

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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March 6, 2017

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 23rd day of January 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 with the addition of Item H Executive Session for Attorney/Client Privilege.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2017 Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

II. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:

-An Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of February 21, 2017, and ending March 6, 2017.

Commissioner Davis moved to approve appropriations for the period of February 21, 2017, to March 6, 2017 and authorize the Chair to sign on behalf of the Commission..

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. PROCLAMATION 2017-01: Severe Weather Awareness Week, March 5-11-2017:

-Severe Weather Awareness Week, March 5-11, 2017, is a cooperative effort of the National Weather Service and the Kansas Emergency Management Association. Barton County Emergency Management would like to remind everyone to be prepared for the spring severe weather season. The proposed Proclamation encourages individuals, businesses and communities to plan and prepare for an emergency.

Amy Miller, Emergency Manager, said it's time to think about personal safety. Miller said we were very limited on the severity of storms last year and noted this is the 10 year anniversary of the Greensburg tornado.

Commissioner Straub moved to adopt Proclamation 2017-01, Severe Weather Awareness Week.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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B. APPRAISER'S OFFICE: Valuation Update:

-By March 1 of each year, the Appraiser's Office is to have completed valuation of property and mailed notices to the public. Barb Esfeld, County Appraiser, has successfully met that obligation. At this time, Ms. Esfeld will review valuation trends with the Commission.

Barb Esfeld, County Appraiser, said notices were mailed by the March 1st deadline and that no extension was needed for the first time in approximately 6 years. Esfeld noted the taxpayer has 30 days to appeal their valuation. Personal Property notices are due out by March 15th and Oil & Gas notices by April 1st. Oil & Gas value increased by \$16 per barrel for general crude, up from \$27 to \$43. Esfeld reported there were 887 residential real estate sales in 2016.

Information Only. No Action Required.

C. RESOLUTION 2017-04: A Resolution Creating an Advisory Committee to the Barton County Health Department, Adopting Certain Bylaws for the Advisory Committee and Rescinding Resolution 1987-12, A Resolution Creating an Advisory Committee to the Barton County Health Department, Adopted October 13, 1987:

-In 1987, the County Commissioners adopted a Resolution creating the Barton County Health Department Advisory Committee. While the Advisory Committee has operated in good stead since that time, Shelly Schneider, Health Director, in cooperation with current members of the Advisory Committee, undertook the task of updating the Committee bylaws. It follows that the tenants of the initial Resolution be updated in concert with that effort.

Shelly Schneider, Health Director, said they are celebrating the 30 year anniversary of their by-laws which were adopted October 13, 1987.

Commissioner Straub moved to adopt Resolution 2017-04, A Resolution Creating an Advisory Committee to the Barton County Health Department, Adopting Certain Bylaws for the Advisory Committee and Rescinding Resolution 1987-12, A Resolution Creating an Advisory Committee to the Barton County Health Department, Adopted October 13, 1987.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.
 All voted aye. Motion passed.

D. BOARD APPOINTMENTS: Health Department Advisory Committee:

-Barton County solicited applicants for three uncompensated positions for the Health Department Advisory Committee. The Health Department Advisory Committee reviews and makes recommendations on policies related to public health services in Barton County. The uncompensated positions term December 31, 2018.

Shelly Schneider, Health Director, said the seven member committee functions as more of a sounding board to offer advice and said they have no policy making authority. Schneider recommended the three applicants be appointed.

Current board makeup:

APPOINTMENT	REQUIREMENT	ORIGINAL APPT	CURRENT APPT	TERM DATE
	Citizen			12/31/2016
Judge Hannelore Kitts	Citizen	2/4/2013	2/2/2015	12/31/2016
Marge Conell	Nurse	2/14/2000	2/2/2015	12/31/2016
Dr William King	Allied Medical Field	1/27/1997	1/25/2016	12/31/2017
Dr Mike Malone	Allied Medical Field	2/8/1999	1/25/2016	12/31/2017
Krista Smith	Allied Medical Field	3/9/2009	1/25/2016	12/31/2017
Scott Fleming	Allied Medical Field	1/25/2016	1/25/2016	12/31/2017

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Commissioner Straub moved to appoint Judge Hannelore Kitts, Libbie Merritt, RN, and Brian Wilborn to the Health Department Advisory Committee and each person shall be appointed to an uncompensated term ending December 31, 2018.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

Commissioner Schremmer, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Straub and Commissioner Schartz voted aye.

Commissioner Kruckenberg abstained.

Motion passed 4 - 0.

Commissioner Schartz said she was glad to see we are appointing a member of the school district and noted the school and the county are working well together.

