

# Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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February 20, 2018

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 20th day of February 2018, 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 Schremmer seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Commissioner Kruckenberg joined the meeting.

Commissioner Davis moved to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2018, Regular Meeting.  
Commissioner Straub 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 February 5, 2018, and ending February 20, 2018.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve the appropriations for the period of February 5, 2018, to February 20, 2018 and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.  
Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **III. OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business.

## **IV. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. RESOLUTION 2018-05: Establishing Commission Districts for Barton County, Kansas, and Rescinding Resolution 2015-05, Same, Adopted January 26, 2015:**

-At least once every three years, the Commission shall review districting to assure that each of the five is as compact and equal in population as possible.

Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk, thanked BJ Wooding, County Cartographer for providing the proposed Commission District maps and presented a short PowerPoint presentation. Zimmerman said by State statute, Commission Districts must be reviewed at least once every 3 years and noted it had been 3 years since the last resolution was adopted. Zimmerman said boundaries are set based on population and must be as compact and equal as possible. They were able to update all of the township and minor cities, but explained there was not new block census data for the City of Great Bend until the 2020 census. They took the population percentage change and walked it across all the GBC precincts equally.

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Zimmerman said Plan A is the same plan with the same boundaries as is currently being used but includes updated population numbers. Plan B shows a boundary change for Commission Districts 1, 4 and 5 with no changes for Commission Districts 2 and 3. All of the boundaries within the City of Great Bend remain unchanged. Plan B moves Claflin City, Independent and Logan Townships to District 1. Clarence, Great Bend Township B, Pawnee Rock and Liberty Townships are moved to District 4. District 5 would lose Liberty and Great Bend B Townships and gain Buffalo Township. The population numbers between the two plans does not change dramatically.

Commissioner Straub asked how long the Commission Districts had been as they are in Plan A and asked if they had changed since the addition of two commissioners. Zimmerman said they had changed since the number of districts increased, but have been in place for some time. BJ Wooding, County Cartographer, said the boundaries last changed in 2012.

Commissioner Schartz said the plan before us is most compact and noted the problem with Plan A is that Commissioner Schremmer's district spans from the northeast all the way down to the southwest.

Commissioner Straub said she questioned why Commissioner Schremmer had requested Independent and Logan townships be added to his district. Commissioner Schartz said she thought it was obvious, the northern part of the county is in the 1<sup>st</sup> District.

Commissioner Davis said Commissioner Schremmer had also had a portion of Great Bend in his district at one time.

Commissioner Schremmer said it is a lot of miles to cover.

Commissioner Schartz said she felt this was correcting the districts.

Commissioner Straub said the way the population is dispersed across the county, any commissioner in the rural areas has to travel a lot of miles. Straub said she would keep Logan and Independent townships as well as take on the other areas if it were allowed and said she was willing to take on whatever was decided.

Commissioner Davis recommended a motion to move to adopt Resolution 2018-05, Establishing Commission Districts for Barton County, and Rescinding Resolution 2015-05, the Same, Adopted January 26, 2015. Said Resolution revises the 2015 boundaries.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

Commissioner Schartz, Commissioner Schremmer, Commissioner Kruckenberg and Commissioner David voted aye.

Commissioner Straub abstained.

Motion passed 4 - 0.

## **B. RESOLUTION 2018-06: Resolution Transferring and Carrying Over 2017 Unexpended Funds to the Capital Improvement, Equipment Replacement and Health Funds:**

-After accounting of all 2017 transactions, monies are suggested for transfer to the Capital Improvement and Equipment Replacement Funds. For 2018, it is suggested that some monies be transferred back to the Health Fund. Overall, these planned transfers are a regular part of budgeting.

