

# Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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July 30, 2018

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 30th day of July 2018, at the Barton County Courthouse.

*Members present:*

Kenny Schremmer, Commissioner, 1st District (Chairman Pro-Tem)  
 Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner, 2nd 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:*

Don Davis, Commissioner, 3rd District

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

## BUDGET HEARING

**BUDGET HEARING: 2019 Operating Budget:**

-Elected officials, Department Heads and supported agencies were asked to submit preliminary budget requests for the 2019 Operating Year. After reviewing the requests, the Commission then overviewed the proposed budget and made revisions. The proposed 2019 Operating Budget is now presented to the Board of County Commissioners to receive public comment.

Phil Hathcock, County Administrator, presented the 2019 Proposed Budget. Hathcock said it represents an organizational blueprint to maintain delivery of quality public services at an affordable cost to the taxpayer while maintaining a near constant mill levy.

	2017		2018		Proposed Budget 2019		
	Prior Year Actual	Actual Tax Rate*	Current Year Estimate	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	2018 Ad Val Tax	Est. Tax Rate*
Totals	\$ 23,732,346	43.567	\$ 20,459,946	43.657	\$ 21,126,430	\$ 11,610,008	43.592
Less Transfers	\$ 650,402		\$ 43,000		\$ 43,000		
Net Expenditure	\$ 23,081,944		\$ 20,416,946		\$ 21,083,430		
Total Tax Levied	\$ 10,552,794		\$ 11,228,064				
Assessed Value	\$ 242,224,257		\$ 257,187,662		\$ 266,333,098		

Commissioner Schartz said the tax lid makes budgeting difficult and noted she would like to be able to fund non-profits at a higher level.

Commissioner Straub said the tax lid helps keep County taxes low. Straub said we can cross the bridge regarding the trials when we get there rather than raise taxes now. The City of Ellinwood is going up 10 mills already.

Information Only. No Action Required.

9:10 A.M., Commissioner Straub moved to close the Budget Hearing.  
 Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.  
 All voted aye. Motion passed.

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## **I. OPENING BUSINESS:**

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 July 23rd Meeting.  
Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **II. OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business.

## **III. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **A. RESOLUTION 2018-14: A Resolution Expressing the Property Taxation Policy of the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, with Respect to Financing the 2019 Annual Budget for Barton County:**

-Resolution 2018-14, Expressing the Property Taxation Policy of the County, details the costs of providing services.

Matt Patzner, Finance Officer, requested the Commissioners adopt Resolution 2018-14.

Commissioner Straub moved to adopt Resolution 2018-14, A Resolution Expressing the Property Taxation Policy of the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, with Respect to Financing the 2019 Annual Budget for Barton County.

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

### **B. ADOPTION OF THE 2019 BARTON COUNTY OPERATING BUDGET:**

-At the Budget Hearing for the Proposed 2019 Operating Budget for Barton County, conducted prior to this Regular Agenda Meeting, public comments were received. The Commission is now asked to consider adoption of the budget.

Phil Hathcock, County Administrator, asked for approval of the 2019 Operating Budget.

Commissioner Straub moved to adopt the 2019 Barton County Operating Budget.  
Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

### **C. ADOPTION OF THE 2019 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS LISTING:**

-To assure that offices are operating with appropriate personnel, the 2019 Authorized Positions listing is presented for adoption. The listing includes all County positions, including Central Kansas Community Corrections and 20th Judicial District Juvenile Services, since both fall under the umbrella of County operations.

Phil Hathcock, County Administrator, said there have been no changes since the listing was last approved. Hathcock said there are 190 full-time, 9 part-time, 38 on-call and 8 temporary employees.

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## Barton County Operating Budget - Authorized Positions

NUMBER OF POSITIONS  BY FUND	2018 - as of July 9, 2018				20			
	Full	Part	On-Call / Special Services	Temp	Full	Part	On-Call / Special Services	Temp
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>								
<b>ELECTED OFFICES</b>								
Attorney	13.00				13.00			
Commissioners	5.00				5.00			
County Clerk	5.50				5.50			
Election - County Clerk	0.50				0.50			
Register of Deeds	3.00				3.00			
Sheriff	18.50				18.50			
District Court Security	1.00				1.00			
Detention Facilities	23.00	1.00			23.00	1.00		
Juvenile Detention	0.50				0.50			
Treasurer	3.00				3.00			
Motor Vehicle	7.00				7.00			
<b>APPOINTED OFFICES</b>								
Operations	3.50				3.50			
Facilities	3.00	2.00			3.00	2.00		
Appraiser	10.00				10.00			
<b>OTHER OFFICES</b>								
Communications (911)	15.00		2.00		15.00		2.00	
Emer Risk Management	1.00				1.00			
Facilities Management	0.00	0.00			0.00	0.00		
Engineer	3.00				3.00			
Mapping	1.00				1.00			
Environmental Management	2.00				2.00			
Information Technology	2.00				2.00			
<b>OTHER FUNDS</b>								
Central Ks Comm Corrections	8.00		1.00		8.00		1.00	
Health	19.00	4.00			19.00	4.00		
Juvenile Services / Prevention	5.25	0.25	20.00		5.25	0.25	20.00	
Case Management	1.25	0.25	15.00		1.25	0.25	15.00	
Intensive Probation	1.50	0.25			1.50	0.25		
Teen Court / IIP	1.75	0.25			1.75	0.25		
Project Stay	0.25				0.25			
Noxious Weed	3.50	0.50			3.50	0.50		
Road and Bridge	21.50	0.50		8.00	21.50	0.50		8.00
Solid Waste	7.50				7.50			
<b>TOTAL EMPLOYEES</b>	<b>190.00</b>	<b>9.00</b>	<b>38.00</b>	<b>8.00</b>	<b>190.00</b>	<b>9.00</b>	<b>38.00</b>	<b>8.00</b>

Commissioner Straub moved to approve the 2019 Authorized Positions Listing.  
 Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.  
 All voted aye. Motion passed.

