

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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January 17, 2017

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 17th day of January 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
Bev Schmeidler, Assistant Deputy County Clerk

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

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

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

Minutes of the January 9, 2017, Regular Meeting were not available.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE: Introduction of Näna Brammer:

-The County Attorney's Office was authorized to add an additional attorney and support staff in Fiscal Year 2017. Amy Mellor, Barton County Attorney, will introduce Näna Brammer, Assistant County Attorney III. Brammer, of Sylvan Grove, successfully passed the July 2016 Kansas bar exam. As such, she was one of the new attorneys taking state and federal oaths on September 30, 2016. Brammer is a graduate of Washburn University, School of Law.

Amy Mellor, Barton County Attorney, introduced Näna Brammer and said Brammer will primarily handle traffic cases, some misdemeanor cases and will cross-train to handle juvenile and CINC cases as well.

B. REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL: County Counselor:

-The County accepted proposals for legal services to be provided by a Counselor for Calendar Year 2017 until December 19, 2016. Services generally include interpretation of law, advice on labor and employment matters, attendance at County Commission meetings and other duties as requested. Services will be civil in nature, with all criminal matters being handled by the County Attorney. At this time, the Commission will consider the proposals and make award in the best interest of the County.

Commissioner Schartz said that the two higher bids were considerably higher for a part-time position than the County Attorney makes for a full-time position.

Returned Proposals:

Carey Hipp, Sherman, Hoffman & Hipp, LC
Watkins Calcara Chtd.
McPherson & McVey Law Offices

Ellsworth
Great Bend
Great Bend

\$3,000 per month
\$8,500 per month
\$12,000 per month*

*Specifically excludes the tax sale

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Commissioner Schremmer moved to award the Request for the Proposal for County Counselor to Carey Hipp, she is with Sherman, Hoffman and Hipp, LC in Ellsworth. I have done business with them before. In fact, I have worked with Carey off and on and was really impressed with her thoroughness and quickness and I am very happy to see her apply for this job and I would make a motion to accept her. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

Commissioner Schartz added that this was for a 6 month basis due to the transition with the Commissioners taking on the job of the administrator.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Schartz wanted to publicly thank Allen Glendenning for being just a phone call away.

C. COUNTY ENGINEER: Federal-Aid Construction Engineering Agreement with the Kansas Department of Transportation, Project 5 C-4702-01, Bridge Replacement Project on East Barton County Road:

-The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) has submitted a Federal-Aid Construction Engineering Agreement for the bridge replacement project on East Barton County Road. Under the agreement, the Engineer's Office will do inspection work and KDOT will reimburse the County for 80% of the inspection cost.

Barry McManaman, County Engineer, presented details.

Commissioner Schremmer it was very nice to get reimbursed with funds from KDOT.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve the Federal-Aid Construction Engineering Agreement with the Kansas Department of Transportation, Project 5 C-4702-01, for inspection services. Direct the Engineer to submit required documents to KDOT once signed by the Commissioners or Chairman. Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

D. JUVENILE SERVICES: Appointment of Program Director:

-On June 27, 2016, Marissa Woodmansee was appointed as the Juvenile Services Interim Director. It is suggested that Ms. Woodmansee now be appointed as the program Director. Ms. Woodmansee has been with the 20th Judicial District Juvenile Services program since 1999, serving in progressively more skilled positions during her employment.

Marissa Woodmansee, Juvenile Services Interim Director, said she had been Interim Director since last June. Woodmansee said she was appointed Interim Director because there was uncertainty about what the State was going to do with Juvenile Services going forward. Woodmansee said she felt they had a firm foundation and will continue to exist, but will look a little different in how they work with their partners in the district.

Commissioner Schartz noted Woodmansee and Amy Boxberger work well together.

Commissioner Straub said a number of co-workers had very nice things to say about Woodmansee, her work and her dedication.

Commissioner Davis said he felt they dropped the ball by not appointing her as Director sooner.

Commissioner Schremmer pointed out that Woodmansee had worked here since 1999.

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Commissioner Davis moved to appoint Marissa Woodmansee as the Juvenile Services Director.
Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

E. FACILITIES MANAGEMENT: Replace Flooring in the Driver's License Office:

-The Facilities Management Department requested bids for replacement flooring in the Driver's License Office. Abbey Carpet and Floor provided the lowest bid at \$3,060.11. If approved, it is suggested that the cost be charged to the Capital Improvement Fund.

