

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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May 14, 2018

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 14th day of May 2018, at the Barton County Courthouse.

Members present:

Kenny Schremmer, Commissioner, 1st District (Chairman Pro-Tem)

Don Davis, Commissioner, 3rd District

Alicia Straub, Commissioner, 4th District

Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner, 5th District, Chairman

Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk

Phil Hathcock, County Administrator

Carey Hipp, County Counselor

Members absent:

Homer Kruckenber, Commissioner, 2nd District

This Public Hearing has been scheduled for the purpose of hearing comments regarding the organization of such Fire District No. 2 pursuant to KSA 19-3601.

PUBLIC HEARING: Organization of Fire District No. 2:

-It has been proposed that a Fire District consisting of the Townships of Albion, Eureka, North Homestead, South Homestead and Union and the Cities of Hoisington, Olmitz and Susank be organized in Barton County for the protection of lives and property from the hazards of fire. If organized, that fire district shall be known as Fire District No. 2, County of Barton, Kansas.

Phil Hathcock, County Administrator, said the Commission adopted Resolution 2018-09: Intent to Create Fire District No. 2 on March 26, 2018 and published three consecutive weeks in the County newspaper.

Jonathan Mitchell, Hoisington City Manager, said there are three cities and five townships interested in joining. Mitchell said that Jerry Stricker, Hoisington Fire Chief and Jim New, Olmitz Fire Chief, are the two fire departments affected by this and are in support of the fire district as well as Jim Sekavec, former Hoisington Fire Chief. Mitchell noted the City of Hoisington is 100% behind it.

Commissioner Schremmer asked if there was anyone in attendance who was against it. *(No one voiced any concerns to Commissioner Schremmer's inquiry)* Schremmer said the only complaints he had heard concerned the possibility of levying 9 mills.

Mitchell said the proposed board was looking at 3 mills and said the proposed board covers all areas of the district. Mitchell quizzed Stricker and New whether they were going to go nuts and levy 9 mills. *(Neither expressed any intent)* Mitchell said the only township that has not expressed interest in serving on the board is Union Township. Sarah Younger, Albion Township; Brandon Yeakley, South Homestead; and Richard Lacey, North Homestead have expressed interest.

Commissioner Schartz said she has a lot of respect for those who go out and fight fires, but is a little gun shy about 9 mills. Schartz said, when the college was formed, they said they would never exceed 3 mills and we're sitting at 30 mills now. Schartz said the Commission serves as the governing board of Fire District No. 1 and it works well.

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At 9:16 A.M., Commissioner Straub moved to take a short recess to review applications for Fire District No. 2 and resume at 9:30 A.M.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

At 9:30 A.M. Commissioner Straub moved to resume the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Mitchell addressed the concerns regarding the budget and mill levy, saying the board will have to have a public hearing to provide for public input in order to adopt a budget.

At 9:32 A.M. Commissioner Schremmer moved to close the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

Commissioner Scharz called the meeting to order at 9:32 A.M.

Commissioner Davis moved to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Minutes of the May 7, 2018 Regular Meeting were not available.

II. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:

-An Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of April 30, 2018, and ending May 14, 2018.

Commissioner Straub moved to approve appropriations for the period of April 30, thru May 14, 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. RESOLUTION 2018-10: A Resolution Establishing Fire District No. 2, County of Barton, Kansas, Consisting of the Townships of Albion, Eureka, North Homestead, South Homestead and Union and the Cities of Hoisington, Olmitz and Susank:

-A Public Hearing was held prior to the start of this agenda meeting. Its purpose was to hearing comments regarding the organization of such Fire District No. 2 pursuant to KSA 19-3601. Should the proposed Resolution be adopted, the Fire District would serve the Townships of Albion, Eureka, North Homestead, South Homestead and Union and the Cities of Hoisington, Olmitz and Susank. In addition, there would be created a Board of Trustees to consist of not less than three nor more than nine members that represent each township and city in the district. Each would serve without compensation. The Trustees would be empowered to do such business of the Fire District, to include making an annual tax levy, not to exceed nine (9) mills, upon all the taxable tangible property of Fire District No. 2.

