

# Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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May 17, 2017

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened the **SPECIAL MEETING** this 17th day of May 2017, at the Barton County Courthouse.

*Members present:*

Don Davis, Commissioner, 3rd District, Chairman  
Alicia Straub, Commissioner, 4th District  
Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner, 5th District  
Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk  
Carey Hipp, County Counselor

*Members joining via cellular phone:*

Kenny Schremmer, Commissioner, 1st District (Chairman Pro-Tem)

*Members absent:*

Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner, 2nd District

## I. OPENING BUSINESS:

Commissioner Schartz called the **SPECIAL** meeting to order at 1:03 P.M.

Commissioner Davis moved to approve the agenda.  
Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed 3-0.

## OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

*Commissioner Schremmer joined the meeting by cellular phone. Contact was immediately lost.*

## III. NEW BUSINESS:

### **A. EMERGENCY RISK MANAGEMENT: Declaration of a State of Local Disaster Emergency:**

-The City of Pawnee Rock, as well as several townships, experienced tornadic activity on the evening of May 16, 2017. Amy Miller, Emergency Risk Manager, will ask that the Commission sign a Declaration of a State of Local Disaster Emergency.

Amy Miller, Emergency Risk Manager, said she contacted Commission Chairman Jennifer Schartz on Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and requested a verbal disaster declaration. Commissioner Schartz approved it at 8:24 P.M. Miller asked the Commission to formally ratify the declaration.

Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk, read the declaration aloud.

Commissioner Straub moved to ratify the Declaration of a State of Local Disaster Emergency for Barton County, Kansas as it relates to the May 16, 2017 tornado..

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed 3-0.

### **B. SOLID WASTE: Fees for Solid Waste Directly Related to the Tornado:**

-Phil Hathcock, Solid Waste Director, will ask that the Commission consider waiving fees for citizens bringing in non-commercial debris from last night's tornado damage. In order to qualify for the waiver, citizens would have to have been affected by the tornado.

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Phil Hathcock, Solid Waste Director, said, in anticipation of the cleanup and debris that will be generated from the tornado, he asked the Commission to waive the landfill fees for non-commercial residents in western Barton County who were affected by the storm.

Commissioner Davis moved to authorize the Solid Waste Director to waive disposal fees at the Barton County Solid Waste Landfill for non-commercial waste generated by the tornado that occurred in western Barton County on May 16, 2017.  
Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed 3-0.

## C. UPDATE:

-County officials that need to make an update related to the storm damage may do so at this time.

Amy Miller said if anyone within the City of Pawnee Rock plans to rebuild, they need to check on flood plain regulations prior to construction. Miller stressed they also check with their insurance company as there may possibly be some coverage for debris cleanup. Miller said the Red Cross is currently going door to door in Pawnee Rock and will then go into the rural areas.

Commissioner Schartz said she was very proud of how everyone handled the disaster.

## IV. ENDING BUSINESS:

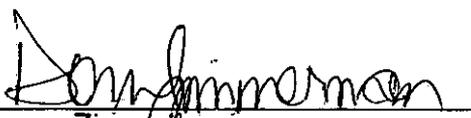
1. Announcements
2. Appointments

## OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business.

## VI. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Davis made a motion to adjourn at 1:15 P.M.  
Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:   
Donna Zimmerman  
Barton County Clerk

  
Jennifer Schartz, Chairman