

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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November 6, 2017

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 6th 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
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 Davis moved to approve the minutes of the October 30, 2017, Regular Meeting.
Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

A. BARTON COUNTY MEMORIAL PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Veterans Program:

-Although there is no stone to dedicate this year, the Memorial Parks Advisory Committee would like to carry on the tradition of hosting an event at Golden Belt Memorial Park on Veterans Day. The event will begin at 1:30 p.m. at the Memorial Park, 59 NW 50 Road, Great Bend, Kansas. It is anticipated that local officials may attend this event.

Mick Lang, Memorial Parks Advisory Committee, introduced John Haberman, Advisory Committee Member who was present. Lang detailed the program for Saturday and said there would not be a guest speaker this time. Lang said he's hoping for a nice crowd, but noted it is also opening day of pheasant season.

Information Only. No Action Required.

B. PROCLAMATION 2017-13: National Adoption Month – November, 2017:

-There are approximately 450 children in Kansas, waiting for an adoptive family. Many of these children have suffered from abuse and/or neglect, and some have medical, emotional and/or developmental needs. Adoption brings the unique opportunity to forever transform a child's life and enrich the life of the adoptive parent or family who welcomes them. The proposed Proclamation declares November, 2017, as National Adoption Month and recognizes Sunday, November 12, 2017, as Adoption Sunday, and Saturday, November 18, 2017, as National Adoption Day.

Marissa Woodmansee, Juvenile Services Director, said there are over 450 children in the State of Kansas awaiting adoption and noted that with adoption come emotional trauma as well as medical issues and

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concerns. Woodmansee read the proclamation and said Judge Clark oversees most of the juvenile cases and is really looking forward to the celebration and honor of creating forever homes. There will be over a dozen adoptions this week.

Commissioner Straub moved to adopt Proclamation 2017-13, as National Adoption Month – November, 2017.

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

C. COUNTY ENGINEER: Authority to Award Contract, KDOT Project 5 C-4702-01:

-Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) officials opened bids on October 18, 2017, for the bridge replacement project approximately one mile east of Great Bend on East Barton County Road. L & M Contractors, Inc. submitted the low bid of \$525,429.00. KDOT advises that the bid is satisfactory when compared to their estimate and recommends approval of the contract. The County's estimated 20% share of the project is \$106,000.00.

Barry McManaman, County Engineer, said in January of 2017, KDOT opened bids on the GRS bridge, coming in at approximately \$929,000. McManaman said, due to cost, the project was redesign using a more conventional style of bridge. KDOT opened the bids October 18, 2017, with L & M Contractors of Great Bend submitting the low bid of \$525,429. McManaman said KDOT notified him that the bid was satisfactory and said if the County accepts the bid, the County's share would be \$106,000 and said \$129,100 has already been encumbered for the project.

McManaman said if we had proceeded with the initial design, the County's share would have been \$16,000. Kirkham Michael redesigned for a cost \$22,000 with additional geology work by Terracon for a cost of \$5,900.

Commissioner Davis moved to approve the Authority to Award Contract for KDOT Project 5 C-4702-01. With the project cost estimated at \$525,429.00, the County's 20 percent share is \$106,000.00. Direct the Finance Office to remit said amount from funds currently encumbered for this special project.

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

D. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS: Longevity Pay:

-Longevity pay is a supplemental compensation benefit designed for the employee who has established a long term commitment to public service with Barton County. Once a full-time employee has reached five years of continuous service, that employee will be rewarded longevity in the amount of \$3.00 for each month of service, with half that for part-time employees. Longevity payment, which is contingent on budgetary conditions, may be awarded in November of each year. At this time, Matt Patzner, Finance Officer, will ask that the Commission consider the award of longevity pay.

Matt Patzner, Finance Officer, said 96 employees qualify for longevity pay, for a total of \$51,976.50 and noted this expenditure is \$4,023.50 under budget.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to award longevity payment for full years of service for eligible employees and officials in appreciation of the long-term commitment to public service with Barton County. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

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E. LEGISLATIVE ISSUES: KAC Legislative Policy Statement:

-On November 14 – 16, 2017, County officials will meet at the Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) Annual Conference. An important item that will be discussed is the KAC Legislative Policy Statement. Member Counties will be called to review the issues and determine the platform's final form. It will then be utilized during the upcoming Legislative Session to promote issues related to County Government. Each year, Barton County reviews and considers the KAC Platform and other initiatives that may have local interest.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve the 2018 KAC Legislative Policy Statement and support for the document at the KAC Annual Conference.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

IV. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

V. OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business.


VI. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Davis made a motion to adjourn at 9:21 A.M.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

Noted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk



Jennifer Scharz, Chairman

PROCLAMATION 2017-13
National Adoption Month – November, 2017

WHEREAS, with more than 110,000 children in the United States eligible for adoption, the State of Kansas recognizes the importance of giving these children permanent, safe and loving families, and

WHEREAS, approximately 450 of these children are in Kansas, waiting for an adoptive family, and may have suffered abuse and/or neglect, and may have medical, emotional and/or developmental needs; and

WHEREAS, brothers and sisters who are separated in the foster care system yearn to be adopted by the same family, while many older youth in foster care feel they may be too old to be adopted, yet they want a sense of belonging that adoptive parents can provide; and

WHEREAS, adoption brings unique opportunities to forever transform a child's life and enrich the life of the adoptive parent or family who welcomes them; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, that the month of November, 2017, is NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH; and

FURTHER, that Sunday, November 12, 2017, shall be observed as Adoption Sunday, a time for faith-based organizations to call upon their members to consider adoption or support families who have adopted children from foster care; and

FURTHER, that Saturday, November 18, 2017, shall be observed as National Adoption Day, a day to raise adoption awareness with policymakers, practitioners and advocates working together to finalize adoptions; and

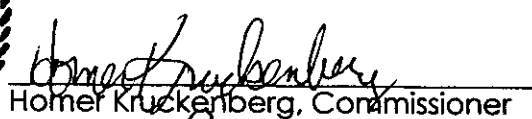
FURTHER, that the Commission hopes that the people of the United States, the State of Kansas and Barton County will open their hearts and homes to kids in the foster care system.

Adopted this 6th day of November, 2017.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Jennifer Schartz, Chair

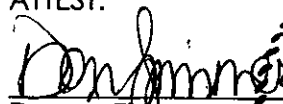

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ATTEST:


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County Clerk