Matt Patzner, Finance Officer, presented the following proposed transfers:

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To Capital Improvement	
General Fund	\$305,000.00
Cemetery	\$ 20,000.00
Federal Funds Exchange	\$ 48,137.70
	<b>\$373,137.70</b>
To Equipment Replacement	
Road and Bridge	\$151,862.30
Noxious Weed	\$ 10,000.00
	<b>\$161,862.30</b>
From Capital Improvements	
Health	\$ 40,000.00
From Equipment Replacement	
Health	\$ 20,000.00

	Capital Improvement			Begin 2018
	End 2017	Transfer In	Transfer Out	
General, Buildings	\$2,314,127.12	\$305,000.00		\$2,619,127.12
General, Not Buildings	\$16,778.61			\$16,778.61
Noxious Weed, Buildings	\$67,197.34			\$67,197.34
Noxious Weed, Not Buildings	\$16,236.21			\$16,236.21
Health, Buildings	\$177,606.06		(\$20,000.00)	\$157,606.06
Health, Not Buildings	\$196,392.82		(\$20,000.00)	\$176,392.82
Road & Bridge, Buildings	\$237,993.37			\$237,993.37
Road & Bridge, Bridges	\$128,938.81			\$128,938.81
Cemetery Improvements	\$20,593.90	\$20,000.00		\$40,593.90
Federal Funds Exchange	\$0.00	\$48,137.70		\$48,137.70
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,175,864.24</b>	<b>\$373,137.70</b>	<b>(\$40,000.00)</b>	<b>\$3,509,001.94</b>

	Equipment Replacement			Begin 2018
	End 2017	Transfer In	Transfer Out	
General	\$1,991,158.74			\$1,991,158.74
Health	\$146,427.52		(\$20,000.00)	\$126,427.52
Noxious Weed	\$27,870.12	\$10,000.00		\$37,870.12
Road and Bridge	\$439,087.90	\$151,862.30		\$590,950.20
Cemetery Improvements	\$5,000.00			\$5,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,609,544.28</b>	<b>\$161,862.30</b>	<b>(\$20,000.00)</b>	<b>\$2,751,406.58</b>

Commissioner Straub moved to adopt Resolution 2018-06, A Resolution Transferring and Carrying Over 2017 Unexpended Funds to the Capital Improvement, Equipment Replacement and Health Funds. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.

## C. INVENTORY OF COUNTY PROPERTY:

-Per KSA 19-2687, each County officer and head of a department shall make an inventory of the personal property owned by the County and located in such office or department. The inventory, which shall be completed during the month of December of each year, shall be filed with the County Clerk on or before December 31 of each year. The inventory shall not include books, records, files, stationery, writing materials and blank legal papers. The information will be presented to the Commission during February of

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each year. Per Resolution 2005-22, the mandated duties have been assigned to the Information Technology Department.

John Debes, IT Director, said this was an annual item and noted Chris Saenz of the County Clerk's Office did 90% of the work. Debes explained the inventory does not include pens and paper, etc.

Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk, said beginning in 2018, each department can opt to update their own inventory by notifying their office. Each department will be allowed up to 2 users per department.

Commissioner Davis moved to accept the 2017 Inventory Listing.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **D. COUNTY APPRAISER'S OFFICE: "Who Are Appraisers?"**

-Barb Esfeld, County Appraiser, will present a video on the job of an Appraiser.

Barb Esfeld, County Appraiser, showed a 3 ½ minute video explaining Appraisers set fair market value, they do not determine mill levy or taxes. Esfeld reported she testified last Wednesday for the Senate and House Taxation Committee and said property appraisals are like a 3-legged stool to create a balance.

Commissioner Schartz said there are so many things exempted and the local level has to make up the difference for exemptions.

Esfeld said in March, she is doing a "Stop and Learn" at the city and noted Jim Jordan is going to along to dissect a tax statement. Esfeld said she has recommended the 20 mill school general exemption go back on tax rolls for several years now.

Information Only. No Action Required.

