November 9, 2022

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 9th day of November 2022, at the Barton County Courthouse.

Members present:
Kirby Krier, Commissioner, 1st District
Barb Esfeld, Commissioner, 2nd District, (Chairman Pro-Tem)
Shawn Hutchinson, Commissioner, 3rd District, Chairman
Jon Prescott, Commissioner, 4th District
Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner, 5th District
Bev Schmeidler, County Clerk
Matt Patzner, Director of Operations
Doug Hubbard, Claflin Fire Chief
Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor

I. OPENING BUSINESS:
Commissioner Hutchinson called the meeting to order at 9:20 A.M.

Commissioner Krier moved to approve the agenda.
Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Krier moved to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2022, Regular Meeting.
Commissioner Prescott seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

II. OLD BUSINESS:
There was no old business.

III. NEW BUSINESS:
A. OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHALL: Kansas Firefighter Recruitment and Safety Grant:
-Chief Doug Hubbard will provide details. Fire District #1 was awarded a grant from the Office of the State Fire Marshall for replacement gear and an “Extractor” washing machine for the fire station. With the washer being delivered directly to the fire station after purchase through the Office of the State Fire Marshall, the final grant award was $15,000.00. This amount, coupled with operational funding, will allow for the purchase of gear, to include helmets and gloves. It is noted that this is a reimbursing grant and that some local funds will be used to make the needed purchases.

Doug Hubbard, Fire Chief, Fire District #1, said they applied for $22,000.00 but were granted $15,000.00 for bunker gear, personal safety equipment. Asked commission to accept the grant.

Commissioner Krier moved to accept the Office of the State Fire Marshall, Kansas Firefighter Recruitment and Safety Grant funds in the amount of $15,000.00 in reimbursement monies as well as the extractor washing machine.
Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

Hubbard said the grant was two parts. The first part was the cash and the second was a washing machine for the bunker gear. The washer was probably valued at $5,000.00 - $6,000.00 and was on its way. The $15,000.00 would be reimbursed once the equipment was purchased. It would be a little more than $15,000.00.
Commissioner Hutchinson said you were looking at $15,700.00. Hubbard said that was correct.

Matt Patzner said the grant portion would be paid out of the Reserve Equipment Fund for grant tracking purposes. The $700.00 would be paid from their operating budget.

Commissioner Krier moved to purchase five sets of bunker and related gear from Danko Emergency Equipment for a total of $15,700.00. The majority of that cost, $15,000.00 to be paid from the Fire District No. 1, Capital Improvements & Special Equipment Fund, Vehicular Equipment Line, 070-50-6205-44. That amount to be reimbursed to that fund upon release of monies from the Office of the State Fire Marshall. The remainder of the cost, $700.00, to be paid form the Fire District No. 1 Fund, Clothing, Drugs and Chemicals Line, 055-50-5365.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Hubbard said they had received another grant a few months ago and had just received the equipment for grain rescue.

Commissioner Hutchinson said he read recently the system had been used and saved a life.

**IV. OTHER BUSINESS:**
There was no other business.

**V. ADJOURN:**
Commissioner Prescott made a motion to adjourn at 9:26 A.M.
Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Don Paden shared that his Dad was a Fire Chief and Don had been a volunteer firefighter in various communities. Paden shared some stories. Anything done in support of first responder services was greatly appreciated.

**ATTEST:**
Bev Schmeidler
Barton County Clerk

Shawn Hutchinson, Chairman