

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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November 28, 2016

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 28th day of November 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
Bev Schmeidler, Asst. Deputy County Clerk

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

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

Commissioner Schartz said since Donna Zimmerman, the County Clerk, is not here, she would like to have Item A under New Business tabled until a later time when she can be here. Schartz said the item was not time sensitive in any way.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Straub moved to approve the minutes for the November 7, 2016, Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Minutes of the November 21, 2016 Regular Meeting were not available.

II. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:

-An Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of November 14, 2016, and ending November 28, 2016.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve appropriations for the period of November 14 to November 28, 2016 and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

A. RESOLUTION 2016-20: Resolution to Approve the Proposed Extension District:

-The Barton County / KSU Extension Council is exploring an option to join the Ellis County Extension Council in forming an extension district. Prior to approving any agreement of a proposed district, the Barton County Commissioners are required to provide certain notice. While it is the intent of the Commission to approve an agreement to permit the extension district, the Commission recognizes that it is possible that the Commissioners or voters in Barton or Ellis County may disprove of that action. Further, a petition may be filed in opposition.

Natalie Fullerton, Barton County/KSU Extension Council President, thanked the Commissioners for their time and consideration of this matter. Fullerton said the Barton County Extension Board has studied and researched forming a district with Ellis County quite extensively and believed it to be a good decision.

Janel Rose, taxpayer, inquired about the way taxes would be handled, what the minimum and maximum taxing authority would be, as well as the economic impact for the individual taxpayer in Barton County.

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Fullerton said the mill levy cap would be no higher than 1.5 mills and noted they are considering less than that amount. Fullerton said, in working with leadership at K-State Research and Extension, it has been determined that the mill levy within at least the next few years would be somewhere around .78 of a mill.

Rose asked how many dollars from Barton County that would amount to, to put it into perspective.

Commissioner Straub said they are taking the step to form an extension district before the State comes in and says that it has to be done. In the history of extension districts, the mill levy has remained the same or actually decreased over a period of 10 years. Straub said, currently, there are approximately 16 extension districts that involve about 45 counties and noted the tax lid also affects the extension districts so they could not raise the mill levy more than inflation.

Rose said that she understood this was a significant increase to the extension budget where other departments in the County will not have an increase.

Commissioner Schartz said she had the same concerns. The past few years, the Extension Council has asked for more than the Commission has been willing to give. Schartz said Ellis County will be putting in \$1.12 for every \$0.75 that comes from Barton County.

Commissioner Straub said the extension council touches every demographic from infants to seniors in our county. The State mandates that the County provide for the extension council but not to what extent.

Rose said she does not advocate for extension to go away, but encourages funds are spent wisely and with care. Rose expressed concern that the other county involved may dictate what is being done.

Commissioner Straub said the boards are publicly elected. The first board would be comprised of four members from each county that are appointed by the Commission. She encouraged Rose to apply for the board.

Commissioner Davis said there will be a 60-day period for questions. If 5% disapprove, it would have to go to a special election.

Rose said she appreciates that that is a very transparent process.

Fullerton read Resolution 2016-20.

Commissioner Straub moved to approve the Resolution 2016-20, Resolution to Approve the Proposed Extension District.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. COUNTY CLERK: Approval of Township Treasurer Bonds:

-Pursuant to K.S.A. 80-203, before entering office, the township treasurer shall execute a bond in an amount determined by County Commissioners. The amount and sufficiency of the bond shall be conditioned upon the faithful discharge of the treasurer's duties. The bond shall then be filed in the office of the County Clerk. Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk, will provide a recommendation for such township official bonds.

(ITEM TABLED)

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B. BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: Requirements of Regular and Special Meeting

Notification:

-KSA 75-4318 states, in general, as an open meeting requirement, a public body may require that a request to receive notice (of regular and special meetings) must be submitted to the body prior to the commencement of a fiscal year. As the County prepares for Fiscal Year 2017, the Commission may direct staff to request written notification from the public to receive meeting announcements. Such requests would be made of the businesses and persons currently receiving announcements.

