

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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November 19, 2018

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 19th 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
Bev Schmeidler, Asst. Deputy County Clerk
Phil Hathcock, County Administrator
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 4-0.

Minutes of the November 5, 2018, and the November 13, 2018, Regular Meetings were not available.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

A. 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, said they have had a great year and noted that in the first 10 months of 2018, they had already matched the same number of children served in 2017. They are going to be growing their services and being more aggressive with services for autistic children.

Commissioner Davis moved to allocate the \$15,000.00 in support funding to Sunflower Diversified, Early Childhood Intervention Program. Monies have been included in the 2018 Budget in the Finance General account of the General Fund, Early Intervention Line, 001-26-6920.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed 4-0.

B. KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT: Opioid Overdose Crisis Response Cooperative Agreement – Request for Proposal (RFP):

-The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) invited local health departments and certain partnerships to apply for funding, not to exceed \$75,000 per county or multi-county partnership, to support projects that address the opioid overdose crisis in Kansas. Projects will reduce the incidence of opioid misuse and abuse, opioid use disorder, and opioid-involved morbidity and mortality by

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implementing community-based prevention and response strategies. Proposed projects must be data-driven and adhere to project requirements.

Shelly Schneider, Health Director, said this opportunity is only for local health departments and said both Marissa Woodmansee and Amy Boxberger are assisting with the grant. Schneider noted \$75,000 is a lot of money, but not when you are fighting a war against drugs. Schneider said she had asked Sheriff Bellendir what their needs were that the grant funding might be able to help with and he said training opportunities. Schneider said she and Boxberger attended an Opioid conference recently where a speaker talked about the different drug waves over time. Schneider said the money will be awarded November 30th and must be expended by June 30th of 2019.

Commissioner Scharz asked if the County had to match the funds. Schneider said no.

Commissioner Straub said she attended the Kansas/Nebraska Leadership Conference at the White House last August where Kellyanne Conway spoke about the opioid crisis and the lengths that people will go to obtain narcotics. Straub asked if this project would include identifying how the medications are coming into our communities, if they taken from family medicine cabinets, etc.

Schneider said the grant helps open up lines of communication. The hope is to reduce the demand in the community so the supply will leave the area. Schneider said it is like a business, if there is a demand, there will be supply.

- Commissioner Kruckenberg joined the meeting.

Commissioner Straub moved to submit the Proposal for the Opioid Overdose Crisis Response Cooperative Agreement to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment for the Barton County Health Department.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

C. WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY: Barton County Health Department ACEs Training Project:

-Wichita State University (WSU) has been involved with the education and guidance for the Barton County Health Department's change in the delivery of care to include Adverse Childhood Experience (ACEs) and Trauma Informed Systems of Care. Ms. Schneider proposed partnering with Central Kansas Community Corrections (CKCC) and the 20th Judicial District Juvenile Services (Juvenile Services) to utilize WSU for a training program for up to 25 people. By "training the trainer", these departments would enhance the ability to provide more cost effect training opportunities to all of Barton County.

Shelly Schneider, Health Director, said when you have people experiencing adverse events, they self-medicate or seek self-elation. To reduce the demand is to reduce some of the pain in Barton County. Schneider said she is collaborating with Amy Boxberger and Marissa Woodmansee and they would like to participate with "Train the Trainer" on adverse childhood effects. The Health Department hosted an ACEs Boot Camp a few months ago where WSU spoke to approximately 100 people about the program. Schneider said, from this experience, came the idea to train the trainer and have these sessions available to our communities and noted both Finney and Butler Counties have done something similar.

Schneider said initially each department agreed to pay one-third of the contract. Since that time, the grant became available and they may be able to write the amount into the grant. They only want to train persons who will commit to do the training.

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Commissioner Schartz asked when this had to be paid and if we could wait until we learn whether we are awarded the grant funds. Schneider said we could wait, WSU knows the County is good for it.

Phil Hathcock, County Administrator, recommended there not be a motion at this time and to wait until the grants are awarded.

Schneider also talked about Rise Up Central Kansas, where people come together to share their experiences for others to learn from. Schneider also reported on a recent communicable disease incident in November where a food borne illness affected several people. Schneider said the Health Department and medical facilities responded quickly and noted it was handled well.

No action taken.

D. COUNTY ENGINEER: Biennial KDOT Bridge Inspections:

-Kirkham Michael has submitted a proposal to perform Barton County's federally-mandated bridge inspections in the spring of 2019. The proposal includes routine inspections following the requirements of the Kansas Department of Transportation's "Local Routine Bridge and Element Level Inspection Scope of Services and Forms". Barton County is required to have inspected all 370 bridge-length structures every two years, with the last inspections done by Kirkham Michael in the spring of 2017. The cost under the agreement is \$89 per bridge for a total of \$32,930.00.

Barry McManaman, County Engineer, said Kirkham Michael has done the inspections for a number of years. In the spring of 2017, the price was \$87 per bridge and is now \$89 per bridge. The inspections are federally mandated.

Commissioner Schartz asked if he sought bids for the project. McManaman said no, they did not and noted Eastern Kansas counties are paying around \$200 per bridge.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve the Agreement for the Engineering Services, Biennial Bridge Inventory and Appraisal, with Kirkham Michael in the amount of \$32,930.00. Cost to be paid from the Special Bridge Fund, Professional Service Fees Line, 003-92-5475-92.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

E. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: Dedicated Wireless Connections to Road and Bridge and Noxious Weed:

-The Road and Bridge and Noxious Weed departments currently operate a server to run their network, this server will no longer be supported after January 2020. The IT Department investigated connecting these departments to the Courthouse via a wireless connection. The wireless connection would eliminate the need to replace the server, eliminate some reoccurring costs and improve data backup solutions in general.

Dereck Hollingshead, Network Administrator, asked for approval to purchase wireless equipment for the Road & Bridge Department. Hollingshead said there is also a server that will need to be replaced in the future that could be eliminated as well as other ongoing costs by replacing with wireless equipment. The wireless connection will give them faster internet service as well and improve the backup situation.

Commissioner Davis asked what is the savings in the long run. Hollingshead said the server it would replace costs approximately \$8,000 every 3-5 years, approximately \$100/month for internet connections as well as other ongoing costs. The courthouse systems can also be expanded to Road & Bridge.

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Commissioner Straub moved to purchase the needed items for the Dedicated Wireless Connections Project. The total cost of the project, \$8,557.47, is to be divided as follows:

Road and Bridge Fund, Improvement Other than Building Line, 002-92-6309 for \$6,845.98
And from the Noxious Weed Fund, Improvement Other than Building Line, 005-90-6309
\$1,711.49

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

IV. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

V. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Comm Kruckenberg: Proud of the Sheriff and the Tribune coverage of the situation. The Sheriff is to be commended.
- Comm Schartz: The radio did a good job as well.

VI. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Schremmer made a motion to adjourn at 9:40 A.M.
Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

WES: Bev Schmeidler
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Barton County Asst. Deputy Clerk

Jennifer Schartz
Jennifer Schartz, Chairman