

# Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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May 9, 2016

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 9th day of May 2016, at the Barton County Courthouse.

## *Members present:*

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

## **I. OPENING BUSINESS:**

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

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

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2016 Regular Meeting.  
Commissioner Schremmer 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 April 18, 2016, and ending May 2, 2016. It is noted that the Commission will be ratifying this Register.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to ratify appropriations for the period of April 18, 2016, to May 2, 2016 and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.  
Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **III. OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business.

## **IV. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **A. PROCLAMATION 2016-09: Mental Health Awareness Month – May, 2016:**

-Mental health is essential to everyone's overall well-being. As all Americans experience times of difficulty and stress, it is important that we practice prevention as an effective way to reduce the burden of mental health conditions. The proposed Proclamation, declaring May, 2016, as Mental Health Awareness Month, states that with early and effective treatment, those individuals with mental health conditions can recover and lead full, productive lives.

Douglas McNett, Center for Counseling and Consultation Executive Director, said this is the second year to request approval of the Mental Awareness Month Proclamation. McNett introduced the following community providers present at the meeting: Bill Manning, Wendy Lockwood and Gail Sullivan, from The Center; Carie Brown, Brett Middleton and Jessie Sloan from Heart of Kansas. McNett reported Healing Hearts Ranch and Catholic Charities of Southwest Kansas also provide mental health services.

Commissioner Schartz said, having served on the board for a number of years, there have been many challenges, but they seem to be turning the corner and said she appreciates McNett's leadership.

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Commissioner Schartz moved to adopt Proclamation 2016-09, Mental Health Awareness Month, May, 2016.  
Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **B. COUNTY CLERK/ELECTION OFFICE: Purchase Electronic Poll Books:**

-Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk, recommends that the Commission approve the expenditure of Equipment Replacement funds for sixteen electric poll books. These books, which take the place of paper poll books, will facilitate the voting process and decrease time spent at the polls. In addition, as the electronic books have the capability of reading identification provided by voters, their use will reduce the margin for error for voting at an incorrect polling location. It is suggested the purchase be limited to the larger precincts in Ellinwood, Great Bend and Hoisington for now.

Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk, said electronic poll books should improve the speed of voter check-in at the polls on Election Day and explained voters drivers' licenses can be scanned by the electronic poll books. Zimmerman explained if alternate ID is used, the poll workers can type in the voter's name if needed. Zimmerman said not only is it anticipated this will improve the check-in process, it is also predicted the margin for error will be reduced as the poll books will have the ability to determine where the voter should vote if they are not at the correct precinct. This should eliminate the run-around for a voter as they try to determine where they should vote at on Election Day.

Commissioner Straub said in support of what Donna just presented, and I trust her expertise in this area, I move to purchase sixteen (16) electronic poll books and necessary components/software from KNOWiNK / Henry Adkins for a total not to exceed the cost of \$25,000.00. The cost is to be paid from Equipment Replacement Fund, General Line, 072-00-6380.

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

## **C. CENTRAL KANSAS COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS: Fiscal Year 2017 Comprehensive Plan Submission:**

-The Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC) requires submission of a Comprehensive Plan (grant application) each year. These documents require the review and approval of the Barton County Commissioners, as the Administrative County for the District to which the plan pertains. The plan was reviewed in study session on April 25, 2016, but as there was no agenda meeting on May 2, 2016, it has yet to be officially approved.

Amy Boxberger, CKCC Director, said their vision is "Public Safety through Offender Success". They try to influence change, reduce risk, offer cognitive classes, and quality assurance through evidence based practices. Boxberger said they are one of three agencies to receive an increase from last year and said she believes that was due to the 35% increase in the average daily population in the last four years.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve the Community Corrections Comprehensive Plan for the Fiscal Year 2017 for Central Kansas Community Corrections and ratify it's submission to the Kansas Department of Corrections.

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

## **D. REGISTER OF DEEDS: Upgrade of Office Lighting:**

-Electrical problems with light ballasts necessitate an upgrade to lighting in the Register of Deeds Office. Pam Wornkey, Register of Deeds, will present a quote from Silverado Electric that includes the removal of old florescent fixtures that will be replaced with LED lighting. If approved, the \$4,061.18 price will be paid from Capital Improvement.

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Wornkey, Register of Deeds, said the current lighting precedes 1980 and noted the new LED system puts off less heat with an expected lifetime of approximately 60,000 hours.

Commissioner Straub asked if Silverado provided any cost saving estimates. Wornkey said, no, they did not.

Commissioner Schartz moved to authorize the replacement of 14 florescent fixtures in the Register of Deeds Office with LED fixtures. The project cost is \$4,061.18 as bid by Silverado Electric, Inc., to be paid from the Capital Improvement Fund, General Building and Fixed Equipment, Line Number 071-00-6305. Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **E. SOLID WASTE: Sale of Two Pickups:**

-The Solid Waste Department has purchased two trucks over the course of the past year. Trucks replaced were a 1997 F250 and a 1999 F550. Phil Hathcock, Solid Waste Director, asks that the Commission authorize selling the vehicles at the Schremmer Consignment Auction, May 14 – 15, 2016, in Odin.

Phil Hathcock, Solid Waste Director, said both vehicles were replaced over the last year to a year and a half.

Commissioner Straub asked how we could provide for someone to bid that isn't able to be present at the auction. Commissioner Schremmer said he was sure someone can make a bid by phone, etc. and said he volunteers his auction services to the County for free.

Commissioner Schartz moved to dispose of the 1997 F250 and the 1999 F550 at the Schremmer Consignment Auction, May 14 – 15, 2016, in Odin.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **F. ROAD AND BRIDGE: Sale of Two Pickups:**

-In February, 2016, the Barton County Commission approved the replacement of two pickups utilized by Road and Bridge – 1998 Chevy F1500 2WD with 186,889 miles and a 1998 Chevy F2500 Extended Cab with 150,197 miles. Although both were to be sold by sealed bid, Dale Phillips, Road and Bridge Director, prefers that they be sold at the Schremmer Consignment Auction, May 14 – 15, 2016, in Odin.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, said they were requesting a reversal of the motion made in February so the vehicles can also be sold at the auction.

Commissioner Schartz asked if there can be a minimum bid amount required. Commissioner Schremmer said yes.

Commissioner Schartz moved to reverse the February 29, 2016, motion to authorize the disposal of the 1998 Chevy F1500 2WD with 186,889 miles and a Chevy 1998 F2500 Extended Cab with 150,197 miles through sealed bid and instead disposal of them at the Schremmer Consignment Auction, May 14 – 15, 2016, in Odin.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Straub asked where the vehicles would be for people to view prior to the auction.

Commissioner Schremmer said the vehicles would be at the sale site on Tuesday.

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## **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.

Information Only. No Action Required.

## **V. ENDING BUSINESS:**

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

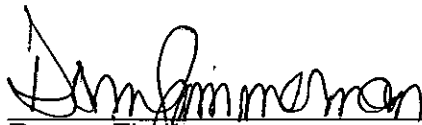
## **VI. OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Comm Straub: A big topic at the KCCA meeting in Manhattan last week was keeping the lines of communication open. Not just in the County, but with cities, department heads, etc.

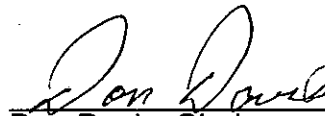
## **VII. ADJOURN:**

Commissioner Straub made a motion to adjourn at 9:43 A.M.  
Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Donna Zimmerman  
Barton County Clerk



Don Davis, Chairman