

# Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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June 29, 2015

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 29th 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.  
Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Straub moved to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2015 Regular Meeting.  
Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **II. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:**

Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of June 15, 2015, and ending June 29, 2015.

Donna Zimmerman asked for approval of an additional mini A/P in order to pay election worker wages for the recent special election and a water bill.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the appropriations for the period of June 15, 2015 to June 29, 2015 with the additions that were stated by Mrs. Zimmerman 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. BARTON COUNTY / KSU EXTENSION COUNCIL: Avian Influenza:**

-Avian influenza refers to the disease caused by infection with avian (bird) influenza (flu) Type A viruses. These viruses occur naturally among wild aquatic birds worldwide and can infect domestic poultry and other bird and animal species. In an effort to protect the Kansas poultry industry and to promote stronger biosecurity practices throughout the state, the Kansas Department of Agriculture Division of Animal Health has issued a stop movement order targeting Kansas poultry and live birds. Alicia Boor, KSU County Extension Agent, will provide an update that will include the effect of the order on the Barton County Fair.

Alicia Boor, KSU County Extension Agent, said avian influenza was found earlier this spring in eastern Kansas flocks and explained this particular flu has not shown to jump to humans yet, but is a possibility.

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Boor said the Kansas Department of Agriculture has put a "stop movement" on all poultry in Kansas. This stop movement includes all county fairs, state fair, etc. Boor said humans do not have an immunity to a bird flu so this could cause a pandemic if it jumps to humans. Any bird can carry the flu, but this highly pathogenic flu is one that was carried through waterfowl. Boor noted entire flocks were euthanized in eastern Kansas, so at this time, there is no flu in Kansas.

Information Only. No Action Required.

## **B. KANSAS COUNTY APPRAISER'S ASSOCIATION: Annual Business Conference Review:**

-Barbara Esfeld, County Appraiser, attended the Kansas County Appraiser's Association (KCAA) Annual Business Conference earlier this month. In addition to the networking opportunities, presentation topics included fee simple valuation and property rights issues for commercial property; agricultural land values; fracking, waste water disposal, earthquakes and values; and Orion forms and documents.

Barbara Esfeld, County Appraiser, said she attended the County Appraiser's conference in Manhattan, June 7<sup>th</sup> thru 10<sup>th</sup>, along with Jame Allen and Tracy Miller. They were all able to attend all class offerings. Esfeld was elected Vice-President of the County Appraiser's Association for 2018.

Information Only. No Action Required.

## **C. APPRAISER'S OFFICE: Replacement of 2007 Trail Blazer:**

-The 2007 Trail Blazer utilized by the County Appraiser's Office suffered catastrophic breakdown that included the manifold, pistons and crankshaft. Given that the repair is estimated at over \$7,000.00, it is suggested that a replacement vehicle be purchased. Ms. Esfeld accepted bids for various estimates on cars and sports utility vehicles. Specifications included a sturdy, low mileage vehicle with enough space to carry field equipment. Monies are available in the Equipment Replacement Fund for the proposed purchase.

Barbara Esfeld, County Appraiser, said the trail blazer broke down on Tracy Miller and Jame Allen as they were returning from the conference. The vehicle is needed for the annual 17% review. Esfeld noted all Appraiser vehicles are currently 2007 models and said, unfortunately, the vehicle that broke down had the least amount of miles on it. Esfeld contacted Marmies, Dove, Manweiler and Doonan and reported that each vendor provided quotes for similar vehicles with similar prices. Esfeld recommended the purchase of the 2014 Jeep Compass from Marmies due to the low mileage and remaining warranty. The other vehicles quoted had an average of 20,000 miles. Esfeld said the Jeep has a 5 year/100,000 mile warranty and said the trade-in for the old vehicle is approximately \$3,000.

No bid information provided.

Commissioner Schartz asked how many miles they put on the vehicle per year. Esfeld said approximately 10,000 miles.

Commissioner Schartz asked Esfeld what she would do if they did not replace the vehicle. Esfeld said they would have to use their personal vehicles and charge the county mileage.

Commissioner Kruckenberg moved to purchase the 2014 Jeep Compass with 65 miles from Marmies for \$21,930 and let Barb do the explaining. Esfeld said the cost would be paid from the Equipment Replacement Fund (we had set aside \$23,000 already to replace), it would be paid from the General line, 072-00-6380.

Commissioner Kruckenberg said she finished the motion.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

Noted aye. Motion passed.

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Esfeld asked if the Commission wanted to trade-in the old vehicle. Commissioner Schremmer said they needed more time to discuss the matter.

Commissioner Schartz asked Esfeld to see if Marmies would allow us to purchase the Jeep outright and in a week or two, be willing to buy back the Trailblazer. Esfeld said she will ask.

## D. BOARD APPOINTMENTS: Memorial Parks Advisory Committee:

-The Memorial Park Advisory Committee is charged with advising and assisting the Commission regarding the care and maintenance of the Barton County Owned and Operated Memorial Parks and Cemetery. With not less than five, nor more than seven members, there are three positions open, terming in July, 2019. Stan Jantz has applied for reappointment.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, said Stan Jantz was the only applicant.

Current appointees include:

APPOINTMENT	REQUIREMENT	DATE APPOINTED	TERM DATE
Mic Lang	Resident, Unexpired	8/12/2013	7/1/2015
Stanley Jantz	Resident, 4 year term	9/24/2012	7/1/2015
Margaret Potter	Resident, 4 year term	6/4/2012	7/1/2015
John Haberman	Resident, 4 year term	8/12/2013	7/1/2016
Charlotte E Kluz	Resident, 4 year term	2/2/2015	7/1/2018
Paige Lofland	Resident, 4 year term	10/6/2014	7/1/2018
Dan Esfeld	Resident, 4 year term	10/20/2014	7/1/2018

Commissioner Straub moved to appoint Stan Jantz to the Barton County Memorial Park Advisory Committee, that uncompensated term ends July 1, 2019.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## V. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

## VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business.

## VII. ADJOURN:

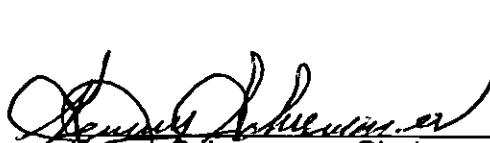
Commissioner Kruckenberg made a motion to adjourn at 9:43 A.M.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

  
Donna Zimmerman  
Barton County Clerk

  
Kenny Schremmer, Chairman