

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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December 14, 2015

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 14th day of December 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, Commissioner, 4th District
 Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner, 5th District (Chairman Pro-Tem)
 Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk
 Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator

BUDGET AMENDMENT HEARING 9:00 a.m.

This Budget Hearing has been scheduled for the purpose of amending the 2015 Operating Budget for the following Barton County Funds – Road and Bridge, Noxious Weed, Special Bridge and Solid Waste. Despite the efforts of elected officials and department heads, budget estimates must be adjusted so that funds fall within budgetary laws.

Road and Bridge – The Road and Bridge Fund amendment is due to additional revenue from FEMA Federal and State Funds, the Sales of Property and Federal Funds. Amending the Road and Bridge Budget will allow for the purchase of aggregates and remaining funds being transferred to Equipment Replacement.

Noxious Weed –The Noxious Weed Fund amendment is due to additional revenue from Chemical Sales. In addition to replenishing commodities, this will allow remaining funds to be transferred to Equipment Replacement.

Special Bridge – The Special Bridge Fund amendment, a stand-alone fund operating outside the General Fund, is due to additional revenue received from the Kansas Local Bridge Improvement Program and reimbursement from Kansas Federal Funds.

Solid Waste – The amendment covers the unplanned purchase a replacement compactor.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor / Administrator, presented the following:

| FUND | ADOPTED 2015 | PROPOSED AMENDMENT 2015 | DIFFERENCE |
|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Road and Bridge | | | |
| Resources | \$ 4,770,750.00 | \$ 5,563,420.53 | \$ 792,670.53 |
| Expenditures | \$ 4,770,750.00 | \$ 5,563,421.00 | \$ 792,671.00 |
| Noxious Weed | | | |
| Resources | \$ 806,150.00 | \$ 922,202.00 | \$ 116,052.00 |
| Expenditures | \$ 806,150.00 | \$ 922,202.00 | \$ 116,052.00 |
| Special Bridge | | | |
| Resources | \$ 360,000.00 | \$ 571,539.00 | \$ 211,539.00 |
| Expenditures | \$ 360,000.00 | \$ 571,539.00 | \$ 211,539.00 |
| Solid Waste | | | |
| Resources | \$ 3,873,451.00 | \$ 4,373,821.00 | \$ 500,370.00 |
| Expenditures | \$ 1,177,860.00 | \$ 1,827,860.00 | \$ 650,000.00 |
| Totals | \$ 2,695,591.00 | \$ 2,545,961.00 | \$ (149,630.00) |

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HOUSE BUDGET HEARING:

Commissioner Schartz made a motion to close the budget hearing at 9:06 a.m.
Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

Commissioner Schremmer called the meeting to order at 9:06 A.M.

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

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2015 Regular Meeting.
Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

II. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:

-An Accounts Payable Register will be submitted for the period of November 30, 2015, and ending December 7, 2015. This particular register was created for a small number of vouchers that were due before December 14, 2015, the regular ending date of the appropriations period.

Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk, said accounts payable register was created for a couple of vouchers that were due before the December 14, 2015 regular A/P run.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve appropriations for the period of November 30, 2015 to December 7, 2015 and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.
Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

III. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:

-An Accounts Payable Register will be submitted for the period of November 30, 2015, and ending December 14, 2015.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve appropriations for the period of November 30, 2015 to December 14, 2015.
Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE: Request for Approval – Added / Abated / Escaped / Refunded Taxes for 2015:

-Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk, will present a listing of Added / Abated / Escaped / Refunded Taxes. 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 and noted this is the first batch since the new tax roll was generated

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| BATCH #1 | | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|------------|
| Property Types | Values | Escaped Taxes | Added / Abated | Refunds |
| Gas | | | | |
| Oil | | | | |
| Personal Property | | | | |
| Real Estate | -61,075 | | -\$10,738.34 | \$4,946.46 |
| 16/20 M Trucks | | | | |
| State Assessed Utilities | | | | |
| Special Assessments | | | | |
| Grand Totals | -61,075 | | -\$10,738.34 | \$4,946.46 |
| Total Taxes | -\$10,738.34 | | | |
| Total Records Selected | 9 | | | |

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

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. AMENDMENT OF THE 2015 BARTON COUNTY OPERATING BUDGET:

-The Budget Amendment Hearing for the 2015 Operating Budget for Barton County was conducted prior to this Regular Agenda Meeting. Mr. Boeckman presented the proposed budget amendments during the Hearing. The Commission is now asked to consider amendments that will allow for the current budget to cover the operating expenses of the affected funds, specifically Road and Bridge, Noxious Weed, Special Bridge and Solid Waste. It is noted that these funds fall outside of the General Operating Budget.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, said the budget amendments were advertised appropriately and recommended approval.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the 2015 Barton County Budget Amendment.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