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Commissioner Straub moved to adopt Resolution 2018-10, A Resolution Establishing Fire District No. 2, in the County of Barton County, Kansas, and Consisting of the Townships of Albion, Eureka, North Homestead, South Homestead and Union and the Cities of Hoisington, Olmitz and Susank.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2: Appointment of a Board of Trustees:

-Should the Commission adopt Resolution 2018-10, they would then appoint a Board of Trustees. Per the Resolution, the members of the Board of Trustees shall consist of not more than one (1) appointed from each participating township and not more than one (1) from each participating city. Upon initial appointment (following the adoption of this Resolution), four (4) members selected shall serve for a term ending on December 31 of the next full calendar year (2019) and five (5) one full calendar year later (2020). All terms are uncompensated.

Phil Hathcock, County Administrator, said there would be four members whose term would end 2019 and three that would term in 2020.

TOWNSHIPS:	Albion	Sarah Younger
	Eureka	Michael McCurry
	North Homestead	Richard Lacey
	South Homestead	Brandon Yeakley
	Union	NO APPLICANTS

CITIES:	Hoisington	Shannon Donovan, James Sekavec
	Olmitz	Curtis Peterson
	Susank	Jackie DeBusk

Commissioner Schremmer moved to appoint Sarah Younger to represent Albion Township on the Board of Trustees for Fire District No. 2, County of Barton, Kansas and said appointee shall serve for a term ending December 31, 2019 and the next one would be to

Move to appoint Michael McCurry to represent Eureka Township on the Board of Trustees for Fire District No. 2, County of Barton, Kansas. Said appointee shall serve for a term ending December 31, 2019.

Move to appoint Richard Lacey to represent North Homestead Township on the Board of Trustees for the Fire Department No. 2, County of Barton County, Kansas. Said appointee shall serve for a term ending December 31, 2020.

Move to appoint Shannon Donovan to represent the City of Hoisington on the Board of Trustees for the Fire Department No. 2, County of Barton, Kansas. Said appointee shall serve for a term ending December 31, 2020.

Move to appoint Curtis Peterson to represent the City of Olmitz on the Board of Trustees for Fire District No. 2, County of Barton, Kansas. Said appointee shall serve for a term ending December 31, 2019.

Move to appoint Jackie DeBusk to represent the City of Susank on the Board of Trustees for the Fire District No. 2, County of Barton, Kansas. Said appointee shall serve for a term ending December 31, 2019.

Move to appoint Brandon Yeakley to represent South Homestead Township on the Board of Trustees for Fire District No. 2, County of Barton, Kansas. Said appointee shall serve for a term ending December 31, 2020.

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Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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 2018 Barton County Operating Budget, Sunflower Diversified's Early Childhood Intervention Program was funded at \$15,000.00. Jon Prescott, Executive Director, Sunflower Diversified, will request the funds be awarded at this time.

Jon Prescott, Sunflower Diversified Executive Director, said he worked at CPI (a "for-profit" company) for 28 years and has now been with Sunflower Diversified (a "non-profit" entity) for 8-9 months. Prescott provided an update and said Sunflower has a Tiny K Program that is for birth to age 3 and a preschool program for age 3 to age 5. Prescott said, in 2017, referrals were down to 135, which was a decrease from 154 in 2016. They are going to have additional introductory meetings with doctors to reach these children. Many times a doctor makes a referral and the family says "no", my child is ok. They are developing a support group called Caregivers Count and had a pampering event, Mothers Matter, which will be held annually. Incredible Years Preschool had a decrease from 71 children in 2016 to 64 in 2017. They partnered with the Pilot Club and USD 428 in an Autism Awareness workshop at BCC with 90 attendees and will now be an annual event. Prescott said the needs identified are: better education for families, an easier process to get help and helping families understand that it is ok to reach out for help. Prescott requested the release the funds approved for Sunflower Diversified.

Commissioner Straub moved to allocate the \$15,000.00 in support funding to Sunflower Diversified, Early Childhood Intervention Program. Those monies have been included in the 2018 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. SOLID WASTE: Local Recycling Grant – 2017 Outcomes:

-In 2017, the Commission granted Sunflower Diversified \$15,000.00 with an understanding that the funds would be utilized for local recycling programs. The funding was paid, in full, from the Solid Waste Budget. Mr. Prescott will provide details of the use of the 2017 grant monies.