### D. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN:

Through the budgeting process, Barton County plans for cash transfers, as savings, to the Capital Improvement Plan. This plan, as revised each year, allows for the projected maintenance and remodeling of County buildings and major modifications to roads and bridges.

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Phil Hathcock, County Administrator, said department heads and elected officials work together to create the 5-year plan.

Commissioner Schartz said the 5-year plans help in not having to raise money other ways.

Commissioner Straub said the plan keeps us financially sound and said that way we don't have to raise taxes on people unnecessarily.

Commissioner Schartz said the County is in a sound financial position with the team of Phil, Donna, Matt and the commissioners.

Commissioner Straub moved to adopt the 2019 Capital Improvement Plan.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **E. EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT PLAN:**

-Through the budgeting process, Barton County plans for cash transfers, as savings, to the Equipment Replacement Plan. The plan is developed and revised each year for the purpose of ensuring that equipment costs is kept at a manageable level.

Phil Hathcock, County Administrator, said this plan covers mostly copiers, vehicles and heavy equipment.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to adopt the 2019 Equipment Replacement Plan.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **F. SOUTHWEST DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES, INC: Agreement for Services:**

-Southwest Developmental Services, Inc. (SDSI) is the Community Developmental Disability Organization (CDDO) for the County. Under the 2019 service agreement, SDSI will provide all services required by Kansas statutes for a CDDO for a total of \$70,000.00.

Phil Hathcock, County Administrator, said in 2004, Barton County designated SDSI as the Developmental Disability Organization for the County, and asked for approval of the agreement.

Commissioner Schremmer said SDSI has done a tremendous job over the years.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve the SDSI Agreement for Services for 2019 at \$70,000.00.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **IV. ENDING BUSINESS:**

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

## **V. OTHER BUSINESS:**

• Janel Rose: Invited Commissioners to the Governor's Council on Fitness Crosswalk Ribbon Cutting for the Hoisington Activity Center crosswalk on Wednesday at 11AM. This is the high visibility crosswalk that was recently installed. It was a pleasure working with the Road & Bridge Dept.

• Jody Goreham: Thanked the Commissioners for making the employees feel important and said she appreciated the raise and the support.

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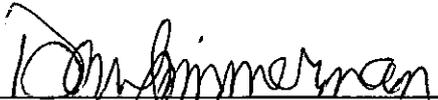
## VI. ADJOURN:

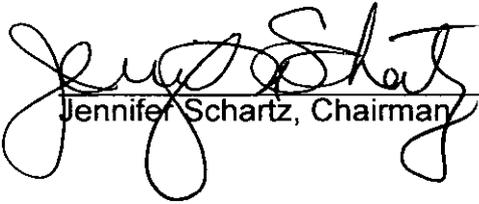
Commissioner Schremmer made a motion to adjourn at 9:24 A.M.

Commissioner Kruckenberg 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

RESOLUTION 2018-14

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROPERTY TAXATION POLICY OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BARTON COUNTY, KANSAS, WITH RESPECT TO FINANCING THE 2018 ANNUAL BUDGET FOR BARTON COUNTY

WHEREAS, K.S.A. 79-2925b provides that a Resolution be adopted if property taxes levied to finance the 2018 Barton County Budget exceed the amount levied to finance the 2018 Barton County Budget, except with regard to revenue produced and attributable to the taxation of 1) new improvements to real property; 2) increased personal property valuation, other than increased valuation of oil and gas leaseholds and mobile homes; and 3) property which has changed in use during the past year; or with regard to revenue produced for the purpose of repaying the principal of and interest upon bonded indebtedness, temporary notes or no-fund warrants; and

WHEREAS, budgeting, taxing and service level decisions for all County services are the responsibility of the Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Barton County provides these essential services to protect the health, safety and well being of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the provision of these services continues to increase; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas State Legislature failed to fulfill its obligation in regard to the statutory funding of demand transfers and, by significantly limiting State revenue sharing payments to Counties, has contributed to higher County property tax levies to finance the 2019 Barton County Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, that the public is hereby notified of the possibility of increased property taxes to finance the 2019 Barton County Budget due to the above mentioned constraints; and

FURTHER, that on July 20, 2018, the Budget Summary was published in the official County newspaper, notifying the public of the property tax rate and Budget Hearing; and

FURTHER, that the Board of County Commissioners conducted the aforesaid Budget Hearing on July 30, 2018, at 9:00 a.m., and heard public comments and addressed questions on the proposed budget; and

FURTHER, that the public comments were taken into consideration prior to the adoption of the 2018 Operating Budget.

FURTHER, that this Resolution shall be published in the Great Bend Tribune.

Adopted this 30th day of July, 2018.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Jennifer Schartz, Chair

ABSENT  
Dor Davis, Commissioner

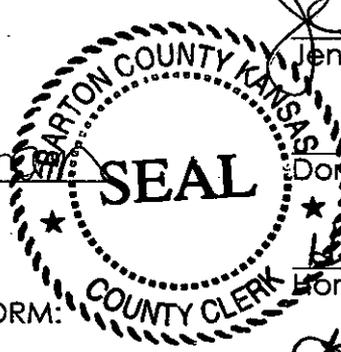
Romer Kruckenberg, Commissioner

Kenny Schreiner, Commissioner

Alicia Straub, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Donna Zimmerman  
County Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Carey Hipp,  
County Counselor