

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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October 2, 2017

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 2nd day of October 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

Phil Hathcock, Operations Director

Carey Hipp, County Counselor

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

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

Commissioner Schartz said we need to add an item to the agenda, Item G., for our County Clerk to add the Added, Abated, Escaped and Refunded Taxes.

Commissioner Straub moved to approve the agenda with those additions.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed 4 - 0.

Commissioner Davis moved to approve the minutes of the September 25th Meeting.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed 4 - 0.

II. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:

-An Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of September 18, 2017, and ending October 2, 2017.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve the appropriations for the period of September 18, 2017, to October 2, 2017 and authorize the Chair to sign on behalf of the Commissioners.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed 4 - 0.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

- Commissioner Kruckenberg joined the meeting.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. PROCLAMATION 2017-12: Domestic Violence Awareness Month, October, 2017:

-Given the number of victims touched by domestic violence, the importance of working with survivors and the need to hold perpetrators accountable, the Commission will be asked by Joanne Wondra, Executive Director, Family Crisis Center, to recognize October, 2017, as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Joanne Wondra, Family Crisis Center Executive Director, gave statistics for the ten counties they serve in addition to Barton County and noted that in 2016, they served 226 domestic violence victims. Of those, 120 were women, 12 men and 29 children. Wondra reported they served 93 sexual assault victims (58 women, 6 men and 29 children). Over 50% of those victims were from Barton County alone. Wondra

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also reported they sheltered 35 women and 25 children in the Barton County shelter. Wondra also introduced staff members present: Kasey Dahlke, Jamie Fager, Tanya Day, Becky Davis and Gail Wagner.

Commissioner Straub moved to adopt Proclamation 2017-12 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, October, 2017.
 Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.
 All voted aye. Motion passed.

Wondra announced October 19th is Domestic Violence Day and asked everyone to wear purple in support.

B. CENTRAL KANSAS COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS: Fiscal Year 2017 Year End Outcomes:
 -The Kansas Community Corrections Act provides grants to Kansas Counties to develop and maintain a range of programs for adult offenders assigned to Community Corrections agencies. A Comprehensive Plan (grant application) was submitted that set the goals for FY2017. The Year End Outcomes then sets out the results at the close of the year and requires the review and approval of the Barton County Commissioners, as the Administrative County for the District to which the plan pertains.

Amy Boxberger, CKCC Director, presented the following Year End Outcomes:

Target	1 st Quarter	2 nd Quarter	3 rd Quarter	4 th Quarter	Year End
<u>Less than</u> 25% revocations	52% Revoked	35% Revoked	20% Revoked	9% Revoked	27% Revoked
	48% Did Not Enter Prison	65% Did Not Enter Prison	80% Did not Enter Prison	91% Did Not Enter Prison	73% Did not enter the Kansas Prison System

Boxberger said they were a few people short of meeting their goal. Last year, there were 158 closed cases, 116 offenders (73.4%) were closed without entering into the Kansas Prison System while 42 offenders (26.6%) were revoked and entered the Kansas Prison System. Boxberger reported that last year they worked with 135 offender cases, a 17% increase in case load and noted that not attaining the goal could affect their funding in 2years.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve the Fiscal Year 2017 Year End Outcomes Report for Central Kansas Community Corrections and authorize the Chairman to Sign on our behalf and all the forms that are needed.
 Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.
 All voted aye. Motion passed.

C. COMMUNICATIONS: Nex-Tech Wireless – Addendum to Site Lease Agreement:
 -In July, 2016, Barton County entered into a Site Lease Agreement with Nex-Tech Wireless. Under the original agreement, Nex-Tech is allowed to install antennas, grid dishes, remote radio units and other related equipment on a tower owned by Barton County near Susank. This proposed addendum extends the term to ten years, with options for renewal, and addresses non-functionality due to a catastrophic event or maintenance issues.

Dena Popp, 911 Director, said in late 2015, Barton County entered into an agreement with Nex-Tech to lease space on our tower. In 2016, while reviewing the agreement, it was determined that some of the language on the agreement needed updated. The addendum changes the term of the agreement from 25 years to 10 years as there are concerns that Barton County may eventually need the space due to technology advances. The contract also stipulates if something were to happen to the tower, because of

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weather or functionality, Nex-Tech would supply a temporary tower. Popp asked the Commissioners to approve the addendum, effective retroactive to September 19th when Nex-Tech signed the agreement.

Commissioner Davis moved to approve the Addendum to Site Lease Agreement (July, 2016) with Nex-Tech Wireless, effective September 19, 2017.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

D. KANSAS LEGISLATIVE POLICY GROUP: Annual Meeting Report:

-The Kansas Legislative Policy Group (KLPG) is a bi-partisan coalition of western Kansas counties with the common interest in the preservation of the counties tax base and retention of local control. The KLPG held its annual meeting the last week in September.

Commissioner Straub said Roger Hamm, Division of Property Valuation, discussed trends in valuation, changes in policies and how counties differ in where their tax revenue is generated (agriculture, commercial, etc.). Straub added there was also a speaker who spoke about broadband, private and public opportunities and noted we are very fortunate in Barton County that we have pretty good broadband service. Straub said parts of western Kansas do not even have access to broadband. Straub said there were discussions concerning KPERS benefit changes, Kansas electric grid opportunities and challenges involving wind farms and utility needs. KDOT also presented project updates. The KLPG held their regular business meeting where the following officers were elected:

President	Sandy Rupp, Ness County
Vice President	John Smith, Stanton County
Secretary/Treasurer	Alicia Straub, Barton County

Information Only. No Action Required.

