

# Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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November 20, 2017

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 20th day of November 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

## *Members absent:*

Phil Hathcock, Operations Director  
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 Kruckenberg moved to approve the minutes of the November 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting.  
Commissioner Davis 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 October 30, 2017, and ending November 13, 2017.

Commissioner Davis moved to ratify the appropriations for the period of October 30, 2017, to November 13, 2017 and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.  
Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **III. OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business.

## **IV. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **A. KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES: Annual Meeting Report:**

-The Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) held its Annual Meeting beginning November 14, 2017, in Overland Park. One item of note determined at the Meeting was the Legislative Policy Statement for 2018. It is anticipated that the attendees will join in providing a public report.

- Commissioner Schremmer: Met with other commissioners about how things run. Everyone concerned about taxes. Noxious Weed becoming stronger and affecting crops. Would like KAC meeting in central Kansas.
- Commissioner Kruckenberg: Very appreciative of Phil Hathcock. The appraiser is second to none. Again, Phil and Diana are to be appreciated. The County gets along fine without an administrator.

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- Commissioner Davis: Barb Esfeld is the President of the Appraiser's Association for the State of Kansas next year. A lot of other counties are not in as good of shape as Barton County. Also spoke about Twitter.
- Commissioner Straub: Attended a class called "Non-public water wells and Regulations" and noted there is not a good system to test for contamination. Also attended "Is your County Strategic" – generations and characteristics. Attended "How to Win Friends and Influence People" and said she doesn't personally use Twitter and noted the millennial generation is really techy. Straub said she was voting delegate in Commissioner Schartz's absence. Straub said the following items were major platform issues:
  1. Constitutional Home Rule
  2. Property Tax Lid
  3. Election of Commissioners
  4. Medicaid Expansion
  5. Broadband access
- Commissioner Davis: Attended meeting on your Local Emergency Management. Amy Miller keeps us up to snuff. Should have phone numbers of neighboring counties in the event Amy was not available.
- Barb Esfeld: Register of Deeds rejoined KAC, now just leaves the Treasurers Association. Looking at the listing of all exempt properties to put back on tax roll. Discussed exempting boats altogether. Attended U40 Mentorship Program and noted strategic planning is very important.
- Becky Wornkey: Are there taxes on boat trailers? Esfeld said, yes, boats were taxed at 30%, and are now at 5%.
- Commissioner Schartz: When they take something off taxes, they should put something back on. Local control is so important.
- Barb Esfeld: Encouraged people to find out who is on the tax committee and make contacts. They host an annual legislative meeting along with the Clerk's and Sheriff Associations.
- Commissioner Straub: The House and Senate need good, clear leadership. People don't follow ideas, they follow people.

Information Only. No Action Required.

## **B. REPAIR OF ROOF: Health Department:**

-It was determined that repairs were needed to the roof at the Health Department following this year's hail storms. Phil Hathcock, Operations Director, solicited bids for the required work. Two companies submitted bids. The insurance company, in their review, recommended that Washington Roofing & Insulation be selected as they installed the roof.

Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk/Assistant Operations Director, said Amy Miller, Phil Hathcock and Shelly Schneider contacted the insurance company who said they prefer the Washington Roofing quote since they were the contractors who put the roof on initially. The County will owe the \$2,500 deductible.

The following two companies provided quotes:

Washington Roofing	\$25,162
R & R Roofing	\$17,792

Commissioner Davis moved to approve the \$25,162.00 quote from Washington Roofing and Insulation for roofing repairs to the Health Department. Payment to be made from the Capital Improvement Fund, Building and Fixed Equipment – Health Line – 071-00-6326. When the County receives the settlement from EMC, staff is directed to return the monies to the Capital Improvement Fund.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

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## V. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

## VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business.

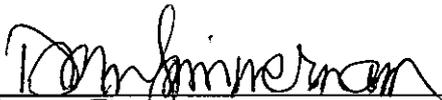
## VII. ADJOURN:

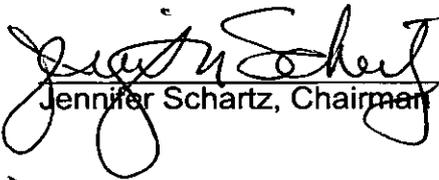
Commissioner Straub made a motion to adjourn at 9:30 A.M.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

  
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Donna Zimmerman  
Barton County Clerk

  
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Jennifer Schartz, Chairman