

# Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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April 3, 2017

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 3rd day of April 2017, 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  
Alicia Straub, Commissioner, 4th District  
Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner, 5th District, Chairman  
Roxane Edwards, Deputy County Clerk  
Carey Hipp, County Counselor

## **I. OPENING BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Schartz called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. and asked for a motion to approve the agenda with Item A being tabled.

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

Commissioner Davis moved to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2017 Regular Meeting.  
Commissioner Schremmer 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 March 20, 2017, and ending April 3, 2017.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve appropriations for the period of March 20, 2017, to April 3, 2017 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. 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.

**(ITEM TABLED)**

### **B. PROCLAMATION 2017-04: National Public Health Week, April 3 – April 9, 2017 – Healthiest Nation 2030:**

-Public Health is the science of protecting and improving families and communities through the promotion of healthy lifestyles, research for disease and injury prevention and detection and control of infectious diseases. Recognizing National Public Health Week allows for a focused opportunity for the public to learn about the public health concerns and celebrate local success stories. Shelly Schneider, Health Director, will discuss the community goals of healthy eating, active living, reduced poverty, improved

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access to health care and mental health care that will make this community a healthier place to live. Public Health is the safety net of all health-care in Barton County and everything can come full circle back to Health. It is the BCHD's Mission to ensure that all citizens of Barton County have access to what goals can make them the healthiest and education to understand what can get in the way of those goals.

Shelley Schneider, Health Director, presented details and read the proclamation.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to adopt Proclamation 2017-04, National Public Health Week, April 3 – April 9, 2017 – Healthiest Nation 2030.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Schartz inquired about Barton County moving up in health rankings. Schneider said Barton County went from being ranked 75 up to 58 and noted it was due to numerous factors.

## **C. EMERGENCY RISK MANAGEMENT: Update on the Burn Ban:**

-On March 13, 2017, through Resolution 2017-06, the Commission established a Temporary Burn Ban in Barton County. Wildland fire conditions at the time prompted the action of establishing a temporary burn ban. Barton County has experienced periods of precipitation over the last week. The Commission will hear an update about the effectiveness and necessity of continuing the temporary burn ban

Amy Miller, Emergency Risk Manager, said she reached out to all Barton County Fire Chiefs about suspending the burn ban due to recent rains. Miller said she heard from Beaver and Hoisington Fire Chiefs who were both in favor of lifting the ban.

Doug Hubbard, Claflin Fire Chief, told the Commission he was also in favor of lifting the ban and expressed his appreciation for the Commissioners being proactive with a burn ban. Hubbard said his department had not run a fire call since the burn ban was put into effect.

Mike Napolitano, Great Bend Fire Chief, said he echoed Hubbard's comments.

Steve Gant, resident from south of Great Bend, said he occasionally has large piles of limbs and would like to burn after a rain when the wind is low. Gant said sometimes parts of the County get rain while others do not and said when there is a burn ban in place, he is not able to burn.

Miller said that was the reason they went away from doing an emergency disaster declaration to a temporary burn ban.

Commissioner Straub moved to suspend Resolution 2017-06, A Temporary Burn Ban in Barton County, Kansas.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **D. MEMORIAL PARKS: Mowing Services Proposal:**

-The County accepted proposals for mowing at the two County-owned Memorial Parks until 2:00 pm, March 21, 2017. Per the bid form, both Memorial Parks must be mowed and kept trimmed to maintain a grass height no higher than 3", with special consideration for holidays. It is anticipated the mowing will be required from April to October, 2017. Monies have been included in the Cemetery Budget for this anticipated expense.

Dale Phillips, Memorial Parks Director, presented the following bids:

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Dietz Lawn Service, Mike Dietz owner  
J&J Construction, Jim Lloyd owner

\$ 800 per month  
\$1,510 per month

Commissioner Straub moved to award the 2017 Mowing Services Proposal to Dietz Lawn Service in the amount of \$800.00 per month. Billing to be paid from the Cemetery Budget, Professional Services Fees Line, 004-92-5475-98.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **E. BARTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION: Board Appointments:**

-The County has sought applicants for the Barton County Planning Commission. The focus of the Planning Commission is to plan for the proper growth and development of Barton County through the enactment of planning and zoning laws for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare. Although all applicants must reside in Barton County, the majority of members must be from the unincorporated area.

Judy Goreham, Environmental Manager, said Christy Tustin has been on the board for more than 10 years and Dianne Morse was appointed in 2008. Goreham said both indicated they will not apply for reappointment. Earl Moses was appointed in 2008 and is the only terming member who applied for reappointment. Velma Kraft is the only other applicant. Goreham said that will leave one remaining vacancy on the board.

Current membership:

| <u>Appointment</u> | <u>Requirement</u> | <u>Date Appointed</u> | <u>Term Date</u> |
|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Christy Tustin     | Unincorporated     | 3/31/2014             | 3/31/2017        |
| Dianne Morse       | City               | 3/31/2014             | 3/31/2017        |
| Earl Moses         | City               | 3/31/2014             | 3/31/2017        |
| Toni Rice          | Unincorporated     | 4/06/2015             | 3/31/2018        |
| Richard Ahlvers    | Unincorporated     | 4/06/2015             | 3/31/2018        |
| Russell Carson     | Unincorporated     | 4/06/2015             | 3/31/2018        |
| Mary Anne Stoskopf | Unincorporated     | 4/04/2016             | 3/31/2019        |
| Billie Bonomo      | Unincorporated     | 4/04/2016             | 3/31/2019        |
| James Welch        | Unincorporated     | 4/04/2016             | 3/31/2019        |

Commissioner Schremmer said it is my pleasure to move to reappoint Earl Moses and appoint Velma Kraft to the Barton County Planning Commission for uncompensated positions terming March 31, 2020 and to direct the Environmental Manager to continue to seek applications for the Planning Commission until such time as the Commission membership is filled.

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.

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## **VII. ADJOURN:**

Commissioner Straub made a motion to adjourn at 9:22 A.M.  
Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

Roxane Edwards  
Roxane Edwards  
Barton County Deputy Clerk

Jennifer Schartz  
Jennifer Schartz, Chairman

**PROCLAMATION 2017-04**

**National Public Health Week  
April 3 – April 9, 7  
Healthiest Nation 2030**

**WHEREAS**, Public Health is the science of protecting and improving families and communities through the promotion of healthy lifestyles, research for disease and injury prevention and detection and control of infectious diseases; and

**WHEREAS**, good health and quality of life for everyone in Barton County is an important goal for our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2017 theme "Healthiest Nation 2030" promotes the goal of making the United States the Healthiest Nation in One Generation — by 2030; and

**WHEREAS**, National Public Health Week provides the focused opportunity for the public to learn about the public health concerns and success stories of our local communities, our State and our Nation; and

**WHEREAS**, action by community leaders to implement policy changes that promote the community goals of healthy eating, active living, reduced poverty, improved access to health care and mental health care will make our community a healthier place to live for current and future generations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, hereby declare the week of April 3 – April 9, 2017, as "PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK"; and

**FURTHER**, encourage all residents to vest in their health and their communities' health today, instead of paying for their sickness tomorrow, by eating healthier, being active and quitting tobacco.

Signed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2017.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
BARTON COUNTY, KANSAS

  
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Jennifer Schartz, Chairman


  
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Don Davis, Member

  
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ATTEST:

  
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Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk

