

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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March 26, 2018

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 26th day of March 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 Davis seconded the motion.
 All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2018, Regular Meeting.
 Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.
 All voted aye. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

III. 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	Values	Escaped Taxes	Added / Abated	Refunds
Property Types				
Gas				
Oil	-206,474		-\$33,057.48	\$24,518.42
Personal Property	- 626		-\$ 120.02	
Real Estate				
16/20 M Trucks				
State Assessed Utilities				
Special Assessments				
Grand Totals	-207,100		-\$33,177.50	\$24,518.42
Total Taxes	-\$33,177.50			
Total Records Selected	17			

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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. Direct the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. COMMUNICATIONS: Retirement – Donna Williams, 911 Supervisor:

-Donna Williams, 911 Supervisor, will retire on March 27, 2018. Ms. Williams was hired on November 1, 2004, with dispatching experience. She was promoted to supervisor in October 2015, and has been serving in that role since that time.

Dena Popp, 911 Director, said Donna Williams has always been a very flexible and reliable employee and was always willing to fill vacancies as needed. Popp said Williams has assisting in the training of new employees, scheduling, payroll etc. and said she will be greatly missed and wished her the best in her retirement.

Donna Williams said she is crying tears of sadness for those she hadn't been able to help yet and tears of joy for those she had helped.

Commissioner Straub moved to congratulate Ms. Williams upon her retirement.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

C. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARD: Christina Doyle, Appraiser I / Sales Appraiser, Appraiser's Office:

Employee Relations Committee (ERC) recommends outstanding individuals for the "Employees Recognition Award". At this time, the Commission will be asked to recognize Christina Doyle, Appraiser's Office. Ms. Doyle was nominated by the ERC Committee, as a whole, for her commitment to Barton County and her efforts in performing duties as an ERC officer in 2017. Diana Watson, ERC Secretary, will join the Commission in presenting the award.

Diana Watson, ERC Secretary, said the ERC committee, as a whole, nominated Christina Doyle for her dedication to the ERC. Watson noted the ERC has been absent a few officers and said they have been leaning heavily on Doyle.

Barb Esfeld, County Appraiser, said Christina is amazing to work with and said Barton County is very blessed to have her. Esfeld also noted Doyle has completed all of the required education for her RMA.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to join the ERC in presenting Ms. Doyle with the Recognition Award.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

D. RESOLUTION 2018-09: Creation of a Second Fire District in Barton County, Kansas, Public Hearing Notice:

-It has been proposed that the County join in the creation a Fire District consisting of Albion, Eureka, North Homestead, South Homestead and Union townships and the Cities of Hoisington, Olmitz and Susank. The Barton County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing at 9:00 a.m., Monday, May 14, 2018, at the Barton County Courthouse, 1400 Main – Room 106, Great Bend, Kansas, 67530, regarding the organization of such fire district. It is anticipated that the fire district would be governed by a Board of Trustees, as appointed by the County Commission. Further, the district would be funded by a tax levy upon all the taxable tangible property of the proposed district with said levy not to exceed nine (9) %.

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Hathcock, Operations Director, said Jonathan Mitchell, Hoisington City Manager, has worked diligently on this project and has requested the Commissioners to create a second fire district.

Commissioner Schartz said they have been working on this for more than a year and said most people in the area seem to be in support.

Commissioner Davis moved to adopt Resolution 2018-09, Creation of a Second Fire District in Barton County, Kansas, Public Hearing Notice.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

E. GOLDEN BELT HUMANE SOCIETY: Program Update:

-The Golden Belt Humane Society is a no-kill shelter, taking in over 1,000 animals per year. These animals are eventually reclaimed by owners, adopted out or transferred to bigger venues such as the Lawrence, Ottawa and Hutchinson, Kansas facilities.

Heather Acheson, Humane Society Director, provided statistics for 2017 and noted she wrote three grants in 2017 for approximately \$75,000 and was currently working on another grant. Acheson said they have done a lot of upgrades to the facility. Acheson introduced their new Animal Control Officer, Eric Heinlein. Acheson said their next planned event is their "Adopt-A-Pet" day on April 7th at Orscheln's.

Information Only. No Action Required.

F. JOBFEST: Partnership Opportunity:

-JobFest is planned for Thursday, April 19, 2018. It will be held at the Great Bend Event Center, 3111 – , Great Bend, Kansas. It is suggested that the County consider sponsorship of the event.