Gary Bruner, Facilities Leader, requested flooring bids from Abbey Carpet, Kustom Floor Designs and Kern Floor Covering and said Abbey Carpet and Kustom Floor Designs were the only vendors to provide bids. Bruner said the tentative start will be January 30th and noted the office will be closed from January 27th to February 10th, with the staff working in Russell during that time

Abbey Carpet	\$3,060.11 Carpet in stock	Install time Estimate: 2 - 3 days
Kustom floor Designs	\$3,465.00 Flooring would be ordered	Install time Estimate: 2 - 3 days

Commissioner Schremmer said they are adding another employee and felt it was good for the County to have them in the courthouse.

Commissioner Straub moved to accept the Abbey Carpet and Floor bid of \$3,060.11 for flooring in Room 207, of the Courthouse. The payment to be made from Capital Improvement Fund, Buildings and Fixed Equipment General Line – 071-00-6305.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

Noted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Schartz added there is an occupation agreement the Commissioners will address later.

F. ROAD AND BRIDGE: Overhead Shop Heaters:

-Three overhead heaters in the County shop have failed. After pricing options, it is suggested that four replacement units be purchased from ComfortPro, Inc. For a quoted price of \$8,352.00, the County could replace four units with Sterling 250,000 BTU overhead heaters and digital thermostats. The price includes the units, labor and materials.

Dale Phillips, Road and Bridge Director, recommended the low bid from ComfortPro and explained that for the second year in a row, the Shop/Office has detected high levels of Carbon Monoxide. Phillips said ComfortPro tested the air and found (3) overhead heaters with defective heat exchangers. Moeder Plumbing and Rube's Inc. also inspected overhead heaters for damage. A 4th heater was also found to be in need of replacement.

Bids were solicited to replace (4) overhead heaters with Sterling 250,000 BTU furnaces:

ComfortPro, Inc.	\$8,352
Moeder Plumbing & Heating	\$8,502
Rube's Inc.	\$8,652

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve the purchase of four Sterling 250,000 BTU overhead heaters and digital thermostats for \$8,352.00. Cost is to be paid from the Capital Improvement Fund, Building and Fixed Equipment, Road and Bridge Line, 071-00-6335 and direct the Road and Bridge Director to file a Project Exemption Certificate to exempt the project from sales tax.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

Noted aye. Motion passed.

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Commissioner Schartz asked for an update regarding the storm from the past weekend. Phillips said they pretreated with salt and sand on Friday and again on Saturday and noted that by the afternoon, the roadways were very slick. Phillips said by Sunday morning, the roads were treacherous, so the crews treated the roads all day. Phillips said they used 600 tons of materials in 2 days and estimates the cost to be around \$50,000 for this storm. There are a lot of trees down in the right-of-ways that will be taken care of later.

Sheriff Bellendir added there were very few accidents, a few slide offs but no injury accidents. Bellendir said the public listened and stayed home making for a quiet evening.

G. RESOLUTION 2017-03: 2017 Tax Sale:

-Resolution 2017-03 authorizes certain tracts of real estate be sold for back taxes. This money is then distributed to the various taxing entities in the County. The Resolution also authorizes abstract work to be performed in preparation for the tax sale.

Commissioner Straub moved to Adopt Resolution 2017-03, the 2017 Tax Sale.
Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

H. 2017 TAX SALE: First American Title Company:

-As there are no other abstract companies in Barton County, First American Title Company was contacted reference abstracting services for the 2017 Tax Sale. First American Title Company is willing to provide the needed services at \$70.00 per parcel.

On Curtis, First American Title Company, said this was the 3rd year to price at \$70 per parcel.

Commissioner Straub moved to approve the \$70.00 per parcel price for abstracting work to be provided by First American Title Company for the 2017 Tax Sale.
Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

I. KANSAS LEGISLATIVE POLICY GROUP: 2017 Membership:

-The Kansas Legislative Policy Group (KLPG) is a bi-partisan coalition of western Kansas counties with the common interest in the preservation of the counties tax base and retention of local control. Recognized among legislators as one of the most respected and influential organizations in the entire State, the KLPG serves as a policy and decision making body establishing legislative priorities at its annual meeting and providing excellent speakers to address KLPG members about the important topics of the day. At this time, the Commission will consider renewal of the membership, priced at \$4,322.68.

