

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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September 26, 2016

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 26th day of September 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 September 19, 2016, Regular Meeting.
 Commissioner Straub 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:

-Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk, will present a listing of Added / Abated / Escaped / Refunded Taxes. 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				
Personal Property				
Real Estate	-82,673		-\$400.58	
16/20 M Trucks				
State Assessed Utilities				
Special Assessments				
Grand Totals	-82,673		-\$400.58	
Total Taxes	-\$400.58			
Total Records Selected	31			

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

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. ALLIANCE INSURANCE GROUP / EMC INSURANCE COMPANIES: Dividend Return:

-Cassidy Smith, Alliance Insurance Group, will present the Commission with a dividend return check as a result of the County's participation in the Kansas County Safety Dividend Group with EMC Insurance Companies.

Cassidy Smith, Alliance Insurance Group, said they represent Employer's Mutual Insurance and noted Barton County did not cause the reduction. The policy dividend is based upon the group experience as a whole, not each individual county's experience. Because the overall performance of the EMC Kansas County Safety Dividend Group, Barton County is receiving a dividend check of \$11,978.36. This is the sixth year in a row Barton County will receive a dividend.

Dividend amounts for the last five years are as follows:

August 2010 to August 2011	\$27,422.56
August 2011 to August 2012	\$20,645.27
August 2012 to August 2013	\$24,589.91
August 2013 to August 2014	\$47,666.19
August 2014 to August 2015	\$30,500.61

Information Only. No Action Required.

C. 2016 TAX SALE: Update:

-The County recently took judgment on the parcels remaining on the 2016 Tax Sale. Owners are able to redeem parcels until Noon, Friday, October 7, 2016. The sale will be held in the Courthouse Conference Room at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, October 11, 2016. At this time, 57 parcels remain.

Kevin Wondra, County Treasurer, said they were still contacting property owners to encourage them to redeem their properties. Wondra said he has contacted most everyone in Great Bend and is working on Hoisington, Ellinwood and Claflin this week. Wondra noted there are some out-of-state owners with undeliverable addresses that he hasn't been able to reach.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, said we do publication service to cover for those we can't do personal service on. Boeckman said Wondra does a great job trying to reach the property owners and said there are more parcels for sale this year than there are typically.

Information Only. No Action Required.

D. ROAD AND BRIDGE: Buyback Offer on the 2015 T650 T4 Bobcat Track Loader:

-In 2014, Road and Bridge purchased a T650 T4 Bobcat Track Loader, with Pallet Forks, Auger, Grapple Bucket and Snow Bucket for a combined bid price of \$53,719.00 from Bobcat of Salina. Under the offer made at time of purchase, the County exercised the \$3,000.00 "buyback" option and received a new 2015 Model T650 Bobcat Compact Track Loader with full warranty. Dale Phillips, Road and Bridge Director, recommends the Commission exercise the current buyback option for a 2016 model. Monies are available in the Road and Bridge Fund should the option be approved.

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Dale Phillips, Road and Bridge Director, said this was a municipal lease option. The current machine has over 500 hours on it and is used every day. Cost per hour to operate the Bobcat loader is \$4.25, which is extremely low.

Commissioner Straub asked what the average operating cost is. Phillips said the government rate is approximately \$35/hour.

Commissioner Schartz moved to exercise the \$3,000.00 buyback option offered by Bobcat of Salina for the 2015 T650 Bobcat Compact Track Loader. Buyback option price to be paid from the Road and Bridge Fund, Operating and Construction Equipment Line, 002-92-6190. In return, the County will receive a 2016 Model T650 Bobcat Compact Track loader with full warranty.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

E. COUNTY SERVICES: Informational Update:

-Richard Boeckman, County Counselor / Administrator, 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.

- Richard Boeckman: Said he will be 68 years old soon. Doesn't plan to quit altogether, but plans to reopen a law office. Announced his resignation in March 2017. Wants to allow time to find a replacement.

Comm Davis: Commended Boeckman for his service to Barton County.

Commissioner Schremmer asked if it was possible to visit with the people from the COOP prior to the Executive Session, so they do not have to wait.

Commissioner Straub moved to amend the agenda to change the order of items on the agenda.

Commissioner Schartz said the COOP was not on the agenda, but rather scheduled for study session. Schartz said they might not want to discuss things in open meeting.