## **V. ENDING BUSINESS:**

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

## **VI. OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Comm Straub: Commissioner Schartz, Commissioner Kruckenberg, Commissioner Straub, Carey Hipp, Donna Zimmerman and Phil Hathcock attended the Great Bend Chamber Banquet last weekend. Dinner was wonderful. Hopefully, we can work with the City of Great Bend more in the future.
- Comm Schartz: Regarding the change in commission districts, the people will be very well served. Everyone looks at the County as a whole and wants the best for the County.

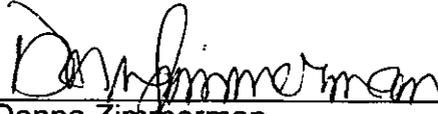
## **VII. ADJOURN:**

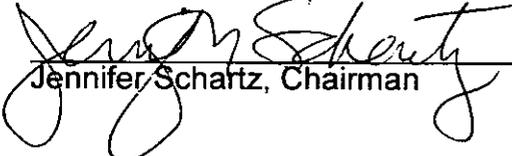
Commissioner Davis made a motion to adjourn at 9:49 A.M.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

  
Donna Zimmerman  
Barton County Clerk

  
Jennifer Schartz, Chairman

## RESOLUTION 2018-05

ESTABLISHING COMMISSION DISTRICTS FOR BARTON COUNTY, KANSAS,  
AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION 2015-05, SAME, ADOPTED JANUARY 26, 2015

**WHEREAS**, the voters of Barton County approved five (5) County Commission Districts at an election held November 5, 2002, pursuant to K.S.A. 19-204, and amendments thereto; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, per K.S.A. 19-204 shall meet and divide the County into five districts as compact and equal in population as possible and number them and, further, such districts shall be subject to alteration at least once every three years; and

**WHEREAS**, the population figures as used herein were certified to the Kansas Secretary of State by the Division of the Budget on July 1, 2017, and is the most recent data available.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, hereby designate the following areas as the Commission Districts for 2018:

1. The First District shall consist of:

<b>All of the following Townships</b>	
Albion	61
Beaver	96
Cheyenne	201
Cleveland	41
Eureka	80
Fairview	49
Grant	53
North Homestead	108
South Homestead	313
Independent	110
Logan	134
Union	65
Walnut	111
Wheatland	51
<b>All of the following Cities, Excluding Great Bend</b>	
Albert	170
Claffin	624
Galatia	38
Hoisington	2,586
Olmitz	111
Susank	33
<b>The following portion of the City of Great Bend</b>	
	None
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,035</b>

2. The Second District shall consist of:

<b>All of the following Townships</b>		None
<b>All of the following Cities, Excluding Great Bend</b>		None
<b>The following portion of the City of Great Bend</b>		
	First Precinct of the First Ward	1,556
	Third Precinct of the First Ward	1,062
	First Precinct of the Second Ward	1,397
	Second Precinct of the Second Ward	1,142
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>5,157</b>

3. The Third District shall consist of:

<b>All of the following Townships</b>		
	Great Bend Township A	1,488
<b>All of the following Cities, Excluding Great Bend</b>		None
<b>The following portion of the City of Great Bend</b>		
	Second Precinct of the First Ward	1,284
	Second Precinct of the Fourth Ward	1,429
	Third Precinct of the Fourth Ward	1,382
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>5,583</b>

4. The Fourth District shall consist of:

<b>All of the following Townships</b>		
	Clarence	114
	Comanche	446
	Great Bend Township B	206
	Lakin	254
	Liberty	254
	Pawnee Rock	117
	South Bend	650
<b>All of the following Cities, Excluding Great Bend</b>		
	Ellinwood	2,037
	Pawnee Rock	234
<b>The following portion of the City of Great Bend</b>		
	First Precinct of the Fourth Ward	1,270
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>5,582</b>

5. The Fifth District shall consist of:

<b>All of the following Townships</b>		
Buffalo		405
<b>All of the following Cities, Excluding Great Bend</b>		None
<b>The following portion of the City of Great Bend</b>		
Third Precinct of the Second Ward		1,206
First Precinct of the Third Ward		1,033
Second Precinct of the Third Ward		1,349
Third Precinct of the Third Ward		1,425
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>5,418</b>

**FURTHER**, that Resolution 2015-05, Establishing Commission Districts for Barton County, Kansas, adopted January 26, 2015, is hereby rescinded.

