

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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February 6, 2017

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 6th day of February 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
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 January 30, 2017 Regular Meeting were not available.

II. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS: 13TH Month - 3rd Run:

-An Accounts Payable Register for the 13th Month, 2016, will be submitted to the Commission.
Thirteenth month expenditures include any unpaid bills for a product, service, or utility that have actually been received in 2016.

Commissioner Straub moved to approve the appropriations for the 13th month third run.
Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

III. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:

-An Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of January 23, 2017, and ending February 6, 2017.

Commissioner Straub moved to approve the appropriations for the period of January 23rd to February 6th and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission..
Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

V. 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:

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BATCH #5				
Property Types	Values	Escaped Taxes	Added / Abated	Refunds
Gas				
Oil	- 5,613		-\$ 853.72	\$ 853.72
Personal Property	- 2,173		-\$ 393.04	\$ 221.45
Real Estate	-482,532		-\$87,613.04	\$3,261.55
16/20 M Trucks				
State Assessed Utilities				
Special Assessments				
Grand Totals	-490,318		-\$88,859.80	\$4,336.72
Total Taxes	-\$88,859.80			
Total Records Selected	58			

Commissioner Davis 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 Commission.

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

B. PUBLIC INFORMATION: Kansas Wetlands Education Center:

-The Kansas Wetlands Education Center (KWEC), a branch of the Sternberg Museum of Natural History, is operated by Fort Hays State University personnel. The facility overlooks the 19,857 acre Cheyenne Bottom Wildlife Area managed by the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Park and Tourism and the 7,694 acre Cheyenne Bottoms Preserve managed by The Nature Conservancy.

Curtis Wolf, Site Manager, said there were 22,000 – 24,000 contacts again this year including drop-ins, onsite and offsite programming. Wolf said they conducted 511 school programs with two on-staff educators. They held the Butterfly Festival, the Great Migration Rally at Camp Aldrich, the Wild Goose Chase 5K and hosted the State Eco-Meet. The Frog & Toad call is one of their new exhibits. Wolf said they bought little scientist coats and naturalists vests for the kids to wear when on-site. Wolf noted the Education Center is already 8 years old. Eighteen states were represented last year at the Wings and Wetlands Birding Festival.

Commissioner Davis asked Barry McManaman if the K-4 Overlook would be done before April. McManaman said L & M Contractors will start construction in late February and should take about 2 months to complete.

Information Only. No Action Required.

C. ROAD AND BRIDGE: Snow Plowing Video:

-The Road and Bridge Department personnel have developed a 10 minute video dealing with snow plow operations. Dale Phillips, Road and Bridge Director, will present the video to the public.

Dale Phillips, Road and Bridge Director, narrated the snow plowing video produced by Alan Baxter, Road & Bridge Department.

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VI. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

VII. OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business.

VIII. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Straub made a motion to adjourn at 9:35 A.M.
Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk



Jennifer Schartz, Chairman