

# Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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January 25, 2016

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 25th day of January 2016, at the Barton County Courthouse.

## *Members present:*

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

## **I. OPENING BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order at 9:00 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 January 19, 2016 Regular Meeting.  
Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **II. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS: 13<sup>th</sup> Month:**

Accounts Payable Register for the 13th Month, 2015, will be submitted to the Commission.  
Thirteenth month expenditures include any unpaid bills for a product, service, or utility that was actually received in 2015.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the appropriations for the second round of 13<sup>th</sup> month payables for 2015 and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.  
Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **III. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:**

-An Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of January 1, 2016, and ending January 25, 2016.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the appropriations for the period of January 1, 2016, to January 25, 2016 and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.  
Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **IV. OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business.

## **V. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **A. PUBLIC INFORMATION: Oxford House, Great Bend:**

-Oxford House is a concept in recovery from drug and alcohol addiction. In its simplest form, an Oxford House describes a democratically run, self-supporting and drug free home. Jason Cavender has established a home in Great Bend that will open February 1, 2016.

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Jason Cavender, Oxford House representative, said an Oxford House is a structured home for recovering addicts and alcoholics that are working to better themselves. Cavender said he became involved with Oxford House in 2013 when he moved to Wichita and became a member of the Lincoln House and noted he is proud to be an alumnus after a six month stay. Cavender read comments from Robert Williams; a Great Bend native, former Great Bend Police Officer and Lane County Sheriff who is presently living in an Oxford House. Robert Williams wrote you need not have a criminal record to get help from an Oxford House; anyone wanting to get sober is welcome. Cavender said the Oxford House is a 34 year old concept and explained the houses are always rented because their interest is in recovery, not in money. Oxford Houses make good neighbors, there are only three rules: pay your fair share of the weekly rent, don't be disruptive and don't use or drink. A recovering individual can live in the house for as long as he or she wants to. Cavender said they get a \$4,000 loan from FORA (Friends of Recovery Association), but said donations are being accepted for furniture, household goods, etc.

Commissioner Straub asked if the house was full. Cavender said they are three members strong and were doing an interview that afternoon.

Commissioner Davis suggested that Cavender contact KVGB and Trading Post for needed appliances.

Information Only. No Action Required.

## B. BOARD APPOINTMENTS: Health Advisory Board:

-Barton County solicited applicants for five uncompensated positions for the Health Advisory Board. The Health Advisory Board reviews and makes recommendations on policies related to public health services in Barton County. Four positions are to be filled by allied health personnel and one by a lay person. The uncompensated positions term (one) December 31, 2016, and (four) December 31, 2017. Scott Fleming, William T. King, Dr. Mike Malone and Krista Smith have all applied.

Shelly Schneider, Health Director, said there are five vacant positions and said Scott Fleming, Hoisington EMS, applied, but Teddy Williamson did not reapply. Schneider said with these appointments, there will still be one open "citizen" position.

*Reappointment – Dr. William T. King, Dr. Mike Malone, Krista Smith*

*Appointment – Scott Fleming, Hoisington EMS Director*

APPOINTMENT	REQUIREMENT	DATE APPOINTED	TERM DATE
<i>Dr William King</i>	<i>Allied Medical Field</i>	<i>1/21/2014</i>	<i>12/13/2015</i>
<i>Dr Mike Malone</i>	<i>Allied Medical Field</i>	<i>1/21/2014</i>	<i>12/13/2015</i>
<i>Krista Smith</i>	<i>Allied Medical Field</i>	<i>1/21/2014</i>	<i>12/13/2015</i>
<i>Teddy Williamson</i>	<i>Allied Medical Field</i>	<i>1/21/2014</i>	<i>12/13/2015</i>
	<i>Citizen</i>		<i>12/31/2016</i>
Judge Hannelorre Kitts	Citizen	2/2/2015	12/31/2016
Marge Conell	Nurse	2/2/2015	12/31/2016

Commissioner Straub moved to appoint Scott Fleming, Dr. William King, Dr. Mike Malone and Krista Smith to the Health Advisory Board and these persons are affiliated with the medical field, and appoint each to an uncompensated term ending December 31, 2017.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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## **APPRAISER'S OFFICE: Bulk Mailing – Valuation Notices:**

-After reviewing options, the Appraiser's Office has determined that using Postal Presort dba Postalcity to generate and mail valuation notices, labels and envelopes is the most cost effective method.