E. RESOLUTION 2017-05: Resolution Transferring and Carrying Over 2016 Unexpended Funds to the Capital Improvement and Equipment Replacement Funds:

-It is the County's practice to transfer unexpended funds from one year to the next. After accounting of all the 2016 transactions, monies are generally transferred to the Capital Improvement and Equipment Replacement Funds.

Matt Patzner, Finance Officer, provided details on the following transfer:

Capital Improvement	
General Fund	\$318,000
Health	\$172,000
Cemetery	\$ 6,500
TOTAL	\$496,500

Equipment Replacement	
General Fund	\$212,000
Road and Bridge	\$480,000
Noxious Weed	\$ 60,000
TOTAL	\$752,000

Commissioner Schremmer moved to adopt Resolution 2017-05, A Resolution Transferring and Carrying Over 2016 Unexpended Funds to the Capital Improvement and Equipment Replacement Funds.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

F. SOLID WASTE: Proposed Purchase of a Lawnmower:

-The Solid Waste Department is in need of a commercial sized lawnmower. Bids were requested from local vendors for a zero turn mower with a 72" cutting deck. Monies are available in the Solid Waste Budget for this purposed purchase.

Phil Hathcock, Solid Waste Director, said at the end of the mowing season last year, the landfill sold its failing Hustler lawnmower at the Sheriff's auction in anticipation of purchasing a replacement this spring. Bids were requested for a 72" deck zero turn mower from several vendors. Pro-Green provided the lowest bid at \$9,000.

Commissioner Davis moved to approve the purchase of a Hustler zero turn mower with a 72" deck Model # 934224 from Pro-Green for \$9,000.00. Cost to be paid from the Solid Waste Fund, Equipment – Operation and Construction Line, 140-68-6190.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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Hathcock reported they are battling high winds at the landfill and closed at 9:00 A.M. Hathcock said they opened long enough for the commercial haulers to dump and said they will probably need to close again tomorrow.

G. K-4 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: Project Update:

-For several years, the County has been partnered with the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) and the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism (KWPT) to make improvements to the K-4 Overlook near Hoisington. The project is now moving forward.

Barry McManaman, County Engineer, said it is time for the construction work to begin and noted there are two projects: concrete work and tower construction.

Curt Mauler, L & M Contractors, said traffic control will be up this morning on K-4. Mauler said the structure part of the project will begin today.

Commissioner Schremmer said there is more and more interest in the project all the time.

Information Only. No Action Required.

ADDED ITEM H. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Attorney/Client Privilege:

Commissioner Straub moved to go into Executive Session for a period of 10 minutes. In that session will include the County Counselor, Carey Hipp, beginning at 9:35 extending until 9:45 with just the Commission and the County Counselor present for purposes of attorney client privilege.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

✓voted aye. Motion passed.

ADDED ITEM ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION: Attorney/Client Privilege:

At 9:47 A.M. Commissioner Davis moved to go back into regular session.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Schartz announced no action was taken.

V. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Comm Straub: Announced Barton County 4-H Days were held in Hoisington last Saturday. Regional 4-H Days will be held at the Great Bend Middle School this Friday from 5-8pm.

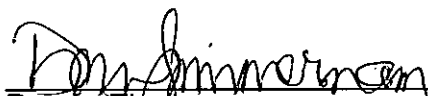
VII. ADJOURN:

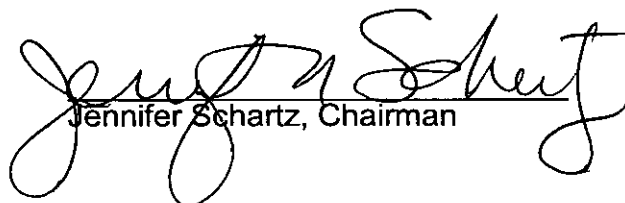
Commissioner Davis made a motion to adjourn at 9:50 A.M.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:


Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk


Jennifer Schartz, Chairman

PROCLAMATION 2017-01

SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK

March 5 - 11, 2017

WHEREAS, all citizens are encouraged to Be Weather-Ready, Stay Informed and Make a Plan for themselves and their businesses; and

WHEREAS, Barton County residents are encouraged to check weather forecasts regularly to stay informed and to prepare for spring severe weather, which includes tornadoes, severe thunderstorms, large hail, drought, wildfires, lightning and flash floods; and

WHEREAS, Barton County citizens are reminded to create a communications plan with your family before severe weather hits and have emergency supplies in place at home, work, and in the car; and

WHEREAS, in 2016 the state of Kansas experienced a total of 102 tornadoes with 12 injuries reported, large hail, flooding rains, drought, severe thunderstorms; and

