

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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December 11, 2017

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 11th day of December 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

Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk

Phil Hathcock, Operations Director

Carey Hipp, County Counselor

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

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

Commissioner Straub moved to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Minutes of the December 4, 2017, Regular Meeting were not available.

II. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:

Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of November 27, 2017, and ending December 11, 2017.

Commissioner Davis moved to approve the appropriations for the period of November 27, 2017, to December 11, 2017 and authorize the Chair to sign on behalf of the Commission.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: Requirements of Regular and Special Meeting

Notification:

-KSA 75-4318 states, in general, as an open meeting requirement, a public body may require that a request to receive notice (of regular and special meetings) must be submitted to the body prior to the commencement of a fiscal year. As the County prepares for Fiscal Year 2018, the Commission may direct staff to request written notification from the public to receive meeting announcements. Such requests would be made of the businesses and persons currently receiving announcements.

Phil Hathcock, Operations Director, said the County Operations Office had prepared a list of persons requesting notice for meetings in 2018.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to direct the Operations Office to provide a notice to individuals, the media and local governments asking for notification that they wish to continue receiving notice of all Commission Agenda and Special Meetings for 2018.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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B. OCCUPANCY AGREEMENT: 12th and Kansas, Great Bend:

-The State of Kansas Parole Office is housed in the Barton County Office Building at 12th and Kansas, Great Bend. The proposed agreement, set to expire December 31, 2018, allows the agency office space, as well as use of the County's phone and long distance services.

Phil Hathcock, Operations Director, said the following revisions have been made to the agreement:

- Updated the paragraph reference smoking to be inclusive of tobacco, tobacco products and tobacco substitutes;
- Updated the information reference the County's phone and long distance systems;
- Deleted sections reference long distance calling cards and use of the County's general supply room.

Hathcock said these changes have no substitutive effect, but brings it up to date.

Commissioner Straub moved to approve the Occupancy Agreement for the State of Kansas Parole Office with the Agreement set to expire December 31, 2018 and direct staff to submit the approved Agreement to the State of Kansas.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

C. BOARD APPOINTMENTS: Health Department Advisory Committee:

-Barton County solicited applicants for four uncompensated positions for the Health Department Advisory Committee. The Health Department Advisory Committee reviews and makes recommendations on policies related to public health services in Barton County. The uncompensated positions term December 31, 2019.

Colly Schneider, Health Director, said after a public announcement and personal solicitations, they received applications for 4 uncompensated positions from Scott Fleming, Dr. William King, Dr. Mike Malone, and Krista Smith and requested they all be approved.

Current committee members:

APPOINTMENT	REQUIREMENT	DATE APPOINTED	TERM DATE
Dr William King	Allied Medical Field	1/25/2016	12/31/2017
Dr Mike Malone	Allied Medical Field	1/25/2016	12/31/2017
Krista Smith	Allied Medical Field	1/25/2016	12/31/2017
Scott Fleming	Allied Medical Field	1/25/2016	12/31/2017
Libbie Merritt, RN	Nurse	3/6/2017	12/31/2018
Judge Hannelorre Kitts	Citizen	3/6/2017	12/31/2018
Brian Wilborn	Citizen	3/6/2017	12/31/2018

Commissioner Davis moved to appoint Scott Fleming, Dr. William King, Dr. Mike Malone, and Krista Smith to the Health Department Advisory Committee. Each person shall be appointed to an uncompensated term ending December 31, 2019.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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D. HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Ratification of Expenditure:

-As the Health Department is planning to expand the exam area, there is need for an additional exam table. The department was able to obtain \$4,000.00 in grant funding and negotiated with Mohawk Medical Mall to purchase an electronic exam table for that amount. In order to take advantage of the special pricing, the purchase had to be made by December 6, 2017. Ms. Schneider will ask that the Commission ratify the purchase.

Shelly Schneider, Health Director, said \$4,000 in additional Family Planning monies recently became available. Schneider said they decided they would expand their exam rooms in the near future and the need for an exam table would arise. The exam table would also be used with Family Planning Clients as well as others that need diagnostic exams. Deb Higgins, RN, negotiated a low price for the exam table. The decision to purchase had a deadline of December 6th, 2017, therefore it was already ordered.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to ratify the \$4,000.00 purchase of an Electric Exam Table from Mohawk Medical Mall. The cost is to be paid from the Health Fund, Equipment Line, 006-60-6165. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

E. REAL PROPERTY RELIEF APPLICATION – TAX YEAR 2017: May 16, 2017, Tornado:

-In May, 2017, Barton County saw a tornado destroy property along a path from Pawnee Rock to Highway 4. After the event, the Commission adopted a Resolution that would allow property owners the opportunity to apply for tax relief if, following a natural disaster, damage to their homestead equals or exceeded 50% of their market value. Barb Esfeld, County Appraiser, has received three applications for tax relief. With the assistance of Ms. Esfeld, the Commission will take action on the applications.

Wendy Prosser, Deputy County Appraiser, said Pursuant to Kansas Statute 79-1613, the County adopted Resolution 2017-11: Homestead destroyed or substantially destroyed by natural disaster; abatement of tax. Prosser explained the property owner is required to fill out an application for relief and turn it in to the Appraisers Office for a recommendation to the Commissioners. Prosser said their office received 3 applications following the May 16th tornado. If approved, the tax abatements would be calculated from May 16th, 2017. Relief would be given to the dwellings for 230 days. The total reduction in tax for the 3 properties would be \$1,765.96.

Commissioner Straub moved to approve the Relief Applications for the following people:

Heather Jackson at 776 West Barton County Road

Dan Wapelhorst at 89 NW 70 Avenue and

Cody Roach at 93 NW 70 Avenue

The total reduction in tax is \$1,765.96.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Wendy Prosser said when this resolution was adopted; it was done so hoping to be able to help families in a time of need. Now, being so near to Christmas and the holidays, making this determination is very fitting. Prosser said after Barb Esfeld met with the Commissioners in study session, she expressed to her office staff how each of the Commissioners sympathized with the victims, as we all do. Prosser said she and Esfeld wish to publicly on behalf of themselves as well as other County officials wish the property owners well.

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V. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Comm Straub: Thanked the Employee Relations Committee for a wonderful Christmas party for County employees.

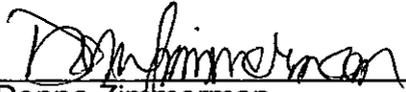
VII. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Davis made a motion to adjourn at 9:15 A.M.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk



Jennifer Scharz, Chairman