Dennis Neeland, Great Bend COOP, said he would like to get this done as soon as possible as they are in the middle of fall harvest and said they are willing to explain the project.

Commissioner Straub said the information was in the study session packet and said it would be good to make a decision today.

Commissioner Schartz said, for everyone's information, the COOP is requesting a zoning change.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ADDED ITEM: ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: Great Bend COOP Zoning Amendment:

Judy Goreham, Environmental Manager, said there is a mandatory 14 day waiting period following a public hearing for a zoning amendment to allow people time to protest. Goreham explained the COOP proposed the building of two large grain bunks just outside of Pawnee Rock. The property is on the east side of the southeast corner of Pawnee Rock and owned by the Mull family. Goreham said the project requires the land to be rezoned from agriculture to light manufacturing commercial. The Planning Commission changed the date of their September meeting in order to speed up the process since the

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COOP is anxious to get the project underway due to harvest. Goreham explained that the COOP started the dirt work prior to the property being rezoned. Goreham noted that 8 of the 9 members were present at their meeting and recommended approval, officially noting that the COOP was in violation of the zoning regulations for starting before the zoning amendment. Goreham said Darcy Bowman attended the public hearing and expressed concerns over truck traffic, road maintenance and noise. Dennis Neeland, Great Bend COOP, addressed those concerns and explained they will only accept grain from 8am – 10pm. Neeland said it will be seasonal, so there would not be traffic every day. The COOP initially requested 11+/- acres be rezoned, but have now acquired additional land totaling to a little over 13 acres.

Goreham expressed her unhappiness that the COOP started work prior to approval and said they are in violation of our zoning regulations and state statute. Goreham said the COOP has a 10 year lease with the Mull family. The item can be on the agenda for October 10th. There could be a special meeting 14 days after the Planning Commission meeting that was held September 20th, which would be October 5th at the earliest.

Dennis Neeland expressed their need and said they cannot take grain at Pawnee Rock since they're full.

Commissioner Schartz moved to have a special meeting on October 5th at 9:00 A.M. here at the Courthouse.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

F. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Personnel matters of nonelected personnel:

-The Commission will enter into Executive Session. The Commission may invite such parties as needed in said Session. The Commission meeting will resume in 20 minutes.

At 9:50 A.M. Commissioner Straub moved to enter into executive session for a period of fifteen (15) minutes to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel. I would ask that Sheriff Brian Bellendir and County Clerk Donna Zimmerman, who were part of the previous discussions concerning these matters, also stay present for this meeting. The Commission will resume at 10:05 A.M.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

At 10:06 A.M. Commission Chairman Davis asked for a motion to come out of executive session.

Commissioner Schremmer so moved.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commission Chairman Davis asked for a motion to resume the executive session for fifteen (15) minutes.

Commissioner Schartz moved to enter into executive session which will end at 10:23 A.M.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

At 10:24 A.M. Commissioner Straub moved to resume regular session.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Straub moved to take a five (5) minute recess for restroom break.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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At 10:30 A.M. Commissioner Schartz moved to resume the meeting.
Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Davis said as a result of the executive session regarding personnel matters of non-elected personnel, there was a need for further discussion and to go back into executive session.

At 10:31 A.M. Commissioner Straub moved to reenter into executive session for a period of thirty (30) minutes with the meeting to resume at 11:01 A.M. let's say. I would ask that the Sheriff and the County Clerk also stay for that session to discuss non-elected personnel matters.
Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

At 10:24 A.M. Commissioner Straub moved to resume regular session.
Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Davis asked for a motion to come out of executive session.
Commissioner Kruckenberg so moved.
Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commissioner Davis said there was no action taken.

ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

V. OTHER BUSINESS:

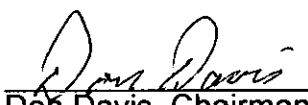
- Comm Davis: There is a lot of unemployment in Barton County. The local Kansas WorkPlace Job Fair is September 27, 2016 at the Great Bend Activity Center, 2715 18th Street from 2:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.
- Comm Straub: Announced that she and some of the Commissioners would be attending the KLPG Conference in Dodge City on Thursday and Friday this week.

VI. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Schartz made a motion to adjourn at 11:06 A.M.
Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:


Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk


Don Davis, Chairman