

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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June 15, 2015

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 15th day of June 2015, at the Barton County Courthouse.

Members present:

Kenny Schremmer, Commissioner, 1st District, Chairman

Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner, 2nd District

Don Davis, Commissioner, 3rd District

Alicia Straub, 4th District

Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner, 5th District (Chairman Pro-Tem)

Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

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

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the agenda with the proviso that we table Item E, which has to do with RFP so that the Commission can study it further.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Straub moved to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2015, Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

Commissioner Schremmer, Commissioner Kruckenberg, Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Straub voted aye.

Motion passed 4 – 0.

Commissioner Schartz was absent June 1, 2015 and did not vote.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2015 Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

II. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:

-An Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of June 1, 2015, and ending June 15, 2015.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve appropriations for the period of June 1, to June 15, 2015 and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. ROAD VACATION: A Portion of NE 160 Road, Cheyenne Township:

-The Commission will consider vacating a portion of NE 160 Road, Cheyenne Township. The portion of the road is more fully described as Road 131, South 25 feet in the Southwest Quarter of Section 6, Township 17S, Range 12W, and the North 25 feet in the Northwest Quarter of Section 7, Township 17S, Range 12W in Cheyenne Township, Barton County, Kansas. The Commission viewed the site of the proposed vacation on June 8, 2015, following a public notice period.

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Francis Debes, Cheyenne Township Official, said the road in question is a minimum maintenance road that gets mowed a couple of times per year. Debes said the family requesting the road vacation is doing so because of vandalism and noted the township can't stop vandalism. Debes said the township recommends the road remain open as minimum maintenance.

Commissioner Schremmer said he typically follows the recommendation of the township.

Commissioner Kruckenberg moved to leave the road open.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARD: Krysten Watkins and Melissa Hagerman, Health Department, Employees of the Quarter:

-The Employee Relations Committee (ERC) recommends outstanding individuals for the "Employee Recognition Award". Generally, the recognition is given quarterly. At this time, the Commission will be asked to recognize Krysten Watkins and Melissa Hagerman, Health Department. The employees were nominated as they provided life saving measures to a downed citizen on March 3, 2015.

Bj Wooding, ERC President, read the nomination.

Commissioner Schartz said this hit home as her husband went down in a similar fashion a year ago. Schartz said this guy could not have been in a better spot.

Commissioner Schartz moved to join the ERC in presenting Krysten Watkins and Melissa Hagerman, with the Employee Recognition Award.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

C. DECLARATION OF A STATE OF LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY: Thunderstorms, Heavy Rain and Flash Flooding – May – June, 2015:

-Barton County experienced damages as a result of the thunderstorms, heavy rains, and flash flooding beginning on May 4, 2015 and continuing in the month of June. In an effort to review the damages in Barton County with state and local officials, the County Commission has been asked to sign a Disaster Declaration.

Amy Miller, Emergency Management Director, said the area has been experiencing heavy rainfall since the first part of May and noted Barton County is close to the necessary dollars needed to qualify for FEMA Public Assistance dollars. However, it appears Barton County may be short of reaching the necessary cost indicator of \$98,519.44. Staff at the Kansas Division of Emergency Management recommended Barton County declare a state of local disaster in order to have a local damage assessment completed by state and federal officials to verify whether Barton County can apply for assistance. This declaration will cover the period from May 4th to date. Miller reported there will be a Prelim damage assessment at 10:30 am Thursday, June 15, 2015 in the conference room.

Commissioner Straub moved to declare the Declaration of a State of Local Disaster Emergency and forward the Declaration to the Kansas Division of Emergency Management.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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D. COUNTY ENGINEER: 2015 Asphalt Overlay Project:

-The County Engineer accepted bids until May 27, 2015, for the 2015 Asphalt Overlay Project. Included is approximately 860 tons of asphalt for Hirsch Street in Ellinwood (US 56 Highway north to 7th Street) and approximately 3,952 tons of asphalt for NE 30 Road (NE Avenue to Kansas 156 Highway). Venture Corporation presented the only bid at \$83.00 per ton. If approved, it is suggested that the cost be paid from the Road and Bridge Fund. It is noted that the project cost, no more than \$399,396.00, will be reimbursed through the Federal Funds Exchange Program.

Clark Rusco, County Engineer, said Venture was the only bidder and noted they provided a start date of 9-8-2015 and a finish date of 9-15-2015.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the \$83.00 bid from Venture Corporation for approximately 4,812 tons of asphalt. The cost, not to exceed \$399,396.00, to be paid from the Road and Bridge Fund, Professional Services Fees Road Overlay line, 002-92-5475-96.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

E. RESOLUTION 2015-16: A Resolution Establishing a Procedure for Bidding and Request for Proposals for Barton County Officials:

-It is in the best interests of the taxpayers of Barton County that certain goods and services be purchased through a competitive process that is both fair and transparent. Under the proposed Resolution, any project with a potential cost in excess of \$5,000.00 would require a bid as well as those consumables defined in a 2013 Resolution dealing with purchases. In addition, the County Counselor / Administrator would have the authority to hire a consultant for bid preparation at a cost of not more than \$2,000.00.

(ITEM TABLED)

V. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Mary Hoisington, GB Tribune: The Tribune and BCC is sponsoring "Military Monday" at 6pm on Monday, June 22nd at Jack Kilby Square. The 34th Infantry Division Band will perform at 8:15pm. The public is invited to attend.

VII. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Schartz made a motion to adjourn at 9:27 A.M.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk

Kenny Schremmer, Chairman