenue into Hoisington.

Jonathan Mitchell, Hoisington City Manager, said they received information last week that KDOT is ready to move forward on the railroad crossing repair and noted K&O Railroad will be making the repairs. Mitchell explained the railroad will install new wood panels instead of concrete and said it will be a full depth replacement. Mitchell also noted the crossing will never be a totally smooth crossing because the crossing is on a bend and one track needs to be $\frac{3}{4}$ " higher than the other track. A recent traffic count showed that 5,500 vehicles cross the tracks daily.

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Commissioner Schremmer said he preferred concrete panels over wood panels. Mitchell said they asked the railroad about it, but was told the concrete lasts approximately 3-5 years and then problems arise. Mitchell said it could also be a cost issue.

Commissioner Davis asked about the detour plans for oversized loads, such as wind turbines, etc. Davis said the DOT should post information indicating any large trucks should be rerouted. Mitchell said that a bulletin was put out to re-route traffic. Paul Zecha, Hoisington City Superintendent, said the routes for the turbines have to be cleared through the State, so he is sure they will be rerouted.

Commissioner Schremmer asked about the condition of Vine Street. Zecha said the base is pretty good now, but needs work. Dale Phillips said the City and township were to look at the road maintenance and repair.

Mitchell said Paul Zecha hopes to work with the Road & Bridge Department to smooth out the road and make minor repairs. Mitchell said the city of will pay for any materials.

Phillips asked what they were asking for from the Road & Bridge Department. Are they talking about just working on Vine Street, signage, etc? Zecha said KDOT is taking care of the highway and the City of Hoisington will use the signs they use for Labor Day.

Commissioner Schartz moved to direct the Road and Bridge Department to assist the City of Hoisington in creating a detour for the Railroad Crossing Replacement Project and to work closely with them to figure out what needs to be done.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

D. HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Request for Proposal – South Outer Door Replacement:

-In late June, the County announced a Request for Proposal for the replacement of the South Outer Door at the Health Department. The proposal included the replacement of the existing door and frame, with reuse of the existing closer. The only bid was submitted by Quality Glass for a Manko 150 Series door and frame. It is suggested that Capital Improvement Funds be used for the \$3,457.00 project cost.

Shelly Schneider, Health Director, said the Lakin Street South door is a well-lit safe exit in the evening. Doors have not been updated since the county purchased the building. The battery operated keyless entry system has failed numerous times. Many keyless entry systems have been installed over the years and have left the door with many drill holes. There is no longer any area to refit a new keyless entry system. The air gaps in the door jamb fittings make the door no longer energy efficient. Schneider said the bid includes door, installation, a new keyless entry system and removal of the old door.

Commissioner Kruckenberg moved to award the Request for Proposal for the South Outer Door Replacement project to Quality Glass. At the project cost not to exceed \$3,457.00, Quality Glass is install the Manko 150 Series door and the frame. Payment to be made from the Capital Improvement Fund, Health Department line, 071-00-6326.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

- Shelly Schneider: Reminded everyone about the immunization carnival this Thursday.

E. SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN: Shingles Recycling Program:

-The Barton County Landfill receives between 1,500 and 2,000 tons of shingles per year. As asphalt shingles are primarily composed of oil, paving contractors frequently use ground shingles in their asphalt mix. Landfill management and Venture Corporation have reached an agreement wherein Venture will receive clean shingles from the Landfill for local paving use.

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Phil Hathcock, Landfill Director, said shingles are typically 20% asphalt. Our Road & Bridge Department does not have the ability to grind shingles. The Venture Corporation is willing to take the shingles and is capable of grinding them. The Landfill staff tries to remove as much wood and debris as possible from the discarded shingles. Venture gets the old shingles for free and hauls off. This keeps them out of our landfill.

Commissioner Davis asked what Venture does with the nails that are still left in the shingles. Hathcock said he understands most of the grinders have a magnet.

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V. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Sheriff Bellendir: Fairly quiet weekend. Couple of minor accidents.
- Amy Miller: Presidential Declaration No. 4230 received from FEMA on July 20th for May 4-June 21 severe storms. Applicant's Briefing will be held August 3rd at 1:30pm in courthouse conference room. Governmental entities /associations should attend to make application for public assistance.

VII. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Kruckenberg made a motion to adjourn at 9:44 A.M.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk

Kenny Schremmer, Chairman