Karen Neuforth, JobFest Committee Member, said they are again asking the commission to sponsor the JobFest at \$500 and noted the City of Great Bend is also sponsoring the same as last year. Neuforth said they are also accepting donations for the "Career Closet" in which they accept well cared for professional clothing for both men and women. BCC students help fit the potential applicants with the donated clothing so they are able to dress professionally for job interviews. Clothing donations can be left at KS Works or the BCC Business Department.

Commissioner Davis moved to pledge \$500.00 to the 2018 JobFest Event. Cost to be paid from the Finance General Account of the General Fund, Miscellaneous Contractuals Line, 001-26-5755.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

G. ROAD AND BRIDGE: Cold Mix Asphalt Bids 2018:

-The Road and Bridge Department accepted bids until 2:00 p.m., March 7, 2018, for the 2018 Cold Mix Asphalt Program. The bid specified approximately 25,000 tons of cold mix asphalt material, with the County furnishing all aggregate and asphalt oil. Using County specifications, the contractor will be required to mix asphalt at the County pit on South Washington, Great Bend. Venture Corporation provided the only bid at \$7.83 per ton. This is a .40 cent increase from 2017. Monies were included in the 2018 Budget for this anticipated expense.

Barry McManaman, County Engineer, said they advertised twice and sent letters to 5 contractors and noted Venture provided the only bid. McManaman said he reviewed bids from previous years for comparison and found that from 2015-2017, the bid was \$7.43 per ton.

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Commissioner Straub moved to approve the Cold Mix Asphalt Bids for 2018 for up to 25,000 tons of cold mix asphalt material from Venture Corporation for \$7.83 per ton. That cost to be paid from the Road and Bridge Fund, Contract Construction Line, 002-92-6250.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

IV. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

V. OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business.

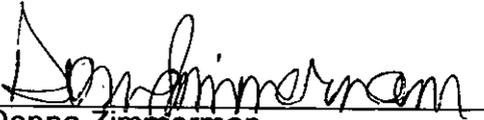
VI. ADJOURN:

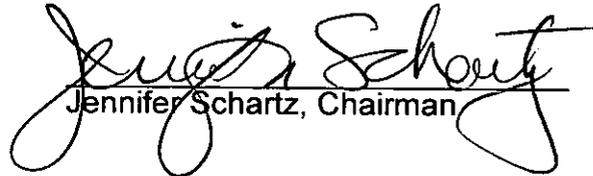
Commissioner Schremmer made a motion to adjourn at 9:23 A.M.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:


Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk


Jennifer Schartz, Chairman

RESOLUTION 2018-09

**CREATION OF A SECOND FIRE DISTRICT IN BARTON COUNTY, KANSAS
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

WHEREAS, the health and safety of County citizens is of utmost importance to the local governing units; and

WHEREAS, it is vital to Barton County constituents that each governing body work with the others agencies to provide such services that are necessary to ensure the good health and well-being of all citizens and their property; and

WHEREAS, a cooperative effort has been made by local governing bodies to determine a more effective and efficient method for delivering emergency response related to fire suppression, prevention and education.

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

FURTHER, it is advisable and in the public interest that a Fire District consisting of the Townships of Albion, Eureka, North Homestead, South Homestead and Union and the Cities of Hoisington, Olmitz and Susank be organized in the Barton County for the protection of lives and property from the hazards of fire.

FURTHER, the Barton County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing at 9:00 a.m., Monday, May 14, 2018, at the Barton County Courthouse, 1400 Main – Room 106, Great Bend, Kansas, 67530, regarding the organizing of such a fire district pursuant to KSA 19-3601.

FURTHER, a copy of this Resolution shall be published in a newspaper published and of general circulation in the area where the lands are located and in the official County newspaper once a week for three consecutive weeks. The aforementioned Public Hearing shall be held not less than 10 days after the date of last publication. A map of the proposed district, included as Attachment A, shall be published with this Resolution.

ADOPTED this 26th day of March, 2018.

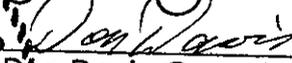
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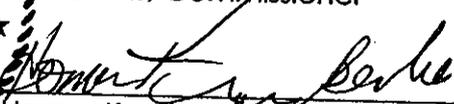
ATTEST:


Donna Zimmerman
County Clerk

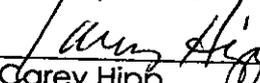



Jennifer Schartz, Chairman


Don Davis, Commissioner


Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Carey Hipp,
County Counselor


Kenny Schremmer, Commissioner


Alicia Straub, Commissioner

