

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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CANVASS
Tuesday, November 13, 2018
8:30 a.m. Until Close

-The County Commission met as the Board of County Canvassers on Tuesday, November 13, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. in the Office of the County Clerk. At that time, they canvassed the ballots from the November 6, 2018, General Election.

November 13, 2018

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 13th day of November 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, County Administrator
Carey Hipp, County Counselor

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

Commissioner Schartz called the meeting to order at 9:20 A.M.

Commissioner Straub moved to approve the agenda.
Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

Minutes of the November 5, 2018, Regular Meeting were not available.

II. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:

-An Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of October 29, 2018, and ending November 13, 2018.

Commissioner Straub moved to approve the appropriations for the period of October 29, 2018, to November 13, 2018 and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.
Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. PROCLAMATION 2018-15: Ellinwood High School Girls Cross Country Team, 2018 2A State Champions:

-The Ellinwood High School girls cross country team, including Erin Hammeke, Ashtin Klepper, Sarah Hammeke, Courtney Cook, Lauren Petz, Gracie Schlessiger, Saitis Kroulik, and Alicia Mitchell won the 2018 2A State Championship. The team, along with Head Coach Andrew Cherry; Assistant Coach Mary Hamster; Derek Schoenthaler, Activities Director; and Mark Cook, Principal, will be recognized for bringing honor to EHS, the City of Ellinwood and to Barton County.

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Mark Cook, EHS Principal, said on behalf of Ellinwood and all the supporters we would like to present you the girls' cross-country team and noted over the last four years they have won the state title twice and won their 10th regional title.

The following were introduced: Lauren Petz, Gracie Schlessiger, Ashtin Klepper, Erin Hammeke, Saitis Kroulik, Alicia Mitchell, Sarah Hammmeke, Courtney Cook, Mary Feemster-Asst Coach, Andrew Cherry-Head Coach and Dereck Schoenthaler-Activity Director.

Commissioner Straub moved to adopt Proclamation 2018-15, Ellinwood High School Girls Cross Country Team, 2018 2A State Champions.

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

At 9:28 A.M. Commissioner Straub moved to recess for 5 (five) minutes in order to congratulate and give the Girls Cross Country Team an award from Commissioner Kruckenberg.

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

At 9:33 A.M., Commissioner Schremmer moved to come back into regular session.

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

B. TREASURER'S OFFICE: Annual Report:

-Jim Jordan worked part-time in the Treasurer's Office before beginning his first term of office on October 1st 2017. Since that time, he and his staff have worked together with several County officials in making operational improvements. Mr. Jordan will provide a public report on his office.

Jim Jordan, County Treasurer, said it was baptism by fire on his first day on the job with a tax sale. Jordan said he changed banks, saving approximately \$30,000 annually in banking fees; collected over \$51,000 in insufficient checks; collected \$1,976,887 in delinquent taxes; set folks up on payment plans that have back taxes; placed "Stops" on people owing back taxes which prohibits them getting a car tag until paid; filed garnishments on delinquent oil; changed hours of operation; adding bar codes to tax statements reducing the chance for error; all staff is cross trained in motor vehicle and all motor vehicle clerks can do commercial tags. Jordan also reported the 2018 tax statements for gas, state assessed utilities, personal property and trucks were mailed out as of last Friday with real estate and oil to be mailed November 16th.

Commissioner Straub reminded the public that second half taxes are due May 10th each year.

Information Only. No Action Required.

C. COMMISSION: Letter of Support - Sheriff Brian Bellendir:

-The Barton County Commission has drafted a letter of support for Sheriff Brian Bellendir.

Commissioner Schartz read the Letter of Support.

Sheriff Bellendir said he has no way to express his gratitude, saying your support and the support of the community means a lot. This trial is not going to be easy. Bellendir said this has taken a toll on him, his family and the department and noted taking a plea wasn't in the best interests of the county. Bellendir said he intends to remain the Sheriff for as long as he can.

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Commissioner Schartz said she has worked with other sheriffs who haven't been as easy to work with. She did not want this letter to be construed as a way of trying to influence the court system, that was not the intent, but are showing our support of the Sheriff in his job.

Donna Zimmerman said she considers it an honor to work with Sheriff Bellendir.

Sheriff Bellendir said we haven't always agreed, but have always found common ground to make things work. Commissioners deserve as much credit as he does making this county work. Bellendir said he doesn't know that there's another sheriff that has as good a group to work with who knows the importance of law enforcement. His office is going on the offensive to stop the drug problem and hopes to continue in the future.

Commissioner Straub thanked the Sheriff for his faithful service to Barton County.

Commissioner Straub moved to approve the Letter of Support for Sheriff Brian Bellendir.
Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

D. 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, at the recommendation of the Stafford County Commission, has requested that Melissa Dove, RN, be appointed.

Phil Hathcock, County Administrator, said Dr. Jones requested Melissa Dove be appointed with term expiring at year-end.

Commissioner Davis moved to appoint Melissa Dove, RN, as a Special Deputy Coroner for Stafford County and direct the Administrator's Office to notify the other Counties of the Twentieth Judicial District and Dr. Jones of the appointment.
Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

E. 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:

- Jim Jordan, County Treasurer: Have great staff and could not do what they're doing without them.
- Phil Hathcock: Commissioners may attend the trial for Sheriff Bellendir this week Wed-Fri.

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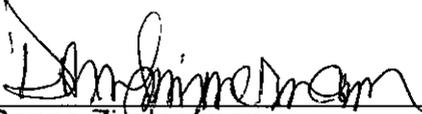
VII. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Davis made a motion to adjourn at 9:52 A.M.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Donna Zimmermann
Barton County Clerk



Jennifer Schartz, Chairman

Proclamation 2018-15
Ellinwood High School Girls Cross Country Team
2018 2A State Champions

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, recognize the importance of sporting activities in crafting the self-worth of youth; and

WHEREAS, when a team brings positive recognition to Barton County, it is essential that the Commission recognize the team members, their coach and administrative staff for their commitment to excellence; and

WHEREAS, the Ellinwood High School girls cross country team, including Erin Hammeke, Ashtin Klepper, Sarah Hammeke, Courtney Cook, Lauren Petz, Gracie Schlessiger, Saitis Kroulik, and Alicia Mitchell won the 2018 2A State Championship; and

WHEREAS, the girls, along with Head Coach Andrew Cherry; Assistant Coach Mary Feemster; Derek Schoenthaler, Activities Director; and Mark Cook, Principal, have brought honor to EHS, the City of Ellinwood and to Barton County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Ellinwood High School girls cross country team is recognized as the 2018 2A Cross Country State Champions; and

FURTHER, that the Barton County Commission declares Tuesday, November 13, 2018, as Ellinwood High School Girls Cross Country State Champions Day; and

FURTHER, that all County citizens are urged to congratulate the cross country team, their coaches, their school and their families for the commitment to high school athletics and for the time, talent and training that led to this victory.

Adopted this 13th day of November, 2018.



From left to right: Assistant Coach Mary Feemster, Ashtin Klepper, Erin Hammeke, Sarah Hammeke, Courtney Cook, Lauren Petz, Gracie Schlessiger, Alicia Mitchell, Saitis Kroulik, and Head Coach Andrew Cherry

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