Commissioner Straub said Barton County is a member and noted there are 30 some western Kansas counties that are members. Straub said she believed it originated as an effort to recoup oil and gas money of which Barton County has benefitted from at over \$2 million over the past few years. Straub said it has been a good group to belong to financially, but believes it also helps in understanding neighboring counties. Straub said belonging to these groups is important and said she will be attending a KLPG meeting in Topeka next week.

Previous fees:

YEAR	FEE
2013	\$4,550.60
2014	\$4,454.18
2015	\$4,652.90
2016	\$4,358.70

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Commissioner Schartz added that KLPG looks at the activities of the oil & gas industry and was in favor of belonging to the group.

Commissioner Kruckenberg expressed concern over joining too many groups.

Commissioner Schartz said she felt the Commissioners are careful about picking the right groups for Barton County.

Commissioner Straub said you only get out what you put into it.

Commissioner Davis moved to approve the 2017 KLPG Membership Dues of \$4,322.68. Payment to be made from the Courthouse General Account of the General Fund, Dues, Memberships, Subscriptions Line, 001-18-5455.

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

J. COUNTY SERVICES: Informational Update:

-Jennifer Schartz, Commission Chairman, 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.

IV. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

V. OTHER BUSINESS:

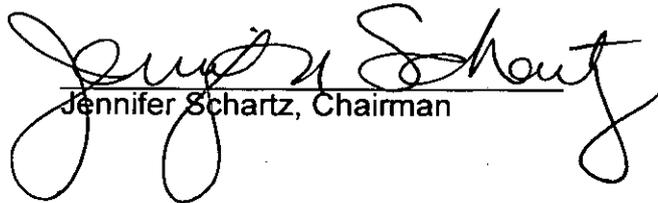
- Comm Straub: The Hoisington Chamber Banquet was rescheduled to January 28th, the same day as the Ellinwood Chamber Banquet.

VI. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Kruckenberg made a motion to adjourn at 9:37 A.M.
Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:


Bev Schmeidler
Barton County Assistant Deputy Clerk


Jennifer Schartz, Chairman

RESOLUTION 2017-03

2017 TAX SALE

WHEREAS, Barton County holds certain tracts where taxes remain unpaid for periods of three years or more;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the taxpayers of Barton County that delinquent property taxes be collected on these parcels.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, that the County Counselor is directed to institute an action in the District Court of Barton County, Kansas, in the name of the Commissioners, against the owners or supposed owners of the real estate and all persons having or claiming to have any interest therein or thereto; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the abstracting work associated with the sale be performed by First American Title Company; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, for the current Tax Sale, the actual cost of the abstract fee shall be assessed to the identified parcel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sheriff of Barton County, a member of his staff or another person designated by the Sheriff may bid on property at the tax foreclosure sale in the name of Barton County, but that the bid of Barton County may not exceed the amount of the judgment lien and interest thereon, as provided by law, plus the costs, charges and expenses of the proceedings and sale as set forth in the execution or order of sale; and

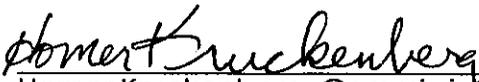
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Barton County that the Sheriff of Barton County is authorized to retain the services of an auctioneer to assist in the sale of real estate at the forthcoming real estate tax foreclosure sale for compensation as the Sheriff of Barton County deems reasonable.

Adopted this 17th day of January, 2017.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Jennifer Scharz, Chairman

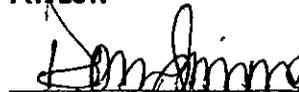

Don Davis, Commissioner

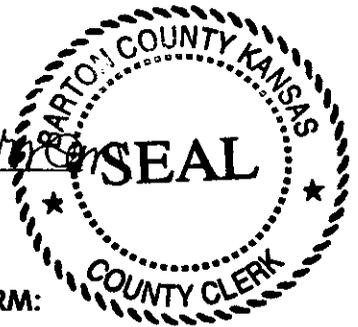

Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner


Kenny Schremmer, Commissioner

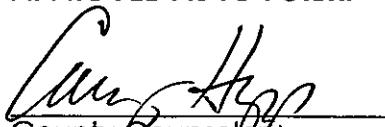

Alicia Straub, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Donna Zimmerman,
County Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM:


County Counselor