Barbara Esfeld, County Appraiser, said their office will mail valuation notices by March 1<sup>st</sup> this year. Esfeld said Postal Presort has provided this service the past couple of years and provided an estimate of \$9,157.81. Esfeld said, if preparing the mailing in-house, it would cost approximately \$10,000 including postage, but this estimate does not include staff time.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to hire Postal Presort at an estimated amount of \$9,157.81 for bulk mailing Certificates of Valuation Notices for 2016. Cost to be paid from the Appraiser's account of the General Fund, Professional Service Fee's line – 001-14-5475.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **D. COUNTY ENGINEER: Kansas Department of Transportation – Local Road Safety Plan:**

-Richard Boeckman, County Counselor / Administrator, will discuss the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) Local Road Safety Plan (LRSP). Under a proposed agreement, KDOT will analyze County roads for the identification of potential safety improvements. KDOT will eventually hire a consulting engineering firm to look at similar roadways and crash statistics statewide and apply them to Barton County roads. The goal is to identify potential problem spots and develop a list of safety improvements. Although a project cost has not been identified, it is expected that the County will be responsible for 10% of the cost.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, said this agreement will help improve our chances for RRR funding. The study objectives that the contract with KDOT provides are:

- Select Safety emphasis areas by identifying the types of crashed that offer the greatest opportunity for crash reduction
- Identify a short list of countermeasures most appropriate for the study routes based on strategies that have been demonstrated to effectively reduce the identified priority crash types
- Identify the intersections, segments, and/or curves that are the highest priority candidates for safety investment in a prioritized manner by route and location, including information sufficient to apply for safety funding

Commissioner Kruckenberg moved to approve the KDOT Agreement for Project 106 C 4790-01, Local Road Safety Plan.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **E. ON-SITE SAFETY INSPECTION OF BARTON COUNTY FACILITIES: Electrical Corrections:**

-In September, 2015, the Kansas Department of Labor performed an on-site Safety Inspection of Barton County facilities. While most corrective actions have been completed, a remaining one relates to the replacement of outlets at Road and Bridge and at Noxious Weed. With the work required to be completed by an electrician, the estimated total cost to replace 115 outlets is \$7,461.61. Dale Phillips, Director, will provide details on the Silverado Electric quote.

Dale Phillips, Road and Bridge Director, said the September 29, 2015 inspection supersedes the OSHA inspection. Electrical outlets in the shop, kitchen and workroom areas of both Noxious Weed as well as Road & Bridge buildings need to be replaced with a GFI system. Phillips said it was recommended that breakers in the main breaker box be changed, however that is not possible.

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Estimated costs:	Noxious Weed	\$2,028.42	Replace 30 outlets
	Road & Bridge	\$5,433.19	Replace 85 outlets

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve the Silverado Electric quote to replace 85 outlets at Road and Bridge. Total cost, \$5,433.19, to be paid from the Capital Improvement Fund, Road and Bridge line, 071-00-6335 and moved to approve the Silverado Electric quote to replace 30 outlets at Noxious Weed. Total cost, \$2,028.42, to be paid from the Capital Improvement Fund, Noxious Weed line, 071-00-6315. Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.

## VI. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

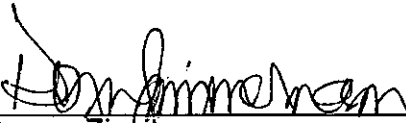
## VII. OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business.

## VIII. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Schartz made a motion to adjourn at 9:35 A.M. Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

  
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Donna Zimmerman  
Barton County Clerk

  
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Don Davis, Chairman