C. LETTER OF APPRECIATION: Cris Collier, Wetlands and Wildlife National Scenic Byway:

-Upon her retirement, it is suggested that the Commission thank Cris Collier, Great Bend Convention and Visitors Bureau, for her efforts relative to the Wetlands and Wildlife National Scenic Byway. Ms. Collier has seen the project grow from its inception to the success it is today. Due, in large part to her efforts, there have been economic, cultural and educational changes to not only Barton, but also Stafford and Reno Counties.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, said there has always been a good working relationship between the County and Cris Collier. Boeckman noted Collier has always handled the marketing for the byway while Boeckman has handled the administration and logistics. Both Richard Boeckman and Cris Collier attended the byway annual meeting last November in Salina.

Collier said the idea for the byway was born from a County Strategic Planning Committee and thanked the Commissioners for the partnership.

Ken Unruh, CVB Chairman, thanked Collier for her 30 years of work with the byway project.

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Commissioner Straub moved to approve the Letter and Certificate of Appreciation presented to Cris Collier from the Commission.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

D. COMMUNICATIONS: Installation of Next Generation 911:

-Put simply, Next Generation 911 (NG 911) is an Internet Protocol (IP)-based system that allows digital information (e.g., voice, photos, videos, text messages) to flow seamlessly from the public, through the 911 network, and on to emergency responders. While the County has been working toward moving to a NG911 system, it was anticipated that the conversion would take place on earlier than 2017. With the failure of an analog server, it has been determined that NG911 should be installed as soon as practice.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, said the County purchased a vesta pallas analog CAMA system in 2010 and noted that system was state of the art at that time. Boeckman explained that was an analog system and now Communications has moved more toward a digital environment that the vesta pallas system cannot support adequately. The public switched telephone network (PTSN) is not adequate to support the present communication environment. The FCC has determined the PTSN will sunset and be replaced with an IP based network. The vesta pallas server is not reliable and it is necessary to move forward with the conversion.

Dena Popp, 911 Communications, said 3 consoles are working relatively well right now and noted, over the last few weeks, they have had to use phones instead of their consoles due to server failure.

Commissioner Schartz said 911 is a critical department and cannot risk equipment failure.

Commissioner Kruckenberg said we're very fortunate to have Dena Popp.

Commissioner Schartz moved to install NG 911 as soon as practical. Direct the County Counselor/Administrator to serve as a point of contact with the State of Kansas NG911 and with AT&T and direct the County Counselor/Administrator to coordinate with the State NG 911 and AT&T to effect installation of the NG 911 system as soon as possible.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

E. COMMUNICATIONS: Maintenance Agreement on a Replacement Server Provided by AT&T:

-As detailed earlier, a server at 911 has failed. This failure has led to the County's consideration of moving to NG 911 earlier than anticipated. In order to effectively run the County's current 911 system, AT&T has provided a replacement server. However, the County will be required to pay a maintenance fee. That fee is estimated at a cost of \$12,375.00 for nine months, with the cost being prorated should the equipment be released early. 911 Tax monies are available for this cost.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, said there have been problems with the vesta pallas server since October. A replacement server was found and installed in November. Boeckman said AT&T provided a service maintenance contract for 9 months and noted there will be a credit issued if the new system is installed before the end of the contract period.

Commissioner Schartz asked how long this system is expected to last. Boeckman said he has not seen anything that indicates the technology will change in the near future and noted it's a matter of how long the server will last.

Popp said AT&T assured them that technology updates will be included as part of the contract.

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Boeckman said the equipment will be leased from AT&T, which is an improvement over owning the equipment. Boeckman said there has been no end to the difficulties with the replacement server.

Commissioner Davis moved to approve the maintenance agreement with AT&T for the loaned server. Cost of the agreement, estimated at no more than \$12,375.00, to be paid from the 911 Tax Fund, Maintenance of Machinery and Equipment line, 080-86-5460. Commissioner Scharz seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.

VI. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

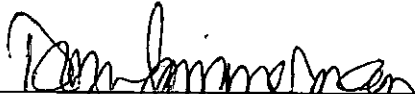
VII. OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business.

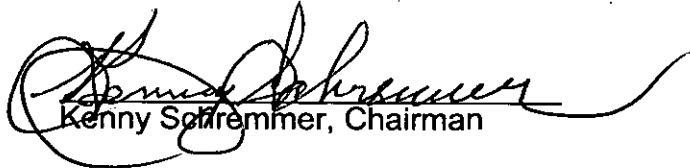
VIII. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Scharz made a motion to adjourn at 9:39 A.M. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk



Kenny Sotremmer, Chairman