

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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July 25, 2016

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 25th day of July 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 Schartz moved to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Straub moved to approve the minutes of the July 5, 2016, the July 11, 2016 and the July 18, 2016 Regular Meetings.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

Motion passed 4 - 0.

II. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:

-An Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of July 11, 2016, and ending July 25, 2016.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve appropriations for the period of July 11, 2016, to July 25, 2016.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARD: Gary Demel, Shop Foreman, Road and Bridge, Employee of the Quarter:

-The Employee Relations Committee (ERC) recommends outstanding individuals for the "Employee Recognition Award". At this time, the Commission will be asked to recognize Gary Demel, Shop Foreman, Road and Bridge. Demel was nominated for diligent and reliable work in keeping the Road and Bridge fleet operating so efficiently. In addition, he also works with the County's memorial parks.

Wendy Birzer, ERC President, presented the award and read the recommendation letter. Gary Demel was recognized for his 42 years county service.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to join the ERC in presenting Gary Demel with the Employee Recognition Award.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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Demel said it was nice to be recognized for his service.

Dale Phillips congratulated Demel and thanked him for running the department for 3 months during his illness.

B. 2015 AUDIT REPORT:

-Melissa Ille of Adams, Brown, Beran and Ball will present the 2015 Audit Report to the Commission. The report will cover the financial condition of Barton County from January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015.

Melissa Ille, Adams, Brown, Beran and Ball, thanked the commission for allowing them to do the audit. Ille said they enjoy working with County staff and said it went smoothly this year. Ille said Barton County received a clean opinion, but noted two separate issues: Tax distributions were not made in a timely manner which was a statute violation and the County had a negative cash balance in the Motor Vehicle Tax License Fee Fund, which is also a statute violation.

Commissioner Schartz asked if there were any consequences from the State for the violations. Ille said none that she was aware of at this time.

Ille said there were two material weaknesses cited: The Treasurer wired money to a bank in Georgia in a phishing scam. Secondly, proper internal controls should be in place to insure that monthly transactions are accurately reported and monitored. Ille noted there were 49 checks listed on the outstanding check list totaling \$143,110. In addition, another check was written to the County Treasurer in the amount of \$41,107 that also never cleared the bank account.

DeReiling, Adams, Brown, Beran and Ball, was also present.

Commissioner Schartz moved to accept the 2015 Audit Report as submitted by Adams, Brown, Beran and Ball.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

C. CITY OF CLAFLIN: Cooperative Effort to Repair Roads:

-The City of Claflin has requested assistance with sealing of certain roads. As an independent contractor, the County would receive a maximum of \$6,000 for labor and equipment. Robert Suelter, Claflin City Attorney, developed the contractual agreement for the work.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, said Barton County has assisted Claflin with road sealing for several years now. The County adopted Resolution 2015-12 which states the County does not compete with the private sector.

The proposed area of work includes:

- All of Ninth Street
- Hamilton Street from Main Street east to its eastern terminus
- A Street from Hamilton Street to Williamson Street
- Albro Street from Sixth Street to Ninth Street

Richard Hayes, Claflin City, said they changed the contract from \$6,000 to \$7,500. Hayes said Claflin will again pay all costs. Hayes said they solicited bids the first five years and never found anyone interested in the work. Hayes noted they have had the county perform the work for the past 10 years.

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Commissioner Straub moved to authorize the Road and Bridge Department to assist the City of Claflin in sealing certain City Streets under the signed agreement with a total not to exceed \$7,500.00 and direct the Commission Chairman to sign on behalf of the County.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

D. IMPROVED EMERGENCY SERVICE COMMUNICATIONS: Tower Inspection:

-Law enforcement continues to have communications issues in the far northeast portion of Barton County. It has been suggested that the County purchase a small tower in that area that is currently owned by H & B Communications. Prior to doing so, it would be prudent to do a structural exam of the tower. Mr. Boeckman has contacted vendors in to reference this service.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, said the best solution appears to be a small tower H&B Communications leases from Machele Willems. Boeckman said this tower is located 5¾ miles north and east of Claflin on NE 160 Road. Bob Jarmer believes the tower would provide good communications and would be easier to install and maintain equipment on. Rob Kock, H&B Communications, said the tower has not been used in 15 years and would sell it to the county for \$2,500. Boeckman said he received two proposals for inspection of the tower and noted we would also need equipment, electricity, propane, coax, etc. at the location.

Sheriff Bellendir said, since the opportunity presented itself, we should take advantage of it.

Boeckman said if the tower passes inspection, he would bring the item back for approval of the lease and noted Dena Popp checked with the state and learned 911 money can be used for the inspection, acquisition and leasing of the tower.

Commissioner Schartz moved to hire AllState Tower to do a structural exam of the H & B Tower located in the northeast portion of Barton County. Project cost, estimated at \$1,450.00, to be paid from 911 Tax Fund, Tower Lease Line, 080-86-5955.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

V. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business.

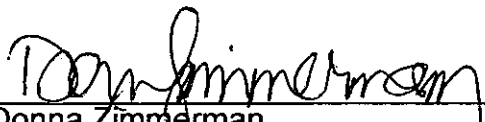
VII. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Schremmer made a motion to adjourn at 9:29 A.M.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:


Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk


Don Davis, Chairman