

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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March 4, 2019

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 4th day of March 2019, at the Barton County Courthouse.

Members present:

Kenny Schremmer, Commissioner, 1st District
Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner, 2nd District
Don Davis, Commissioner, 3rd District
Alicia Straub, Commissioner, 4th District, Chairman
Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner, 5th District (Chairman Pro-Tem)
Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk
Phil Hathcock, County Administrator
Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor

PUBLIC HEARING

This Public Hearing is for the purpose of seeking approval by the Commission of a loan of recaptured Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under the Economic Development category. Said recaptured funds have been deposited upon receipt of principal and interest payments from Dulaney Feedyard, an original CDBG grant/loan.

A specific project application to be discussed is for INA Alert, Inc. at 112 N. Main St., Ellinwood, Kansas. Loan proceeds will be used for the purchase of inventory. This project will be of primary benefit to low and moderate income persons. Five full-time equivalent jobs will be retained/created as a result of this loan. The total project cost is Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00), with One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) in funds being provided from the CDBG's EDRLF. Oral and/or written comments will be recorded and become a part of the County CDBG Citizen Participation Plan.

Bob Wetmore, Great Plains Development, said the loan funds are for equipment, furniture, fixtures, inventory and working capital and noted no real estate or real estate improvements are involved. The company is owned by 19 partial investors but is managed by Monty Strecker, President, Nicklas Strecker, Chief Operating Officer and Jacob Strecker, Chief Marketing Officer.

Wetmore reported that the company has been in operation for several years and has recently expanded with significant business in the growing security systems market. The request has been for a \$100,000 loan from the Barton County CDBG-EDRLF Program. The total project is \$400,000, with \$200,000 already having been approved by Landmark National Bank and \$100,000 already approved by Great Plains Development's Tax Credit Revolving Loan Fund. To meet the CDBG-EDRLF requirements, the applicant will or has already met the following H.U.D. guidelines:

1. For a loan amount of \$100,000, at least three full-time equivalent employees must be retained or created (\$35,000 of loan funds per job).
2. The business has met the 51% low-to-moderate income requirement of the CDBG loan program. INA ALERT employees completed job certifications and three of the five jobs or 60% were LMI, certified by a GPDI CDBG Certified Administrator and original certifications will be included in the County's permanent loan file.
3. A GPDI Certified Administrator has completed the required Environmental Review and determined that this project is Categorical Excluded Not Subject To. Upon approval by the County, the

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executed Environmental Review Form will be submitted to the Kansas Department of Commerce for approval. They have approval, no review required as no real estate is involved.

4. Any proceeds drawn will be done only with drawdown requests, dated after the Commerce approval date and with corresponding receipts matching the purpose of the loan. This will be recorded for future Kansas Department of Commerce audits.
5. On behalf of Barton County, GPDJ will generate loan documents, close the loan, audit drawdowns, issue monthly billing statements and begin regular loan servicing.
6. Interest-only payments shall be made for the first three months on a monthly basis, which is standard practice, beginning with the first day of the month following the date of the loan agreement. The first principal and interest payment shall be made payable on the first day of the fourth month following the date the debtor enters into the loan agreement.

The bank is taking a first lien on the inventory, accounts receivable, furniture and fixtures. Barton County and Great Plains Development will have a shared second position.

The Barton County/Great Bend CDBG-EDRLF loan review committee met on Friday, February 15, 2019, and recommended approval by the County for this project. The term and interest rate requested is five years at six-and-fifty-hundredths percent (6.50%).

The current balance of the Barton County CDBG/EDRLF before this loan is \$213,229.60 and all loans are current.

- Commissioner Davis joined by phone.

9:15 a.m. Commissioner Schartz moved to close the Public Hearing.
Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

Commissioner Straub called the meeting to order at 9:16 A.M.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the agenda.
Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.
Motion passed 4 - 0. (Commissioner Davis did not vote)

Minutes of the Monday, February 25, 2019, Regular Meeting, were not available.

II. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:

-An Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period beginning February 19, 2019, and ending March 4, 2019.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the Accounts Payable register for the period beginning February 19, 2019, and ending March 4, 2019.
Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

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IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Economic Development Revolving Loan: INA Alert, Inc:

-INA Alert, Inc. at 112 N. Main St., Ellinwood, Kansas has made an application to receive \$100,000.00 in the form of an economic development revolving loan (EDRLF). Loan proceeds will be used for the purchase of inventory, and will be of primary benefit to low and moderate income persons as five full-time equivalent jobs will be retained/created as a result of this loan. The total project cost is Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00), with One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) in funds being provided from the Community Development Block Grant EDRLF. The EDRLF Committee has met and recommends approval of this loan.

Bob Wetmore, Great Plains Development, said he is excited about this project, because use of the funds will keep them active and bode well with the State of Kansas. There is a possibility the State could take the funds back, which happened to five counties a couple of years ago.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve an EDRLF Loan in the amount of \$100,000.00, for INA Alert, Inc., 112 N Main, Ellinwood, Kansas, for a five (5) year term, at a rate of 6.5%, contingent that all loan documentation is completed by the principles of INA Alert, Inc. and guarantors.
Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. PROCLAMATION 2019-03: Colon Cancer Awareness Month, March, 2019:

-During National Colon Cancer Awareness Month, County citizens are encouraged to get age-appropriate screenings for colon cancer, be physically active, maintain a healthy weight, limit alcohol consumption and refrain from smoking.

Sheriff Brian Bellendir said he was diagnosed with colon cancer in December of 2014 and noted colon cancer is the most preventable and most treatable types of cancer. Risk rises once you are over the age of 50. Bellendir said approximately 140,000 new cases of colon cancer are diagnosed each year and approximately 56,000 people will die each year from colon cancer. More people have died from colon cancer than those that have died from breast and prostate cancer. Bellendir said lung cancer is the only cancer that is more deadly.

Commissioner Schartz said her son was diagnosed when he was 26 years old. Schartz noted there is testing available now that is not as invasive as a colonoscopy. Schartz said this has touched her family as she lost her son 2½ years ago and her husband is on the survivor list. Schartz read the proclamation.

Commissioner Schartz moved to adopt Proclamation 2019-03.
Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

C. PROCLAMATION 2019-04: Severe Weather Awareness Week, March 4 – 8, 2019:

-Severe Weather Awareness Week, March 4-8, 2019, is a cooperative effort of the National Weather Services and the Kansas Emergency Management Association. Barton County Emergency Management would like to remind everyone to be prepared for the spring severe weather season. The proposed Proclamation encourages individuals, businesses and communities to plan and prepare for an emergency.

Amy Miller, Emergency Manager, said they like to provide awareness information every year. Miller reported there was a tornado in Lee County Alabama yesterday resulting in fatalities and the loss of at

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least one fire station and airport. Miller said there would be a statewide tornado drill at 10am Tuesday and "Storm Fury on the Plains" this Thursday at the Crest Theatre. Miller read the proclamation.

Commissioner Straub said she has taught her children how to find their location on a weather map and to be weather aware.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to adopt Proclamation 2019-04, Severe Weather Awareness Week, March 4 – 8, 2019.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

D. COUNTY ENGINEER: High Risk Rural Roads Project Programming Request at the intersection of North Washington Avenue and North 30 Road and on Northwest 50 Road:

-The County Engineer submitted an application to the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) for High Risk Rural Roads (HRRR) funding to improve the traffic control signing at the intersection of North Washington Avenue and North 30 Road and to widen a concrete drainage box on Northwest 50 Road. KDOT has announced that Barton County was selected for a project to make both improvements. The County is asked to approve a Project Programming Request in order to proceed. If approved, 90% of the costs of design, construction and inspection will be paid by KDOT using Federal funds, up to a maximum of \$295,000.00 in Federal money.

