

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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September 28, 2015

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 28th day of September 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)
 Bev Schmeidler, Asst. Deputy 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 Kruckenberg moved to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2015 Regular Meeting.
 Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.
 All voted aye. Motion passed.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

A. COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE: Request for Approval – Added / Abated / Escaped / Refunded Taxes for 2014:

-Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk, will present a listing of Added / Abated / Escaped / Refunded Taxes for 2014. Orders for these actions are kept on file in the County Clerk's Office. These are used to correct assessments and are requested by the County Appraiser's Office or the County Clerk's Office.

Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk, presented the following tax roll adjustments:

BATCH #16				
Property Types	Values	Escaped Taxes	Added / Abated	Refunds
Gas				
Oil	-4,671		-\$755.60	\$755.60
Personal Property				
Real Estate				
16/20 M Trucks				
State Assessed Utilities				
Special Assessments				
Grand Totals	-4,671		-\$755.60	\$755.60
Total Taxes	-\$755.60			
Total Records	1			

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Commissioner Davis moved to approve the Listing of Added / Abated / Escaped / Refunded Taxes for 2014 as presented by the County Clerk and reviewed by the County Appraiser and direct the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. SHERIFF'S OFFICE: Introduction of Lieutenant Steve Billinger:

-Sheriff Brian Bellendir has appointed Steve Billinger as Lieutenant for the Barton County Sheriff's Office. Lt. Billinger is a long time resident of Barton County and recently retired after serving 26 years with the Kansas Highway Patrol. Sheriff Bellendir will introduce Lt. Billinger.

Sheriff Bellendir introduced Lt. Steve Billinger who has 26 years of experience with the Kansas Highway Patrol as well as several years prior experience with other law enforcement. Bellendir said the Lieutenant position is third in command at the Sheriff's Office and explained Lt. Billinger will be in charge of training, supplies, etc. Bellendir noted Lt. Billinger hit the ground running after 2 days on the job with the recent stolen combine incident.

Billinger said that he has been a Barton County resident since 1989, lives in Ellinwood where he and his wife raised 4 children. Billinger noted he has been in law enforcement since he was 19 years old and said he looks forward to the challenges ahead.

Commissioner Kruckenberg asked for details on the recent combine incident. Sheriff Bellendir said the suspect is in our jail and probably would be there for some time as his bond was just increased to \$100,000.

Commissioner Schremmer asked who the sharp shooter was that managed to get the engine stopped. Bellendir said Deputy Sierra Thorne.

Information Only. No Action Required.

C. 2015 TAX SALE: Update:

-The County recently took judgment on the parcels remaining on the 2015 Tax Sale. Owners are able to redeem parcels until Noon, Friday, October 9, 2015. The sale will be held in the Courthouse Conference Room at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, October 13, 2015. At this time, 45 parcels remain.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, said as of today, there are 43 parcels remaining.

Total Parcels	141
Filed On	127
Remaining Parcels	45 (As of September 22, 2015)

If all remaining parcels were redeemed before the tax sale, the County would collect \$101,191.95, to include fees, interest and Court costs.

Information Only. No Action Required.

D. WORKFIT: Continuation of the Agreement for Physical Capacity Profile® Testing:

-WorkFit provides physical capacity profile testing for pre-employment purposes. The testing determines the abilities of the potential employee to perform a job's essential functions, with or without reasonable accommodation. This reduces the possibility of placing an individual in a position where there is a substantial risk of injury, thereby reducing work-related injuries and potential workers compensation claims. The service rate is \$105.00 per testing.

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Edward Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, said the County's "mod rate" (workers compensation modification rate) is 0.64, which is unheard of for a county.

Commissioner Schremmer said he is reluctant to spend the money in a year where cuts are being made.

Commissioner Schartz said she looks at this as an insurance policy and noted it protects the county and helps in keeping the mod rate down.

Boeckman said WorkFit reveals any pre-existing physical history that prohibits them from meeting the job requirements.

Phil Hathcock, Landfill Supervisor, said WorkFit identified a potential employee's marginal limitations. Hathcock said the employee could perform the job, but this made him aware of what to watch for.

Bellendir said Sheriff Office potential employees are drug tested and undergo an extensive background check. The WorkFit program sometimes exposes medical conditions the person may not be aware of themselves.

Boeckman said ADA limits the questions that may be asked of a potential employee.

Pam Womkey, Register of Deeds, suggested having only those applicants who are applying for the physical jobs go through WorkFit testing instead of testing all applicants.

Commissioner Schartz said, for example, the WorkFit testing might identify a potential employee with a back problem who can be measured for their ability and potentially save the County from a claim.

Bellendir said, departments such as his, used to physically test potential employees. Many of those departments no longer do this, because potential employees could suffer a medical crisis during the testing and the entity would be liable for treatment.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the Agreement for Physical Capacity Profile® Testing with WorkFit, Barton Community College, for the period ending September 30, 2016.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

Commissioner Schartz, Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Kruckenberg voted aye.

Commissioner Schremmer and Commissioner Straub voted nay.

Motion passed 3 – 2.

E. COUNTY SERVICES: Informational Update:

-Mr. Boeckman will provide the informational report of work completed during the last period. The report, which will be made available to the media, will serve as a public reminder of the services provided by the County on a regular basis.

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IV. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

V. OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business.

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ADJOURN:

Commissioner Davis made a motion to adjourn at 9:34 A.M.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

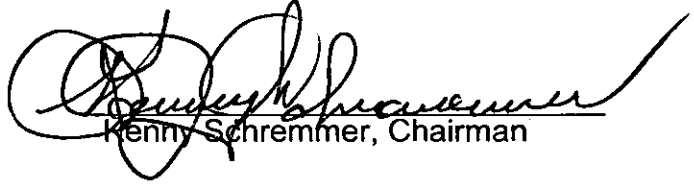
All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Donna Zimmerman

Barton County Clerk



Kenny Schremmer, Chairman