

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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June 5, 2017

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 5th day of June 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.

Commissioner Davis moved to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2017, Regular Meeting, the May 17, 2017, SPECIAL Meeting, and the May 22, 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 May 15, 2017, and ending May 30, 2017.

Commissioner Straub moved to accept the accounts payable register for the period of May 15, ending May 30, 2017.
Commissioner Davis seconded the motion
Commissioner Straub added "and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission".
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.

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

BATCH #13				
Property Types	Values	Escaped Taxes	Added / Abated	Refunds
Gas				
Oil	- 486		-\$ 081.86	\$ 34.52
Personal Property	-1,439		-\$ 241.68	\$ 70.88

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Real Estate	-5,970		-\$1,091.10	\$614.24
16/20 M Trucks				
State Assessed Utilities				
Special Assessments				
Grand Totals	-7,895		-\$1,414.64	\$719.64
Total Taxes	-\$1,414.64			
Total Records Selected	16			

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

B. EMERGENCY RISK MANAGEMENT: State of Local Disaster Emergency Declaration:

-Some Barton County residents, as well as the City of Pawnee Rock, experienced property damages as a result of the May 16, 2017, tornado. In an effort to continue recovery efforts an extension of the Disaster Declaration was requested by the Barton County Commission Chairman. Amy Miller, Emergency Management Director, will ask that the Commission ratify the extension declaration.

Amy Miller, Emergency Management Director, said in an effort to continue recovery efforts, the City of Pawnee Rock requested additional assistance with building inspection and damage assessment within the city limits. This request was coordinated by Barton County Emergency Management and the Kansas Division of Emergency Management. After discussion, it was decided that the best way to meet the needs of the City of Pawnee Rock was to utilize a mutual aid request. However, the Declaration of a State of Local Disaster would need to be extended for another 7 days to properly provide the mutual aid request.

Miller said she contacted Phil Hathcock and Jennifer Schartz to explain the extension of the Disaster Declaration. Chairman Schartz agreed with the request and signed the declaration which was filed with the Barton County Clerk's Office and the Kansas Division of Emergency Management.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to ratify the Extension of Declaration of a State of Local Disaster Emergency and forward the Declaration to the Kansas Division of Emergency Management.
 Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.
 All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Schartz said, a few days after the tornado, we had a hailstorm that might actually have been a bigger storm. Miller said they are separate storms.

C. COTTONWOOD EXTENSION DISTRICT: Appointment of Board Members:

-According to the approved Interlocal Agreement for the Cottonwood District Extension District, Barton County is charged with appointing four qualified electors to the initial District governing body. Two members are to serve terms ending December, 2017, and two are to serve until December, 2019. The Barton County / KSU Extension Council recommends that Kathie Rondeau and Steve Tustin be appointed to the terms ending December, 2017, and Deanna Essmiller and Natalie Fullerton to the terms ending December, 2019.

Deanna Krug, Extension Agent – Family & Consumer Science, introduced Natalie Fullerton and Kathie Rondeau, current board members that are looking to be reappointed. Krug asked the Commissioners to appoint four members to the board.

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Commissioner Straub moved to appoint the following members to the Cottonwood Extension District: For the July 2017 – December 2017 terms, Kathie Rondeau and Steve Tustin. For the July 2017 – December 2019 terms, Deanna Essmiller and Natalie Fullerton
Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Schartz said the Commissioners attended the KCCA (Kansas County Commissioners Association) meeting last week where she had the opportunity to visit with Norton County. Norton County Commissioners said they are trying to disband their extension district because it is not working for them at all. They need to have the approval of all of the County Commissioners, the Extension Board and K-State before they could disband. They said they were told that the mill levy would never go beyond a certain point and it has. Their Extension District staff received healthy raises, much more than other county employees. Commissioner Schartz said she has had a lot of reservations about the district. Schartz asked that they not go overboard on raises and stay on point.