E. TREASURER'S OFFICE: Long-Term Storage Options:

-The Treasurer's Office currently rents a storage unit to archive documents and to hold surplus equipment. Cost estimates were obtained to purchase a 40' X 8' X 8' shipping container to replace the rental of the storage unit. Pricing was obtained from Stone Waste and Chuck Henry Sales. The lowest cost was provided by Chuck Henry Sales for a used container. The \$2,332.50 bid includes delivery. If approved, the container will be placed at the Landfill.

Phil Hathcock, Operations Director, said this is a weather tight shipping container and explained Jim Jordan would have the only set of keys. Hathcock said, if approved, the County would no longer rent the storage unit which rents for \$60 - \$80 per month.

Commissioner Davis moved to approve the \$2,332.50 bid from Chuck Henry Sales for a used 40' X 8' X 8' shipping container. Half of the cost, \$1,166.25, to be paid from the Treasurer's Account of the General Fund, Building and Fixed Equipment line, 001-06-6305, and from the Motor Vehicle Operating Fund, Building and Fixed Equipment line, 050-06-6305-04.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

F. COUNTY SERVICES: Informational Update:

-Mr. Hathcock 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.

voted aye. Motion passed.

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- Comm Schremmer: How long does it take to stripe a sand sealed road? Schremmer said he had concerns since the wreck last weekend.
- Hathcock said it cannot be done until the gravel gets worked into the roadway. Road & Bridge has "Loose Gravel" signs in the area. Hathcock said striping has been scheduled for next week and noted they try to get it done within a couple of weeks. Striping is contracted by a vendor, so it depends on their schedule.

ADDED ITEM G. 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, said she is getting ready to start work on the new 2017 tax roll and explained all 2017 AAE activity must first be suspended. Zimmerman asked that these last tax roll adjustments be approved:

BATCH #18				
Property Types	Values	Escaped Taxes	Added / Abated	Refunds
Gas				
Oil				
Personal Property	- 486		-\$86.46	
Real Estate	- 810			
16/20 M Trucks				
State Assessed Utilities				
Special Assessments				
Grand Totals	-1,296		-\$86.46	
Total Taxes	-\$86.46			
Total Records Selected	4			

Commissioner Straub 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 Davis seconded the motion.
 All voted aye. Motion passed.

V. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Comm Straub: Review of qualifications for architects is another example why the KLPG group is valuable. Straub said she received feedback and collaboration from other attendees.

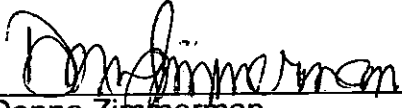
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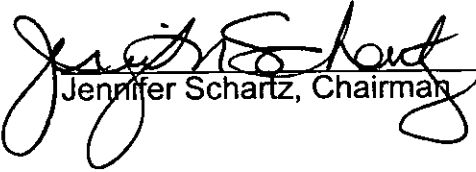
VII. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Davis made a motion to adjourn at 9:31 A.M.
Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk



Jennifer Schartz, Chairman

**PROCLAMATION 2017-12
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH – OCTOBER, 2017**

WHEREAS, family and relationships are often counted among life's greatest gifts, and tragically, many Kansans' relationships are tarnished by violence and fear; and

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity, due to the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, economic, and coercive control and abuse; and

WHEREAS, in 2016 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that 1 in 3 women and 1 in 6 men have experienced some form of contact sexual violence during their lifetime, which translates into 81 million of 323.1 million Americans nationally (25% of US population) and 726,822 of 2.9 million Kansans statewide (25% of Kansas population); and

WHEREAS, research by the U.S. Department of Justice reports that intimate partners carried out more than 40 percent of homicides of women and about 7 percent of homicides of men; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 the Kansas Bureau of Investigation reports that domestic violence homicides comprised over 22% of all homicides in Kansas; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, one domestic violence arrest was made by law enforcement every 45 minutes 30 seconds in Kansas; and

WHEREAS, this violence is inconsistent with the values of our community and will not be excused or tolerated:


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, that October, 2017, shall be known as *Domestic Violence Awareness Month* in Barton County and throughout the State of Kansas; and


FURTHER, that all citizens are encouraged to speak out against domestic violence, to provide support for survivors of these crimes, to encourage community leaders to hold perpetrators accountable, and to make domestic violence prevention efforts a priority by hosting events, by creating policies at school and work, and by working with your local domestic violence victim service providers.

Adopted this 2nd day of October, 2017.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:


Donna Zimmerman
County Clerk

The seal of Barton County, Kansas, is circular with a double-lined border. The outer ring contains the text "BARTON COUNTY, KANSAS" at the top and "COUNTY CLERK" at the bottom, separated by two stars. The inner circle contains the word "SEAL" in large, bold, capital letters.


Jennifer Scharz, Chair


Don Davis, Commissioner


Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner


Kerry Schremmer, Commissioner


Alicia Straub, Commissioner