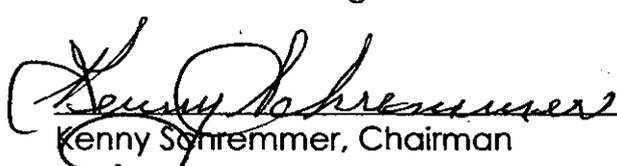
**ADOPTED** this 20th day of February, 2018.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

  
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Jennifer Scharz, Commissioner

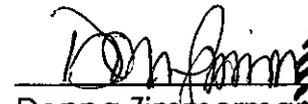
  
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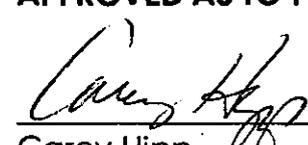
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Alicia Straub, Commissioner

**ATTEST:**

  
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Donna Zimmerman,  
County Clerk



**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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Carey Hipp,  
County Counselor

**RESOLUTION 2018-06**

**RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING AND CARRYING OVER 2017 UNEXPENDED FUNDS TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT, EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT AND HEALTH FUNDS**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, in the adopted budget for 2017, approved budget transfers from various funds to the Capital Improvement and Equipment Replacement Funds.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, FIRST**, that the following funds, not to be exceeded by the amounts listed, be transferred to the Capital Improvement Fund as of the close of business for 2017:

TRANSFER TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND				
From	Fund	Amount	To	Line
001-18-9130	General	\$305,000.00	071-00-6305	General
004-92-9310-98	Cemetery	\$ 20,000.00	071-00-6360	Cemetery
002-92-9130	Road and Bridge	\$ 48,137.70	071-00-6336	Federal Funds Exchange
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$373,137.70</b>		

**SECOND**, that the following funds, not to be exceeded by the amounts listed, be transferred to the Equipment Replacement Fund as of the close of business for 2017:

TRANSFER TO EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUND				
From	Fund	Amount	To	Line
002-92-9125	Road and Bridge	\$151,862.30	072-00-6485	Road and Bridge
005-90-9125	Noxious Weed	\$ 10,000.00	072-00-6480	Noxious Weed
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$161,862.30</b>		

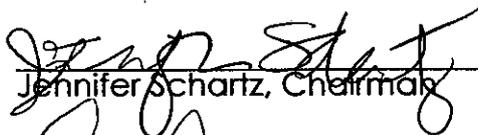
**THIRD**, that the following funds, not to be exceeded by the amounts listed, be transferred to the Health Fund as of the close of business for 2017:

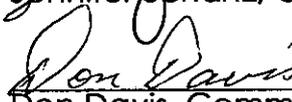
TRANSFER TO HEALTH FUND				
From	Fund	Amount	To	Line
071-00-3626	Capital Improvement	\$ 20,000.00	006-00-8000	Health
071-00-6330	Capital Improvement	\$ 20,000.00	006-00-8000	Health
072-00-6475	Equipment Replacement	\$ 20,000.00	006-00-8000	Health
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 60,000.00</b>		

**FOURTH**, that those funds remaining in both the Capital Improvement and the Equipment Replacement Fund, as of the close of business for 2017, be carried over into the same fund for 2018.

**Dated** this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018.

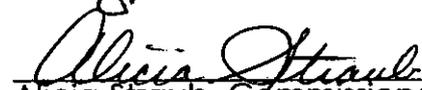
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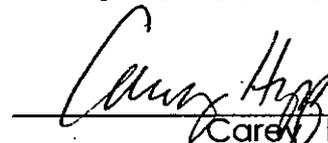
  
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**ATTEST:**

  
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**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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