Commissioner Schremmer asked that they stand up to any increase and not let it get out of hand.

Commissioner Straub said she visited with an Ellis County Commissioner and received positive feedback about the district and said it is a positive move.

D. RESOLUTION 2017-10: A Resolution Amending the Barton County Zoning Regulations, Including the Official Zoning Map of Barton County, Version II:

-The Barton County Planning Commission regularly reviews the zoning and subdivision regulations. After a current review and subsequent Public Hearing, the Planning Commission recommends amendments to Article III, District Regulations, and Article XIII, Construction and Definitions, of the Zoning Regulations. Revisions generally center on Commercial Agricultural Product Storage Facilities and Commercial Solar Facilities. Also included in the proposed revisions is a change to the definition of Structure and the inclusion of a Commercial Solar Facility Application.

Judy Goreham, Environmental Manager, said in January of 2013, they completed a 4 year review of the zoning regulations. Goreham said they thought they had the best product, but the glut of grain production last fall made them realize the need for commercial sized grain storage areas. They had to rezone some property to allow for commercial agriculture storage. Goreham said, in January, 2017, it was decided that they should amend the zoning regulations. There are four proposed changes:

1. Commercial Agricultural Product Storage Facilities
2. Commercial Solar Facilities
3. Conditional Use Permit Application for Commercial Solar Facilities
4. Change in definition of a structure

The COOP project near Pawnee Rock last year would have been a conditional permit. There are four cities in the County that have extra territorial boundaries.

Commissioner Schremmer recommended to discuss and consider adoption of the Resolution 2017-10, A Resolution Amending the Barton County Zoning Regulations, Including the Official Zoning Map of Barton County, Version II.

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

E. COUNTY SERVICES: Informational Update:

-Phil Hathcock, Operations Manager, will provide the informational report of work completed during the 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.

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Information Only. No Action Required.

- Commissioner Kruckenberg said he would like to point out Hathcock is the Operations Manager and not just the Landfill Director. Hathcock wears a new hat with new authority.

V. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

The Commissioners reported on the KCCA Conference:

Commissioner Straub:

- Ethical Considerations & Communications
- UAS – Unmanned Aerial Systems “Drones”. Helpful in appraisal and mapping areas, but also brings forth privacy concerns
- Economic Development Planning – community collaboration and planning

Commissioner Schremmer:

- Leading for healthy communities

Commissioner Straub:

- Kansas County health ranking maps, lower rankings seem to follow the Arkansas River and noted hospital access

Commissioner Davis:

- Property tax session was interesting & informative

Commissioner Schremmer:

- State budget, tax, schools, tax lid, exemptions

Commissioner Schartz:

- KCCA does a good job of selecting topics for County Commissioners

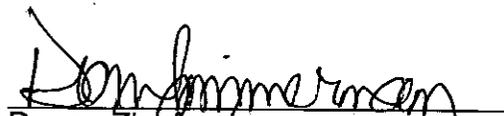
VII. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Straub made a motion to adjourn at 9:40 A.M.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:


Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk


Jennifer Schartz, Chairman

**DECLARATION OF A STATE OF LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY
For Barton County, Kansas**

WHEREAS, on the 25th day of May, 2017, the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas finds that certain conditions have caused, or eminently threaten to cause wide-spread or severe damage, injury or loss of life or property in disaster proportion in Barton County, Kansas;

WHEREAS, K.S.A. 48-932 provides that a state of local disaster or emergency may be declared by the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners or in the absence of the chairman, a majority of the remaining members of any County having a disaster emergency plan, upon a finding by such officer or officers that a disaster has occurred or the threat thereof is imminent within such County; and

WHEREAS, K.S.A. 48-904 defines disaster as "the occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury or loss of life or property resulting from any natural or manmade cause, including but not limited to fire, flood, earthquake, wind, storm, epidemics, contagious or infectious disease, air contamination, blight, drought, infestation, explosion, riot, terrorism or hostile military or paramilitary action"; and

