

# Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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January 8, 2018

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 8th day of January 2018, 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 Straub moved to approve the agenda.  
Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

Minutes of the January 2, 2018 Regular Meeting were not available.

## **II. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS: 13<sup>th</sup> Month:**

-An Accounts Payable Register for the 13th Month, 2017, will be submitted to the Commission. Thirteenth month expenditures include any unpaid bills for a product, service, or utility that has actually been received in 2017.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve the appropriations for the first round of the 13<sup>th</sup> month payables for 2017 and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.  
Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **III. OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business.

## **IV. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **A. ELECTION FOR CHAIRMAN AND CHAIRMAN PRO TEM OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:**

-Nominations are in order for the 2018 Commission Chairman and Chairman Pro Tem as is allowed under Kansas Statute 19-219. The Board of County Commissioners consists of Commissioners Don Davis, Homer Kruckenberg, Jennifer Schartz, Kenny Schremmer and Alicia Straub.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to appoint Jennifer Schartz again as Chairman of the Barton County Commission for 2018.  
Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Schartz called for a motion to nominate someone for Chairman Pro Tem.  
Commissioner Kruckenberg moved to get Kenny in the program.  
Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

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## **B. RESOLUTION 2018-01: Operating Year 2018 - Requesting Waiver Under K.S.A. 75-1120a:**

-It is standard procedure to request a waiver of the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120a relating to the preparation of financial statements and financial reports each year. The basis is that statements prepared in conformity with this statute are of no significant value to Barton County nor to the general public.

Matt Patzner, Finance Officer, said KSA 75-1120a requires municipalities to use generally accepted accounting principles in the preparation of their financial statements and reports. The governing body may choose to waive the statutory GAAP requirements and present the financial statements and reports on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements as adjusted to show compliance with the cash basis and budget laws of Kansas.

Commissioner Straub moved to adopt Resolution 2018-01, Requesting a Waiver under KSA 75-1120a. Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **C. RESOLUTION 2018-02: Designation of the Official County Newspaper:**

-Resolution 2018-02 calls for the designation of the official County newspaper. The newspaper selected must meet the qualifications as prescribed by K.S.A. 64-101. To meet this statute, and to best reach the citizens of Barton County, the Commission shall consider the designation of The Tribune.

Phil Hathcock, Operations Director, presented details.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to adopt Resolution 2018-02, Designating the Official County Newspaper as the Great Bend Tribune. Commissioner Straub seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **D. KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES: 2018 Membership:**

-The Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) has submitted a renewal notice for the 2018 membership. Based on a calculation that includes a base fee, population and valuation, the 2018 dues are \$6,209.97. The Association sponsors the annual KAC Conference, various educational meetings throughout the year and lobbies the State and Federal Legislature on behalf of Kansas Counties. New this year is the Webinar Wednesday events. For an additional \$50.00, the County would be able to participate in the webinars. Topics include legislation, human resources and other issues.

Phil Hathcock, Operations Director, said new this year is a \$50 Webinar Wednesday subscription. The County would get one "seat" for all webinars.

The \$6,209.97 fee is based as follows:

2017 Population	26,775
2017 Assessed Valuation	\$257,187,662
2018 Base Fee	\$ 500.00
Allocation – Population	\$3,169.38
Allocation – Valuation	<u>\$2,540.59</u>
Total	\$6,209.97

Prior Fees:

2013	\$5,963.86
2014	\$5,991.30
2015	\$5,969.02

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2016 \$5,925.65

2017 \$6,125.84

Commissioner Straub moved to approve the 2018 KAC Membership and Webinar Dues of \$6,259.97. That payment to be made from the Courthouse General Account of the General Fund, Dues, Memberships, and Subscriptions Line, 001-18-5455. Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **E. KANSAS LEGISLATIVE POLICY GROUP: 2018 Membership:**

-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 serves as a policy and decision making body establishing legislative priorities at its annual meeting and providing speakers to address KLPG members about the important topics of the day. At this time, the Commission will consider renewal of the membership, priced at \$5,009.97.

Commissioner Straub said this is the group that she serves as treasurer and noted they usually meet at Local Government Day in Topeka. Commissioner Straub said the dues are a fair amount of money, but the KLPG was part of the Oil & Gas Depletion Fund recovery in which Barton County was able to recoup over 2 million dollars.

Commissioner Straub said there are thirty some western counties involved.

Previous fees:

YEAR	FEE	DIFFERENCE
2013	\$4,550.60	--
2014	\$4,454.18	-\$ 96.42
2015	\$4,652.90	\$198.72
2016	\$4,358.70	-\$294.20
2017	\$4,332.68	-\$ 26.02
2018	\$5,009.97	\$677.29

Commissioner Straub moved to approve the 2018 KLPG Membership Dues of \$5,009.97. That payment to be Made from the Courthouse General Account of the General Fund, Dues, Memberships, Subscriptions Line, 001-18-5455.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Schremmer said they need to be careful about what they join. Schremmer said taxes are getting out of line and noted he has been getting a lot of requests from rural areas. Schremmer said he would go along with this since Commissioner Straub was the Treasurer, but suggested they figure out what they are going to do in the future as over 90 people have already paid their taxes under protest.

Commissioner Straub said the group continues to look at the money that leaves our area and works hard to make sure those funds come back here.

## **F. THE LEAGUE OF KANSAS MUNICIPALITIES: 2018 Dues and Subscriptions:**

-Barton County has received the 2018 dues and subscriptions billing from The League of Kansas Municipalities. Fees include a research subscription, base fee and one copy of the Kansas Government Journal. Other services include Legislative Advocacy, Municipal Training Institute and Annual Conferences and Events. 2018 dues and subscription billing is \$1,044.53.

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Phil Hathcock, Operations Director, said the county has belonged to this group in the past; however we did not join last year.

2017 Membership dues \$1,248.13 *(The Commission opted to not join in 2017)*

2018 Membership dues \$1,044.53

Commissioner Kruckenberg said he was against spending \$1,000.00 just to belong to a program.

Commissioner Schartz asked if he would like to make that in the form of a motion.

Commissioner Kruckenberg said he wasn't too good at phrasing that.

Commissioner Schartz said just say yes.

Commissioner Kruckenberg said I'll make that into a motion.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Straub said she agreed that the group was mainly for cities and did not cater to specific needs of counties and added they should watch their dollars closely and use them wisely.

## **G. SOLID WASTE: Purchase of Tire Maintenance Equipment:**

-Landfill management proposes that the County purchase a Ranger R980AT NextGen RimGuard 50" Capacity Tire Changer and a Ranger DST64T Digital Wheel Balancer with DataWand Entry. The equipment would allow Landfill staff to perform tire maintenance on-site. With shipping, total purchase is estimated at no more than \$6,200.00. There are monies available in the Solid Waste Budget for this purchase.

Phil Hathcock, Operations Director, said the landfill has seen rising costs on tire repairs primarily from roofing nails and the road rock which are very hard on tires. Hathcock said the least expensive option is an on-line purchase and noted he has also found a less expensive tire supplier as well.

Commissioner Davis moved to approve the purchase of a Ranger R980AT NextGen RimGuard 50" Capacity Tire Changer and a Ranger DST64T Digital Wheel Balancer with DataWand Entry from Best Buy Automotive Equipment. The total price, to include shipping, shall not exceed \$6,200.00. Purchase to be paid from the Solid Waste Fund, Equipment Operation and Construction Line, 140-68-6190.

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 9:23 A.M.

Commissioner Davis 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