

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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January 20, 2015

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 20th day of January 2015, at the Barton County Courthouse.

Members present:

Kenny Schremmer, Commissioner, 1st District, Chairman
Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner, 2nd District
Alicia Straub, 4th District
Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner, 5th District (Chairman Pro-Tem)
Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk
Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator

Members absent:

Don Davis, Commissioner, 3rd District

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

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

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

The minutes of the January 12, 2015 Regular Meeting were not available.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

III. 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 #1				
Property Types	Values	Escaped Taxes	Added / Abated	Refunds
Gas				
Oil	- 883,687		-\$160,888.84	\$33,188.90
Personal Property	- 117,582		-\$ 19,462.94	\$ 3,008.99
Real Estate				
16/20 M Trucks	- 4,184		-\$ 562.44	\$ 168.96
State Assessed Utilities				
Special Assessments				
Grand Totals	-1,005,453		-\$180,914.22	\$36,366.85
Total Taxes	\$180,914.22			
Total Records Selected	110			

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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 Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. RESOLUTION 2015-04: 2015 Tax Sale:

-Resolution 2015-04 authorizes certain tracts of real estate be sold for back taxes. This money is then distributed to the various taxing entities in the County. The Resolution also authorizes abstract work to be performed in preparation for the tax sale.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, said there was a small tax sale last year with only 12-15 tracts and noted the tax sale is now on a three year cycle. Kevin Wondra, County Treasurer, estimates 240 tracts are currently on the next tax sale. The tax sale is typically held the 2nd Tuesday in October.

Commissioner Straub moved to adopt Resolution 2015-04, 2015 Tax Sale.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

C. 2015 TAX SALE: First American Title Company:

-As there are no other abstract companies in Barton County, Mr. Boeckman took the liberty of contacting First American Title Company reference abstracting services for the 2015 Tax Sale. First American Title Company is willing to provide the needed services at \$70.00 per parcel. Pam Curtis, First American Title Company, will provide details.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, said First American Title Company does a good job and explained they are asking for an increase from \$65 to \$70 per parcel.

Pam Curtis, First American Title Company, said the last increase was in 2010 when they increased from \$60 to \$65. Curtis said this increase is still well under surrounding counties and noted Russell County pays \$90, Pawnee County pays close to \$200, Pratt County is around \$75 and Rush County around \$150 per parcel.

Commissioner Schartz asked Curtis if her company does all of the leg work on the 240 parcels. Curtis said yes, they do all of the research from the Register of Deeds office and District Court as all interest holders need to be properly served.

Commissioner Schartz asked when the parcel is sold at the tax sale, if it is possible to assess a charge in order to recoup the expense. Boeckman said, as part of the redemption, the filing fee as well as the abstract fee is paid by the buyer. Kevin Wondra said the only time the abstracting fee is not recouped, is when the parcel actually sells at the tax sale for less than what is owed. If a taxpayer pays the 2011 taxes owed before the parcel is sent to the abstract company, they are not charged the abstracting fee.

Commissioner Kruckenberg moved to approve a \$70.00 per parcel price for abstracting work provided by First American Title Company for the 2015 Tax Sale.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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D. SOLID WASTE: SCS Aquaterra Proposal – Expansion of Permitted Airspace:

-The Barton County Landfill operates the Construction and Demolition (C&D) Landfill per Kansas Department of Health and Environment regulations. The C&D Landfill is close to filling all of its permitted airspace. SCS Aquaterra provided a cost estimate of \$7,500.00 to provide KDHE with the required documents to obtain a conditional approval to expand the permitted airspace.

Phil Hathcock, Solid Waste Manager, presented the details on the proposal.

Commissioner Kruckenberg asked if a lot of brick and concrete was brought to the landfill from the St. Rose building. Hathcock said no, but they did receive a lot of lumber and interior products from the building.

Commissioner Straub moved to approve the SCS Aquaterra Proposal for Professional Services related to the Barton County (C&D) Landfill Expansion. The cost, \$7,500.00, to be paid from the Solid Waste Budget, Professional Services line, 140-68-5475.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

E. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Clara Barton Hospital Exercise – Ebola – Time to Prepare:

-Barton County Emergency Management conducted a tabletop exercise at Clara Barton Hospital, Hoisington, Kansas, on January 7, 2015. This tabletop exercise allowed participants to discuss plans and utilize problem solving discussions concerning the Ebola Virus Disease. Participants included local hospitals, public health, emergency management, emergency medical services, law enforcement and other local agencies. Amy Miller, Emergency Manager, will report on the planning and results of the tabletop exercise.