Jon Prescott, Sunflower Diversified Executive Director, said their recycling program grew from 338 businesses to 344 (341 general materials/3 confidential services) in 2017 and reintroduced and updated confidential shredding services with lockable document boxes. Sunflower processed 2.6 million pounds of recycling materials (plastics, cardboard, aluminum, glass, steel/iron).

They had the following expenditures:

Equipment Repairs	\$20,053
Building Repair	\$ 1,600
Bailer Repairs	\$ 986
Total Repairs	\$22,639

Purchased 10 securely locked Confidential Shredding Boxes	\$ 1,300
Purchased Fuel to collect recycling materials	\$ 13,584
Total Transportation Fuel purchased (Public Transportation)	\$136,000
Wages for recycling, 2 staff/1 client ratio	\$272,000

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Commissioner Schremmer asked how much glass is produced with the equipment the county helped provide. Prescott said they have a pulverizer, but did not have the information with him at this time and noted they would love to provide more glass to the county.

Commissioner Schartz said for a while you were not accepting plastics, are you now? Prescott said they are accepting all types of plastics now and explained the e-plastic that's part of e-waste, is only accepted at designated times. They are checking into a transload facility to transport the plastic out to a company that will accept it without being sorted. This company will only accept large quantities.

Commissioner Schartz asked if people pay for shredding. Prescott said yes.

Information Only. No Action Required.

E. JUVENILE SERVICES: Vehicle Replacement:

-The Juvenile Services Department accepted bids for the replacement of a 2013 Dodge Caravan until May 3, 2018. The bid request was for a mid-sized car in good mechanical condition with less than 25,000 miles. While a van met business needs prior to new legislation regarding juvenile placement, a mid-sized car will better serve the department at this time.

Mike Daniel, Assistant Director, said they requested bids for a replacement vehicle and noted the money used is State dollars, not local dollars.

Daniels said he would like to request that the commission approve the purchase of a 2014 Nissan Maxima, or like vehicle, from Manweiler Chevrolet with the trade of the 2013 Dodge Caravan. The cost of the bid is \$10,663.00 and it is to be paid from the following line items: Juvenile Intake & Assessment Equipment, 100-72-6325, and it's broken down obviously, \$1,990.00 from that line item; next line item, Juvenile Intensive Supervised Probation, Equipment, 105-76-6235 in the amount of \$1,492.50; Juvenile Justice Case Management, Equipment, 120-82-6235 in the amount of \$1,492.50; and Immediate Intervention Program Fund, Equipment Line Item, 128-87-6235 in the amount of \$5,688.00. I do believe that comes to \$10,663.00

Commissioner Schartz asked if someone would like to make a motion and said you could just ditto Mike Daniels. You don't have to read it all again.

Commissioner Schremmer said he moved to make the motion and asked if we need a second.

Commissioner Schartz said to just say what he said.

Commissioner Schremmer said "what he said".

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

F. WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD: Update of the Chief Elected Officials Agreement:

-As required by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), the membership of the Local Workforce Investment Board (LWIB) consists of representatives from business, labor, economic development, education, rehabilitation services, public assistance agencies and public employment services. Barton County is included in Local Workforce Development Area I. The Commission is now asked to renew the Local Chief Officials Agreement. The agreement defines the local designated area, establishment of the Chief Elected Officials Board, responsibilities and term agreement.

Commissioner Don Davis, Barton County's representative on the Board, said the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), the membership of the LWIB consists of representatives from business, labor, economic development, education, rehabilitation services, public assistance agencies and public

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employment services. Currently, the jucos in Barton, Dodge City, Liberal and Garden City are all members. Davis said Local Area I is comprised of 62 counties located in central and western Kansas. Some of the local persons are Matt Hoisington of C&E Doors, Chris Ryan of Sunrise Staffing and Carl Heilman from BCC. The governing board consists of 7-8 county commissioners. Don Davis said he is currently serving as the Chairman.

