

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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January 23, 2017

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 23rd 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
Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk
Carey Hipp, County Counselor

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

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

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

Minutes of the January 9, 2017, and the January 17, 2017 Regular Meetings were not available.

II. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS: 13TH Month - 2nd Run:

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

Commissioner Davis moved to approve the appropriations for the second round of the 13th month payables for 2016 and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.
Commissioner Kruckenberg 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 1, 2017, and ending January 23, 2017.

Commissioner Davis moved to approve the appropriations for the period of January 1, 2017, to January 23, 2017 and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.
Commissioner Schremmer 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.

(Commissioner Straub entered the meeting)

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Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk, presented the following tax roll adjustments:

BATCH #4				
Property Types	Values	Escaped Taxes	Added / Abated	Refunds
Gas				
Oil				
Personal Property				
Real Estate	-311,679		-\$55,939.04	\$14,013.84
16/20 M Trucks				
State Assessed Utilities				
Special Assessments				
Grand Totals	-311,679		-\$55,939.04	\$14,013.84
Total Taxes	-\$55,939.04			
Total Records Selected	26			

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 Commission.

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

B. EMERGENCY RISK MANAGEMENT: Declaration of a State of Local Disaster Emergency for Barton County, Kansas:

Barton County has experienced damages as a result of the freezing rain, freezing drizzle, and ice accumulations with the recent winter storm. In an effort to review the damages in Barton County with state and local officials, the County Commission has been asked to sign a Disaster Declaration.

Amy Miller, Emergency Risk Management Director, said Barton County experienced freezing rain, freezing drizzle, and ice accumulations beginning January 13, 2017 through January 16, 2017. The Kansas Division of Emergency Management requested Emergency Management Directors collect estimated damages to public infrastructure throughout the state in an effort to obtain a Federal Disaster Declaration.

Efforts are ongoing to document preliminary damage assessments throughout Barton County. Barton County, inclusive of city and townships, needs to reach the necessary damage threshold to qualify to apply for public assistance. Damages sustained by electric cooperatives should also qualify them.

Commissioner Straub said that she spent the weekend cleaning up debris in Ellinwood and asked Miller what the time line was approval of the disaster declaration. Miller said they like approval within 21 days.

Commissioner Straub moved to declare the Declaration of a State of Local Disaster Emergency and forward the Declaration to the Kansas Division of Emergency Management.

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

C. TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES: James Jordan, County Treasurer-Elect:

-James Jordan, County Treasurer-Elect, will take office in October, 2017. Prior to that, he has registered for several training opportunities. These include The Kansas County Treasurers Association Legislative Conference, a certification class and three on-line classes. In addition to registration, it is suggested that mileage, hotel and meal costs also be reimbursed.

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Commissioner Schartz said Jim Jordan asked the Commission if the County would reimburse him for training he is participating in on his own time.

Commissioner Straub thought it was great that Jordan was taking the initiative.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to reimburse Mr. Jordan for registration costs totaling \$825.00. This reimbursement is to be paid through the Courthouse General Account of the General Fund, and that's for Training/Education/Seminars Line, 001-18-5490.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

D. COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE: Purchase of a Times-Two Filing System:

-With the addition of the attorney and support staff, the Attorney's Office is in need of a filing system for the Fourth Floor Office in the Courthouse. Casey Hubbard, Office Manager / Investigator, has located a Times-Two filing system with lateral shelves. The system, priced at \$3,190.00, would be delivered and installed by File Safe. If approved, it is suggested that the Equipment Replacement Fund be used for payment.

Casey Hubbard, Office Manager/Investigator, said this is the same system they currently use and noted it is a double sided filing system. Hubbard said the systems are serviced by firm from Salina.

Commissioner Schartz said the Commissioners have been very supportive of the County Attorney's Office expansion.

Commissioner Straub moved to authorize the purchase of the Times-Two Filing System from File Safe. The system cost, \$3,190.00, is to be paid from the Equipment Replacement Fund, General Line, 072-00-6380.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

E. COMMUNICATIONS: Purchase of Replacement Generator:

-Vermin destroyed the generator at the Susank TAC 17 communications tower. This tower provides a vital link in the communications system between dispatch and emergency services. Given its importance, the Commissioners authorized Dena Popp, 911 Director, to purchase a 16 KW generator and stand from Hammeke Electric. The cost, to include the new unit, trade of current unit and labor, is \$3,987.00. Ms. Popp will ask that the Commission ratify the purchase at this time.

Dena Popp, Communications Director, said she visited the Doonan, Galatia, and Susank towers on January 12th to check the propane and start the generators in preparation for the anticipated ice storm. Popp said she discovered the generator at the Susank Tower was in "Alarm" and would not start and noted this had happened four times previously. The previous cause was related to mice chewing through the wiring. All previous issues have been repaired or patched. Popp said Hammeke Electric said they had patched it enough times before that they did not feel patching it again was a possibility. Popp said the State approved the use of 911 Tax funds for this purchase and explained the cost includes the stand and labor for installation.

Commissioner Kruckenberg moved to ratify the purchase of a 16 KW Generator with stand, less trade, and labor for the Susank TAC 17 Communications Tower. Cost of the equipment, \$3,987.00, to be paid from the 911 Tax Fund, Equipment Line, 080-86-6165.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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F. MATCHING FUND REQUEST: SouthWest Kansas Area Agency on Aging:

-The SouthWest Kansas Area Agency on Aging (SWKAAA) is requesting matching funds from Barton County in the amount of \$1,500.00. These funds, which would be used as "Seed Dollars", are an equivalent match to the \$370,270.00 in services received by older residents and low income families from Barton County. The County has traditionally provided this match from the Finance General Account of the General Fund.

Commissioner Davis moved to authorize the 2017 funding to the SWKAAA in the amount of \$1,500.00. Payment to be made from the Finance General account of the General Fund, SWKAAA Line, 001-26-6930.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

G. BOARD APPOINTMENTS: Listing of Open Positions:

-One of the best ways to participate in local government is by serving on a voluntary board, commission or committee. These groups oversee and advise elected officials and organizations on a wide range of issues that affect the public welfare. They also play a vital role in promoting efficient, effective and honest government that functions for all areas of the community. Currently, Barton County has openings on The Center for Counseling and Consultation Governing Board, Community Development Advisory Board, Health Advisory Board, Memorial Parks Advisory Committee and the Planning Commission.

Diana Watson, Commission Assistant, presented details on the following openings and urged interested parties to contact their office to apply:

The Center – Governing Board - Two Full terms

Community Development Advisory Board - Two Full, One Unexpired terms

Health Advisory Board - Three Full terms

Memorial Parks Advisory Committee - One Full term

Planning Commission - Three Full terms

Judy Goreham, Environmental Manager, said there are three Planning Commission positions terming this year and said she suspects some or all of them may not reapply. Goreham said individuals can also refer to our county website. Goreham explained they have a nine member board with the requirement that five members be appointed from the unincorporated area of the County with the remaining members from anywhere within the County. Goreham noted the three positions terming this year can be from anywhere within the County.

Information Only. No Action Required.

VI. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

VII. OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business.

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VIII. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Davis made a motion to adjourn at 9:20 A.M.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:


Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk


Jennifer Schartz, Chairman