Amy Miller, Emergency Manager, said they covered hospital response and readiness; PPE (personal protective equipment); coordination and communication between agencies and public information dissemination, etc at the recent Ebola tabletop exercise. There will be an after action review meeting on February 2nd. Grant requirements were met for a lot of different agencies with the exercise.

Information Only. No Action Required.

F. COUNTY ENGINEER: L and M Contractors – Change Order:

-In May, 2014, the Commission accepted a bid for the construction of certain box structures from L and M Contractors, Inc. It was recently determined that two additional rigid frame box structures needed to be replaced, one being located south of Odin on NE 130 Road and one on NW 80 Road in Walnut Township. L and M Contractors submitted a change order for the work, priced at \$91,570.00. Monies are available in the Special Bridge Fund for this work.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, said Project #1621-1815 is \$54,690.00 and Project #2425-1712 is \$36,880.00.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the L and M Contractors Change Order for the construction of two additional rigid frame box structures. Payment for the \$91,570.00 project to be made from the Special Bridge Replacement Fund, Equipment Operating and Construction, 003-92-6190-92.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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G. COUNTY SERVICES: Informational Update:

-Mr. Boeckman will provide the informational report of work completed during the last period. The report, which will be made available to the media, will serve as a public reminder of the services provided by the County on a regular basis.

Information Only. No Action Required.

IV. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

V. OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business.

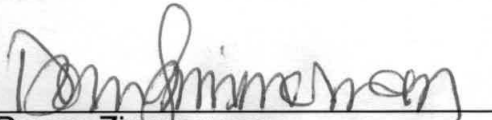
VI. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Kruckenberg made a motion to adjourn at 9:35 A.M.

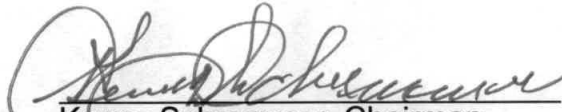
Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk



Kenny Schremmer, Chairman

RESOLUTION 2015-04

2015 TAX SALE

WHEREAS, Barton County holds certain tracts where taxes remain unpaid for periods of three years or more;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the taxpayers of Barton County that delinquent property taxes be collected on these parcels.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, that the County Counselor \ Administrator is directed to institute an action in the District Court of Barton County, Kansas, in the name of the Commissioners, against the owners or supposed owners of the real estate and all persons having or claiming to have any interest therein or thereto; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the abstracting work associated with the sale be performed by First American Title Company; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sheriff of Barton County, a member of his staff or another person designated by the Sheriff may bid on property at the tax foreclosure sale in the name of Barton County, but that the bid of Barton County may not exceed the amount of the judgment lien and interest thereon, as provided by law, plus the costs, charges and expenses of the proceedings and sale as set forth in the execution or order of sale; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Barton County that the Sheriff of Barton County is authorized to retain the services of an auctioneer to assist in the sale of real estate at the forthcoming real estate tax foreclosure sale for compensation as the Sheriff of Barton County deems reasonable.

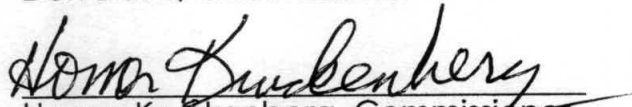
Adopted this 20th day of January, 2015.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Kerney Schremmer, Chairman

ABSENT

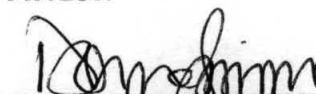
Don Davis, Commissioner


Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner


Jennifer Scharz, Commissioner

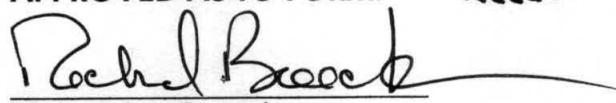

Alicia Straub, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Donna Zimmerman,
County Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Richard A. Boeckman,
County Counselor