Barry McManaman, County Engineer, said the concrete drainage box-widening project on NW 50 Road is just west of the cemetery. Active warning devices, enhanced rumble strips, pavement markings, etc. are planned for the N Washington/NW 30 Road project. McManaman suggested possible improvements for Washington and NW 30 Road are LED stop signs, overhead lighting, widened or replacing rumble strips, adding active warning devices or possibly radar speed displays. McManaman said they are looking to possibly widen the box and provide safer shoulders on the reinforced concrete box-widening project. Approximately \$75,000 is planned for the intersection project and approximately \$172,000 is planned for the drainage box. Approximately \$51,000 will be allocated for inspection work and \$27,500 will be spent in design costs.

Commissioner Schartz asked if people would be able to weigh in on the N Washington intersection project. McManaman said they are always open for suggestions.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve the KDOT Project Programming Request to improve the traffic control signing at the intersection of North Washington Avenue and North 30th Road and to widen a concrete drainage box on Northwest 50 Road.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

E. RESOLUTION 2019-05: A Resolution Establishing Weight Limits for Certain Bridges Maintained by Barton County and Rescinding Resolution 2018-19, Same, Adopted December 17, 2018:

-Engineering load ratings have been performed on certain County-maintained bridges as required by federal regulations with said regulations requiring that weight limit signs be installed at bridges that cannot safely carry legally loaded trucks. Mr. McManaman has reviewed the load ratings and determined that it is necessary that certain weight limit regulations be adopted. Mr. McManaman will review the appropriate regulatory signs and signage locations as designated by the proposed resolution.

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Barry McManaman, County Engineer, said we have one more bridge that required some additional investigation after the state approved the seven bridge ratings. McManaman asked the Commission to rescind Resolution 2018-19 and replace with Resolution 2019-05 adding FAS Bridge 460 so everything is all in one resolution.

Commission Schartz asked if signing of bridges helps with our liability. McManaman said yes that is partly why we do it.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to adopt Resolution 2019-05: A Resolution Establishing Weight Limits for Certain Bridges Maintained by Barton County and Rescinding Resolution 2018-19, Same, Adopted December 17, 2018.

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

V. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

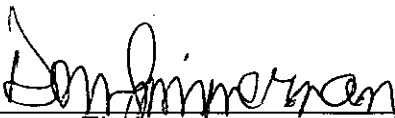
VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Phil Hathcock: Crews were out plowing snow and salting over the weekend.
- Comm Straub: This Friday will be regional 4-H day. Please join us at the GB Middle School.

VII. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Schremmer made a motion to adjourn at 9:44 A.M.
Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk



Alicia Straub, Chairman

PROCLAMATION 2019-03

COLON CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
March, 2019

WHEREAS, colon cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States, resulting in one in twenty men and one in twenty-four women being diagnosed with this cancer in their lifetimes; and

WHEREAS there are now more than one million survivors of colorectal cancer in the United States; and

WHEREAS, it is believed that if the majority of people in the United States age 50 or older were screened regularly for colorectal cancer, half of all cases could be prevented entirely; and

WHEREAS, it is critical that all people, of all ages, know the signs and symptoms of the disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, that Barton County joins in the observation of Colon Cancer Awareness Month, March, 2019; and

FURTHER, that the Commission, recognizing the importation of education in the early detection and screening of colon cancer, urge all citizens to be mindful of their health by observing safety practices and to bring their health concerns to their own medical care provider or the Barton County Health Department.

Dated this 4th day of March, 2019.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



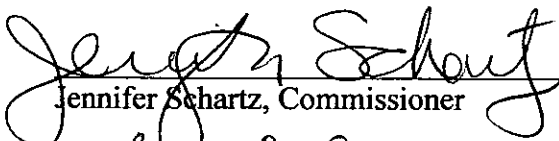
Alicia Straub, Chairman



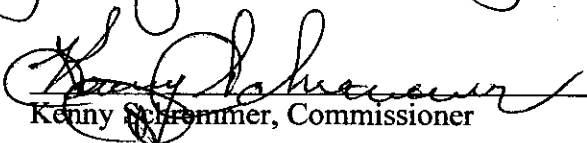
Don Davis, Commissioner



Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner

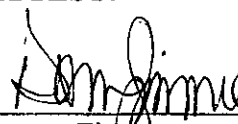


Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner



Kenny Schrammer, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Donna Zimmerman,
County Clerk