WHEREAS, it has been 10 years since the Greensburg Tornado on May 4, 2007 and the destruction caused throughout central Kansas, including Barton County; and

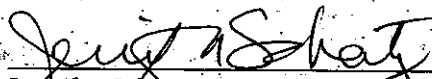
WHEREAS, all schools, businesses and citizens are encouraged to prepare and practice personal safety plans because severe weather can happen to anyone and to participate in the 10:00 a.m. Statewide Tornado Drill scheduled for Tuesday, March 7, 2017.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, hereby declares the week of March 5 through 11, 2017, as Severe Weather Awareness Week to educate citizens about severe weather and to help them prepare for a life threatening severe weather event.

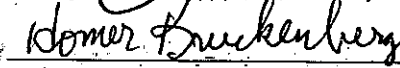
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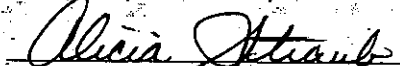
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BARTON COUNTY, KANSAS**


Jennifer Schartz, District #5, Chairman


Kenny Schrenner, District #1, Member


Homer Kruckenberg, District #2, Member


Don Davis, District #3, Member


Alicia Straub, District #4, Member

RESOLUTION 2017-04

A RESOLUTION CREATING AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE BARTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, ADOPTING CERTAIN BYLAWS FOR THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION 1987-12, A RESOLUTION CREATING AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE BARTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, ADOPTED OCTOBER 13, 1987

WHEREAS, in 1987, the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, adopted a Resolution creating the Barton County Health Department Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, that Advisory Committee has operated in good stead since that time following the provisions outlined in the 1987 Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Barton County Health Director, in cooperation with current members of the Health Department Advisory Committee, undertook the task of updating the Committee bylaws; and

WHEREAS, it follows that the tenants of the initial Resolution be updated in concert with that effort.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, here creates the Barton County Health Department Advisory Committee; and

FURTHER, that the purpose of said Committee shall be to provide guidance, recommendations and assistance to the Barton County Health Department staff in the following areas of concern:

- 1) To review current program policies and objectives as they may apply to Barton County and / or the regional program;
- 2) To review programs of the department on an on-going basis; and
- 3) To assess the future needs or programs of Barton County or the region.

FURTHER, that membership of the Committee shall consist of seven members:

- 1) All shall be Barton County citizens.
- 2) Four (4) members of the Committee shall be from the allied medical field with one of that group being a physician and one being from the animal health field; and
- 3) Three (3) members shall be non-medical.
- 4) Appointees shall serve without compensation.
- 5) Appointees shall be appointed by the Barton County Commission.

- a. Membership – that the four members of the Committee, all deemed to be from the allied medical field, appointed January 25, 2016, shall serve until the remainder of the term which shall be December 31, 2017.
- b. That the next three appointees (non-medical) shall serve terms ending December 31, 2018.
- c. That the two-year groups shall alternate appointments of two year periods.

FURTHER, that the Barton County Health Department Advisory Committee Bylaws are:

Article 1

NAME AND PURPOSE

- 1.1 NAME: This organization shall be known as the Barton County Health Department Advisory Committee.
- 1.2 PURPOSE: The purpose of this Committee shall be to provide guidance, recommendations and assistance to the Barton County Health Department staff in the following areas of concern: 1) To review current program policies and objectives as they may apply to Barton County and/or the regional programs; 2) To review programs of the department on an on-going basis; and 3) To assess the future needs or programs of Barton County or the region.
- 1.3 OBJECTIVE: The primary objective of the Committee shall be to benefit the Barton County area by assessing and recommending needed public health services and to regularly assess existing programs. The Barton County Health Department Advisory Committee will promote and advise on activities designed to improve public health services.
- 1.4 INSIGHT: The Advisory Committee shall provide guidance, recommendations and assistance to the Barton County Commissioners in the hiring the Director of the Health Department.

Article 2

MEMBERSHIP

- 2.1 Membership: Members of the Advisory Committee must be Barton County citizens and shall be comprised of four (4) members of an allied medical field with one specific member being a physician and one specific member being from the Animal Health field; and three (3) non-medical citizens. Appointment to the Advisory Committee will be approved by Barton County Commissioners.
- 2.2 Compensation: Members of the Committee shall serve without compensation for their services.
- 2.3 Vacancies: Vacancies to the Committee shall be at the recommendation and approval of the Director of the Health Department and as appointed by the Barton County Commissioners and shall be made according to the provisions in Section 2.1.

