

# Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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May 8, 2017

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 8th day of May 2017, 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  
 Alicia Straub, Commissioner, 4th District  
 Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner, 5th District, Chairman  
 Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk  
 Carey Hipp, County Counselor

**I. OPENING BUSINESS:**

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

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

Commissioner Davis moved to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2017, Regular Meeting.  
 Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.  
 All voted aye. Motion passed.

**II. OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business.

**III. NEW BUSINESS:**

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

-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 tax roll adjustments:

<b>BATCH #11</b>				
<b>Property Types</b>	<b>Values</b>	<b>Escaped Taxes</b>	<b>Added / Abated</b>	<b>Refunds</b>
Gas				
Oil				
Personal Property				
Real Estate	-257,384		-\$41,698.12	\$41,698.12
16/20 M Trucks				
State Assessed Utilities				
Special Assessments				
Grand Totals	-257,384		-\$41,698.12	\$41,698.12
Total Taxes	-\$41,698.12			
Total Records Selected	2			

Donna Zimmerman said she prepared a tax analysis and sent it to Logan Township so they can anticipate the \$5,812 shortage since they have a relatively small budget.

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Commissioner Schartz asked if the exemptions were all or nothing. Zimmerman said that was her understanding. Zimmerman explained that BCC-Camp Aldrich won their tax exemption on appeal.

Commissioner Davis moved to approve the Listing of Added / Abated / Escaped / Refunded Taxes as reviewed by the County Appraiser and presented by the County Clerk and direct the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

Straub asked if the township still maintains the road leading into Camp Aldrich. Zimmerman confirmed that the road is maintained by the township.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Schartz asked if the college could enter into an agreement with the township in regards to the maintenance of the road. Zimmerman said she will mention that to David Wirth, Logan Township Trustee. Schartz asked Zimmerman to also include the Claflin Fire District in that communication.

## **B. PROCLAMATION 2017-09: National Bike Month – May, 2017:**

-The bicycle is an economical, healthy, convenient, and environmentally sound form of transportation and an excellent tool for recreation and enjoyment of Barton County's scenic beauty. Throughout the month of May, the residents of Barton County and its visitors can experience the joys of bicycling through educational programs, races, commuting events, charity events, or by simply getting out and going for a ride. One upcoming local biking event, the Great, Great Bend Summer Bike Caper, has been planned by the Be Well Barton County Committee. Dale Hogg, Committee Chairman, has been asked to present the Proclamation that names May 2017 as National Bike Month.

Janel Rose, Barton County Health Department/Be Well Barton County, asked the Commissioners to proclaim May as National Bike Month in Barton County and noted National Bike to School Day is on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Rose noted USD 431 and USD 428 both have the Walking School Bus Program and said they want to encourage families to teach kids about bike safety. Rose announced there will be a Bike Rodeo on May 31<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 A.M. sponsored by the Barton County Health Department, Crimestoppers of Barton County, Barton County Landfill, Barton County Sheriff's Office and the Great Bend Police Department. The Great Great Bend Bike Caper will be May 19<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> to encourage families to ride together. Rose also reminded everyone that the Farmer's Market starts May 11<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Straub moved to adopt Proclamation 2017-09, as National Bike Month – May, 2017.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Becky Wornkey asked when the law was changed to allow bicyclists to ride in traffic lanes. Sheriff Bellendir said they have always been able to be in the traffic lane and noted bicyclists must obey all traffic laws that are applicable to motor vehicles. Sheriff Bellendir said slower traffic is to move to the right.

## **C. SUNFLOWER DIVERSIFIED: Early Childhood Intervention Funding:**

-The Sunflower Diversified Early Childhood Intervention Program provides individualized services to children ages birth to three years with a developmental delay or disability. Sunflower's professional staff serves the child in the home setting, thus including the family actively in the educational process. In the 2017 Barton County Operating Budget, Sunflower Diversified's Early Childhood Intervention Program was funded at \$15,000.00. Mr. Johnson will request the funds be awarded at this time.

Jim Johnson, Sunflower Diversified Services, said they operate two distinct programs from birth to 5 years and noted the primary focus is services for birth to 3 years. Sunflower Diversified has agreed to be a

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provider in this area of the state; therefore they are mandated to serve every child that is identified with a developmental delay or need. Johnson added that Sunflower is the only provider in our five county area, and said, since the Federal and State government is unable to provide adequate funding, it falls to the local level. Sunflower has been fairly successful in raising funds and has been fortunate to work with USD 428 and the Barton County Special Ed Coop in accessing State funds that only a school district can access. In 2016, Sunflower received 154 referrals for evaluations or for individual life services which is an increase of 141 from the previous year. They served 249 children who received one or more of the services in the infant/toddler program with 129 being from Barton County. Services were provided to 71 children in the preschool program, with 16 being diagnosed with specific mental delays.

Commissioner Davis asked Johnson what the other counties contribute in terms of finances. Johnson gave the following estimates: Rice County - \$30,000; Pawnee County – mid \$20,000; Rush County - \$5,000; Stafford County - \$30,000.

Commissioner Straub moved to allocate the \$15,000.00 in support funding to Sunflower Diversified, Early Childhood Intervention Program. Monies have been included in the 2017 Budget in the Finance General account of the General Fund, Early Intervention Line, 001-26-6920.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **D. COMMUNICATIONS: Susank Tower – Structural Analysis:**

-Barton County continues to work toward a resolution with the Susank Tower. At this point, it is suggested that the County do a full structural analysis of the tower. Allstate Towers can provide the needed services.

Dena Popp, 911 Director, said the tower sits 150 feet off of Stickney blacktop. This provides paging for Beaver and Galatia Fire Districts. Popp said they will ask Allstate to use the G scale in performing the structural analysis.

Commissioner Straub moved to authorize Allstate Towers to conduct a full structural analysis on the Susank TAC 17 tower at a cost of \$4,250.00. The cost to be paid from the 911 / Communications account of the General Fund, Professional Services Fee Line, 001-36-5475.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **E. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES: Continued Membership:**

-The National Association of Counties (NACo) is the only national organization that represents county governments in the United States. Founded in 1935, NACo provides essential services to the nation's 3,068 counties, advancing issues with a unified voice before the federal government, improving the public's understanding of county government, assisting counties in finding and sharing innovative solutions through education and research and providing value-added services to save counties and taxpayers money. Other benefits include the NACo Prescription Card Program, webinars and certain publications.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to retain membership in the National Association of Counties. Membership dues of \$553.00 to be paid from the Commissioners account of the General Fund, Dues, Membership and Subscription Line, 001-02-5455.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

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## **F. COUNTY SERVICES: Informational Update:**

-Jennifer Schartz, Commission Chairman, 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:**

- Comm Davis: Visited the landfill. Phil Hathcock was a lone ranger and was doing a good job.

## **VI. ADJOURN:**

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

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

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Donna Zimmerman  
Barton County Clerk

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Jennifer Schartz, Chairman