PROCLAMATION 2019-04

SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK

March 4 - 8, 2019

WHEREAS, all citizens are encouraged to prepare themselves and their families for severe spring weather in Kansas; and

WHEREAS, individuals should prepare by signing up for alerts and warnings, make a family emergency communication plan and shelter plan, safeguard important documents, and assemble or update your emergency supplies and/or go bags; and

WHEREAS, awareness and preparedness for spring severe weather, which includes tornadoes, wildfires, drought, large hail, severe thunderstorms, lightning, flooding and flash floods, is vital for all residents of Barton County; and

WHEREAS, all Barton County citizens are reminded to stay up to date on weather Forecasts, be prepared during a Watch, and be ready to take proper shelter during a Warning; and

WHEREAS, all citizens, businesses and schools are encouraged to prepare and practice personal safety plans, and to participate in the Tornado Drill scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 5, 2019.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, hereby declares the week of March 4 through 8, 2019, as Severe Weather Awareness Week to educate citizens about severe weather and to help them prepare for a life threatening severe weather event.

ADOPTED this 4th day of March, 2019.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BARTON COUNTY, KANSAS**



Alicia Straub

Alicia Straub, District #4, Chairman

Kenny Schlemmer

Kenny Schlemmer, District #1, Member

Homer Kruckenberg

Homer Kruckenberg, District #2, Member

Don Davis

Don Davis, District #3, Member

Jennifer Schartz

Jennifer Schartz, District #5, Member

RESOLUTION 2019-05

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING WEIGHT LIMITS FOR CERTAIN BRIDGES MAINTAINED BY BARTON COUNTY AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION 2018-19, SAME, ADOPTED DECEMBER 17, 2018

WHEREAS, engineering load ratings have been performed on certain County-maintained bridges as required by federal regulations and said federal regulations require that weight limit signs be installed at bridges that cannot safely carry legally loaded trucks; and

WHEREAS, the County Engineer has reviewed the load ratings and determined that it is necessary that certain weight limit regulations be adopted and appropriate regulatory signs be posted at the locations designated by this resolution; and

WHEREAS, Kansas Statutes Annotated (K.S.A.) 8-1912, 8-2002, 19-101a, and 19-212 authorize the Board of County Commissioners to enact resolutions for the establishment of traffic regulations upon roads within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined, after reviewing the evidence presented, that it is in the best interest of the public's health, safety, and welfare to adopt traffic regulations as recommended.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, that the following described bridges be posted with the described weight limits until such time that said bridge is replaced or conditions are corrected and this Resolution is rescinded or amended:

| County Bridge Number | Straight Truck Weight Limit | Tractor-Trailer Weight Limit | Double Trailer Weight Limit |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| FAS 330 | 15 | 16 | 20 |
| FAS 460 | 18 | 29 | 35 |
| OS 190 | 19 | 27 | 37 |
| OS 195 | 24 | 35 | 40 |
| OS 242 | 11 | 17 | 25 |
| OS 278 | 19 | 32 | 40 |
| OS 290 | 20 | 34 | 40 |
| OS 295 | 24 | 36 | 40 |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Resolution 2018-19, Same, dated the 17th day of December, 2018, is hereby rescinded, and that any other previous resolutions for any of the locations designated in this Resolution that conflict with the regulations established herein are hereby rescinded; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, upon the posting of the appropriate regulatory signage, any violation of the provisions of this Resolution by any person, unless exempted by Statute, shall be a public offense and shall be punishable upon conviction by a fine in an amount and in accordance with the provisions of KSA 8-2118 and any amendments thereto; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective upon publication.

ADOPTED this 4th day of March, 2019.

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Kenny Schlemmer
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ATTEST:

Donna Zimmerman
Donna Zimmerman,
County Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Patrick Hoffman
Patrick Hoffman, Counselor