Commissioner Straub moved to approve the Local Workforce Development Area I, Chief Elected Official Board Agreement and appoint Don Davis to that term.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

G. RESOLUTION 2018-11: A Resolution Regarding Vaccination Of Certain Domestic Animals And Rescinding Resolution 2013-26, Same, Adopted December 30, 2013:

-County officials have participated in several discussions reference the County's Rabies Resolution. Under the proposed Resolution, rabies vaccinations would be required to be current for dogs, cats, ferrets, and horses. Observation and testing for animals suspected of rabies is more thoroughly covered.

Shelly Schneider, Health Director, said they have been working on this for quite some time or forever actually. Numerous meetings and countless hours have invested in this resolution. Verbiage has been changed from "annual" to "current" vaccinations. Schneider said the Health Department will follow the Disease Investigation Guidelines provided by KDHE and noted the resolution is for cats, dogs, ferrets and horses. The veterinarians can decide which vaccines are best for the animal. Violations have remained the same.

Schneider said Barton County has long been considered the gold standard of rabies investigations.

Commissioner Schartz asked if we received input from the veterinarians. Schneider said they told the veterinarians they can make the determination now.

Commissioner Straub asked if the resolution could be posted on the County website under the Health Department.

Diana Watson said resolutions are posted in a couple of different places on the website.

Commissioner Straub moved to adopt Resolution 2018-11, A Resolution Regarding Vaccination of Certain Domestic Animals and Rescinding Resolution 2013-26, the Same, Adopted December 30, 2013.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

H. RESOLUTION 2018-12: A Resolution Allowing the Discharge of Fireworks in the Unincorporated Area of Barton County, Kansas for an Extended Period in 2018:

-Independence Day falls midweek in 2018, under the proposed Resolution, the Commissioners could opt to extend the discharge period of fireworks to provide families more time to spend together in a celebratory act of patriotism. The time period under the Resolution would allow for the discharge of fireworks in the unincorporated area of Barton County, Kansas, from 6:00 p.m., June 29, 2018, until midnight, July 8, 2018. This period includes both the weekend before and after the actual holiday.

Phil Hathcock, County Administrator, said Sheriff Bellendir asked that we expand the discharge time frame.

Chris Komarek, Ellinwood Fire Chief, said the discharge of fireworks has a great impact on fire departments and said he felt nine days was out of line. Komarek said a county resolution was adopted seven to ten years back changing the discharge of fireworks from July 1 – July 4, to only the 4th of July.

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The City of Ellinwood only allows discharge on the 4th of July. Komarek said the Ellinwood Fire Department has 24 fireman and can generally guarantee 12 to show up.

Luke McCormick, Great Bend Fire Chief, said they increase their staffing level on the 4th of July and said it creates a budget issue if you allow more days. Wheat harvest is anticipated around June 21st, so we may have increased risk. McCormick said he visited with Charlie Keller, Albert Fire Chief, who said he also had concerns, as many of his firemen will be involved in harvest. McCormick said nine days causes a strain on the departments.

Jerry Stricker, Hoisington Fire Chief, said two days seemed acceptable when it falls on a Saturday. A lot of his department will also be involved in harvest and they will be thin on equipment. Stricker also noted discharge during the week is harder because many of the firemen cannot leave their jobs.

Doug Hubbard, Fire District No. 1, said they are looking more and more at prevention. This amount of time would quadruple their exposure. Hubbard said he understands the Sheriff has to look at the enforcement side, but he was not in favor of expanding the length of time to discharge fireworks.

Komarek said he would not be opposed to allowing the evening of the 3rd to allow more time for families to discharge fireworks.

Commissioner Schartz said she will have to side on the side of safety as opposed to fun. Commissioner Davis said to leave the resolution as it is, only allowing on the 4th.

I. 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.

Information Only. No Action Required.

V. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Comm Schremmer: Pleased that stone three of the Veteran's Memorial has been completed. Mentioned the many contributors who made it happen.
- Diana Watson: Provided stone status update.
- Comm Schremmer: Thanked Watson for all of her hard work.
- Diana Watson: It has been a privilege.

VII. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Davis made a motion to adjourn at 10:47 A.M.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk

Jennifer Schartz, Chairman