Commissioner Straub moved to direct the Administrator's Office to provide a notice to individuals, the media and local governments asking for notification that they wish to continue or begin receiving notice of all Commission Agenda and Special Meetings for 2017.

Commissioner Scharz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

C. OCCUPANCY AGREEMENTS: 12th and Kansas, Great Bend:

-The KSU \ Barton County Extension Council and the State of Kansas Parole Office are housed in the Barton County Office Building at 12th and Kansas, Great Bend. The proposed agreements, set to expire December 31, 2017, allow each agency office space, as well as use of the County's phone and long distance services. Each agency has a separate agreement for the provided space and services.

Commissioner Straub moved to approve the Occupancy Agreements for the KSU\Barton County Extension Council and the State of Kansas Parole Office, with both agreements set to expire December 31, 2017. Direct staff to submit the approved agreements to the listed agencies.

Commissioner Scharz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

V. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Comm Scharz: Said the newly elected Treasurer Jim Jordan was present this morning.


VII. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Kruckenberg made a motion to adjourn at 9:32 A.M.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:


Bev Schmeidler
Barton County Asst. Deputy Clerk


Don Davis, Chairman

RESOLUTION 2016-20

Resolution to Approve the Proposed Extension District

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, is authorized to approve an agreement pertaining to a proposed extension district(s) created under K.S.A. 2-623, et seq; and

WHEREAS, it is the wish of the Barton County / KSU Extension Council to join the Ellis County Extension Council in forming an extension district pursuant to K.S.A. 2-623; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to K.S.A. 2-623(i) prior to approving the agreement of the proposed extension district, the Barton County Commissioners are required to provide certain notice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, that it is their intent to approve an agreement to permit the Barton County / KSU Extension Council to join the Ellis County Extension Council in forming an extension district pursuant to K.S.A. 2-623, et seq; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Barton County Commissioners recognize that it is possible that the Board of County Commissioners or voters in one of these other counties may disapprove that County's joining the district. It is the intention of the Barton County Commissioners to join with the aforementioned county; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Extension district shall have for its sole purpose the giving of instruction and practical demonstration in agriculture, marketing, home economics (family and consumer sciences), 4-H Club and youth work, community and resource development, and economic development initiatives to all persons in the extension district and the imparting of such persons of information on the subjects through practical demonstrations, meetings, publications or otherwise in accordance with the program and service prescribed by the governing body of the extension district; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that if, within sixty (60) days following the last publication of this resolution, a petition in opposition to the approval of the agreement and the inclusion of Barton County in the extension district is signed by not less than five percent (5%) of the qualified electors of Barton County and is filed with the Barton County Election Officer, the Barton County Commissioners will not approve the agreement and Barton County will not

be included in the extension district unless and until the agreement is approved by a majority of the qualified electors of Barton County voting at a primary or general election or a special election called and held for such purpose. This Resolution shall become effective the day and year below written.

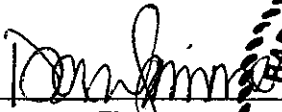
Adopted this 28th day of November, 2016, by the Board of county Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

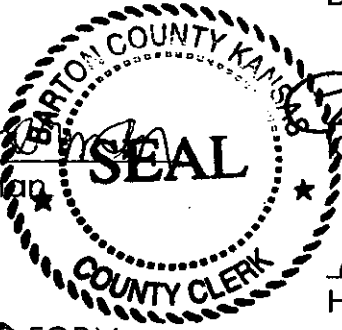


Don Davis, Chair

ATTEST:



Donna Zimmerman
County Clerk






Jenny Schlemmer, Commissioner



Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Allen G. Gladdenning,
Special Counsel
Watkins-Calcaria, Chtd.



Jennifer Scharz, Commissioner



Alicia Straub, Commissioner