

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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March 19, 2018

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 19th day of March 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 Kruckenberg moved to approve the agenda.
Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2018, 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 March 5, 2018, and ending March 19, 2018.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve the appropriations for the period of March 5, 2018, to March 19, 2018 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. 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:

BATCH #12				
Property Types	Values	Escaped Taxes	Added / Abated	Refunds
Gas				
Oil				
Personal Property	-1,141		-\$207.70	
Real Estate				
16/20 M Trucks				

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State Assessed Utilities				
Special Assessments				
Grand Totals	-1,141		-\$207.70	
Total Taxes	-\$207.70			
Total Records Selected	4			

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. Direct the Chair to sign on behalf of the Commission.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. DONATION: Hoisington Girl Scouts – Golden Belt Veterans Memorial:

-The Hoisington Girl Scouts, Troop 11126, are making a donation to the Golden Belt Veterans Memorial. Commissioner Kenny Schremmer asked that the girls attend a Commission meeting and present the monies in person. Heather Depperschmidt and Ginny Axman, Group Leaders, will introduce the Scouts to the Commission.

- Commissioner Kruckenberg exited the meeting.

Heather Depperschmidt and Ginny Axman, Girl Scout Group Leaders, asked the girl scouts, who were present, to introduce themselves. The troop presented the Commissioners with a \$270 donation from their cookie sales for the Veteran's Memorial Stone project.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to thank the Girl Scout Troop 11126 for their generous donation to the Golden Belt Veterans Memorial.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed 4 - 0.

C. GOLDEN BELT VETERANS MEMORIAL: Project Update:

-Barton County is currently in the process of working on the next two stones for the Golden Belt Veterans Memorial. Stone III has 82 lines available. Side One of Stone IV was purchased by the Hoisington VFW 7428 when it closed. All donated lines have been used. Side Two will be for general use.

Mick Lang, Memorial Parks Advisory Committee Chair, said Committee Members Dan Esfeld and John Haberman were also present. Lang said he was sure that all lines on Stone III will be sold and anticipates another stone dedication on Veteran's Day.

- Stone III - Started taking names March, 2016
Sold 438 Lines
Available 82

- Stone IV - Side One, Hoisington VFW Purchased 200 lines
Donated 200 - No other lines available on Side One
Side Two – 260 lines available

Lang, on behalf of the Board, thanked the Girl Scouts for a job well done and noted their donation will pay for several lines.

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D. NORTHERN NATURAL GAS: Update:

-Greg Alexander, Northern Natural Gas, will provide an update on the natural gas pipelines in Barton County.

Greg Alexander, Northern Natural Gas, said the pipeline signs with the operator name and product carried with contact information is posted at every mile. Alexander explained that if there would be any issues, people should call OCC and 911 and noted the gas is not odorized.

Commissioner Schartz asked how deep the pipelines are buried. Alexander said 24" or less is considered shallow and said, for the most part, they are 3-4 feet deep or more, which is desirable.

Information Only. No Action Required.

- Commissioner Kruckenberg rejoined the meeting.

E. MEMORIAL PARKS: Mowing Services Proposal:

-The County accepted proposals for mowing at the two County-owned Memorial Parks until 2:00 pm, February 28, 2018. Per the bid form, both Memorial Parks must be mowed and kept trimmed to maintain a grass height no higher than 3", with special consideration for holidays. It is anticipated the mowing will be required from April to October, 2018. There is also an option for renewal after the first year. Monies have been included in the Cemetery Budget for this anticipated expense.

Darren Williams, County Works Director, presented the following bids:

RJH Lawn Service, Rick Heine owner	\$ 9,425 Annually
J & J Construction Co., James Lloyd owner	\$10,570 Annually

Williams said J & J Construction Co is the current contractor and has been for the last couple of years and has done a good job.

Commissioner Schartz said she has received positive feedback about the mowing at the cemeteries. Schartz said J & J Construction Co. accidentally broke a monument and offered to repair or replace it. Schartz said when the family chose to have it replaced and it was taken care of.

Commissioner Davis moved to award the 2018 mowing services proposal to J & J Construction Co. for the annual cost of \$10,570.00. Services to be paid from the Cemetery Fund, Maintenance of Buildings, Grounds and Improvements line, 004-92-5515-98.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

F. DISTRICT CORONER: Appointment of Special Deputy Coroner:

-Under the procedures outlined by Kansas Statutes and by Resolution 2006-11, A Resolution Establishing District Coroner Procedures, Dr. Edward Jones requests the appointment of Special Deputy Coroners. Special Deputies, appointed for one-year calendar terms, do not have the necessary credentials to be a deputy coroner, but generally have a medical background. Dr. Jones has requested that Scott Fleming, Hoisington EMS Director, be appointed.

Phil Hathcock, Operations Director, presented details about the addition to the following list:

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County	Name	Type	Term
20th JD	Dr. Edward Jones	Coroner	12/31/2018
Barton	Dr. William King	Deputy	12/31/2018
Barton	Dr. Lyle Noordhoek	Deputy	12/31/2018
Barton	Dr. Dan Witt	Deputy	12/31/2018
Ellsworth	Dr. Jerzy Slomka	Deputy	12/31/2018
Ellsworth	Dr. Katie McWilliams	Deputy	12/31/2018
Ellsworth	Dr. Ronald Whitmer	Deputy	12/31/2018
Rice	Dr. Kristina R Darnauer	Deputy	12/31/2018
Rice	Dr. Stacy L Dashiell	Deputy	12/31/2018
Rice	Dr. James Decker	Deputy	12/31/2018
Rice	Dr. Roger Klein	Deputy	12/31/2018
Rice	Dr. Roger Tobias	Deputy	12/31/2018
Stafford	Dr. Fred Farmer	Deputy	12/31/2018
Barton	Rick Robison EMT	Special	12/31/2018
Ellsworth	Shawn McGowan, PA	Special	12/31/2018
Russell	Steve Boltin EMT	Special	12/31/2018
Stafford	Doris Tompkins, RN	Special	12/31/2018

Commissioner Straub moved to appoint Scott Fleming as a Special Deputy Coroner for Barton County and direct the Operations Office to notify the other Counties of the Twentieth Judicial District and Dr. Jones of the appointment.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

V. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Denise Rankin (daughters victimized by father): In again for update. Approached the commissioners over a month ago. Had requested a task force to look into the County Attorney's Office. Asking for the Commissions' mercy to hold the County Attorney accountable. Wants to know the status of what they were going to do.
- Carey Hipp, County Counselor: Asked Rankin where everything stood with her letters and where her counsel was with her complaint.
- Rankin: Does not know where things stand. Doug Matthews would not give her straight answers and did not allow her counsel to be present at meetings.
- Hipp: They discussed some type of letter.
- Rankin: The Debolt case made CNN News. Why does it take that to get attention?
- Comm Schartz: We've had problems with other elected officials. Your best bet would be a recall election.
- Comm Davis: Other victims should come together to write a letter to the Attorney General.
- Comm Kruckenberg: Personally commended Rankin for saying something and having the courage to come forward.
- Rankin: Coming to the meetings to put pressure in front of the media. Judicial System needs changed.
- Comm Straub: Unrealistic to think the Barton County Commission can change the judicial system.

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VII. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Kruckenberg made a motion to adjourn at 9:40 A.M.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk

Jennifer Schartz, Chairman