Article 3

MEETINGS AND NOTICES

- 3.1 REGULAR MEETING: Regular meetings of the Advisory Committee are scheduled monthly as determined by the Committee at a time and place which is publicized so that Barton County citizens may attend if they so choose. Special meetings of the Advisory Committee may be called. The business of any special meeting shall be limited to its stated purpose and the media shall be notified as soon as such meeting has been set so that the public can be informed. Any item requiring a decision calls for a quorum to be present.

3.2 MEETING NOTICES: At least three (3) days prior to the date of each regular meeting, the Meeting Agenda, Minutes from last meeting and any additional information will be made available to the Members of the Advisory Committee.

Article 4

AMENDMENTS

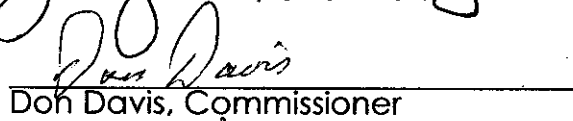
4.1 AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS: Proposed amendments to the Bylaws will be submitted to the Barton County Commission for consideration. Any revision to said Bylaws will be made through the adoption of a Resolution.

FURTHER, Resolution 1987-12, A Resolution Creating an Advisory Committee to the Barton County Health Department, adopted October 13, 1987, is hereby rescinded.

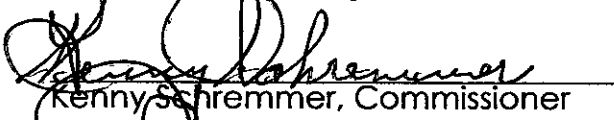
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Jennifer Schartz, Chairman

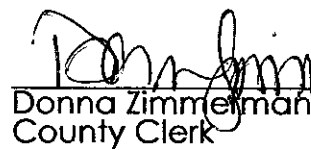

Don Davis, Commissioner

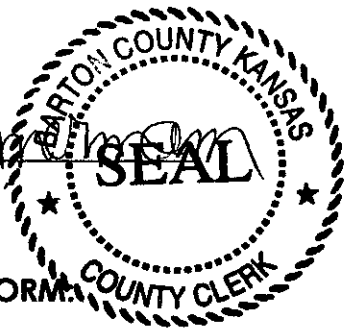

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Kenny Schremmer, Commissioner

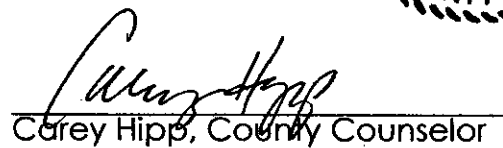

Alicia Straub, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Donna Zimmerman,
County Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Carey Hipp, County Counselor

RESOLUTION 2017-05

RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING AND CARRYING OVER 2016 UNEXPENDED FUNDS TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, in the adopted budget for 2016, approved budget transfers from various funds to the Capital Improvement and Equipment Replacement Funds.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, FIRST, that the following funds, not to be exceeded by the amounts listed, be transferred to the Capital Improvement Fund as of the close of business for 2016:

Transfer to Capital Improvement Fund			
Transfer From	Amount	Transfer To Fund/Line	
001 - General Fund	\$318,000.00	071-00-6305	General
006 - Health	\$172,000.00	071-00- 6330	Health
004 - Cemetery	\$ 6,500.00	071-00-6360	Cemetery
Total Transfers	\$496,500.00		


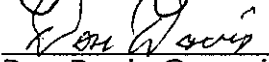
SECOND, that the following funds, not to be exceeded by the amounts listed, be transferred to the Equipment Replacement Fund as of the close of business for 2016:

Transfer to Equipment Replacement Fund			
Transfer From	Amount	Transfer To Fund/Line	
001 - General	\$212,000.00	072-00-6380	General
002 - Road and Bridge	\$480,000.00	072-00-6485	Road and Bridge
005 - Noxious Weed	\$ 60,000.00	072-00-6480	Noxious Weed
Total Transfers	\$752,000.00		

THIRD, that those funds remaining in both the Capital Improvement and the Equipment Replacement Fund, as of the close of business for 2016, be carried over into the same fund for 2017.

Dated this 6th day of March, 2017.

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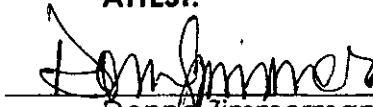

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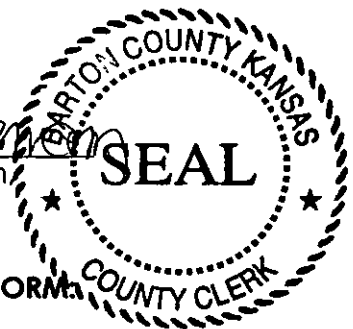

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:


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