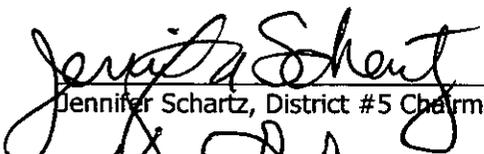
WHEREAS, the County of Barton County within its borders experienced conditions which created obstructions that endangered the health, safety and welfare of persons and property, initially beginning on May 16, 2017 and continuing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, that:

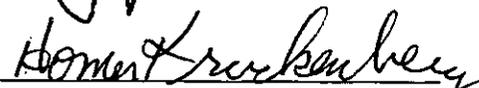
1. There was an imminent threat to cause widespread or severe damage by tornadoes and severe thunderstorms affecting the entire area of Barton County, Kansas.
2. This Declaration, which is an extension of the May 16, 2017 local disaster emergency declaration, shall be in full force and effect for a period not to exceed seven (7) days from May 23, 2017 unless terminated earlier or extended by this issuing authority.

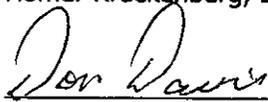
DECLARED by the Barton County Commission Chairman this 25th day May, 2017.

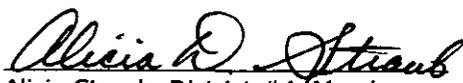
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Jennifer Schartz, District #5 Chairman

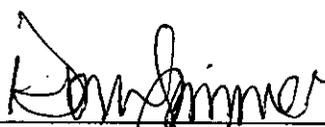

Kenry Schremmer, District #1, Member


Homer Kruckenberg, District #2, Member


Don Davis, District #3, Member

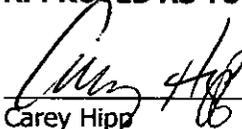

Alicia Straub, District #4, Member

ATTEST:


Donna Zimmerman
County Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Carey Hipp
County Counselor

RESOLUTION 2017-10

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE BARTON COUNTY ZONING REGULATIONS, INCLUDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF BARTON COUNTY, VERSION II

WHEREAS, on January 28, 2013, the Barton County Planning Commission recommended to the Board of Barton County Commissioners the adoption of the Barton County Zoning Regulations, including the Official Zoning Map of Barton County, Version II. Said recommendation resulting in the adoption of the current version of the Zoning Regulations; and

WHEREAS, on the 9th day of May 9, 2017, the Planning Commission approved a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners to approve certain revisions; and

WHEREAS, that the Barton County Planning Commission recommends that:

Article III, District Regulations be revised to include information relative to Commercial Agricultural Product Storage Facilities and Commercial Solar Facilities; and

Article XIII, Construction and Definitions be revised to include information relative to Commercial Agricultural Product Storage Facilities and Commercial Solar Facilities as well as an update to the definition of Structure; and

That a Commercial Solar Facility Application be included in the Regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, hereby adopts the recommendations of the Barton County Planning Commission as contained herein; and

FURTHER, that the Secretary of the Planning Board is hereby directed to have said revisions reflected in the Barton County Zoning Regulations, including the Official Zoning Map of Barton County, Version II.

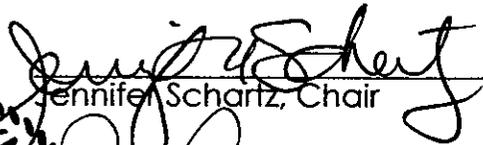
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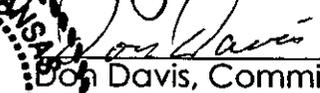
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ATTEST:


Donna Zimmerman
County Clerk



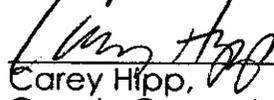

Jennifer Scharz, Chair

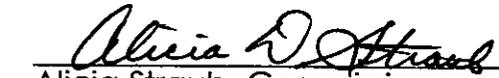

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