

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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October 22, 2018

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 22nd day of October 2018, at the Barton County Courthouse.

Members present:

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, County Administrator
Carey Hipp, County Counselor

Members Absent:

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

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

Commissioner Schartz called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

Commissioner Kruckenberg 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 1, 2018, and the October 8, 2018, Regular Meetings.
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 October 1, 2018, and ending October 15, 2018.

Commissioner Straub moved to ratify the appropriations for the period of October 1, 2018, to October 15, 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. 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 #27				
Property Types	Values	Escaped Taxes	Added / Abated	Refunds
Gas				

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Oil				
Personal Property	-6,906		-\$1,122.08	\$141.43
Real Estate				
16/20 M Trucks	-2,303		-\$ 361.26	\$ 10.00
State Assessed Utilities				
Special Assessments				
Grand Totals	-9,209		\$1,483.34	\$151.43
Total Taxes	-\$1,483.34			
Total Records Selected	25			

Commissioner Straub moved to approve the listing of Added / Abated / Escaped / Refunded Taxes as reviewed by the County Appraiser and presented by the County Clerk and direct the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.

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

B. SUNFLOWER DIVERSIFIED SERVICES: Letter of Support:

-Sunflower Diversified Services has requested a Letter of Support for a Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) grant application. Monies provided by KDOT would be used to continue the operation of the General Public Transportation System.

Jim Prescott, Sunflower Diversified Services Director said there are three important economic impact numbers: approximately \$4,000 spent on advertising, a little more than \$120,000 spent on fuel in addition to \$6,000 per year on maintenance. Prescott said they hope to cut back on maintenance with the purchase of new vans.

Steve Long, Sunflower Diversified Services Transportation Manager said they provided over 50,000 rides in the five county area this fiscal year with over 310,000 miles traveled at a total cost of just over \$480,000 with \$87,000 coming from revenue from the rides. Long asked for approval of the Letter of Support.

Commissioner Davis moved to approve a Letter of Support for the Sunflower Diversified Services Grant Application for Kansas Department of Transportation Funds.
 Commissioner Straub seconded the motion and thanked them for providing the data to support the request.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

C. KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES: Annual Meeting Report:

-The Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) held its Annual Meeting beginning October 15, 2018, in Overland Park. One item of note determined at the meeting was the Legislative Policy Statement for 2019. It is anticipated that the attendees will join in providing a public report.

Information Only. No Action Required.

Commissioner Straub said Comedian Bill Stanton, Seattle, Washington, made a presentation about the Beatles and why they were so successful. Straub said Stanton had the audience engaged for a full 1½ hrs. Straub said she attended a session on supreme court cases and a breakout session on mental health and mental health organizations. Straub said the session centered on thinking about what are our problems on the local level, medications for ADD, ADHD, suicide and the relationship to medications.

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Commissioner Schartz said we should look at how we can facilitate more communication and meetings.

Commissioner Straub said one of the best sessions was Barb Esfeld's presentation on taxes and said everyone should learn more about taxes.

Commissioner Schartz said community colleges an important piece of the tax puzzle and noted Butler County said they feel unfairly taxed. There are nineteen community colleges and nineteen counties who feel unfairly burdened. Schartz suggested the remaining eighty-four counties wouldn't want to change the structure. Schartz said there was discussion suggesting our local college trustees have the ability to raise the out of county tuition.

Commissioner Straub said attendees understood the value of having a college, but also didn't want to foot the bill for their neighboring counties. Straub said is only a minor difference in tuition for in-county and out-of-county students whereas out-of-state tuition is a much larger rate than in-state.

D. APPRAISER'S OFFICE: International Association of Assessing Officers:

-Barb Esfeld, County Appraiser, is the President of the Kansas County Appraiser's Association (KCAA). As such, the KCAA sponsored her attendance at the 2018 Annual Business Conference of the International Association of Assessing Officers. Ms. Esfeld will detail her experience.

Barb Esfeld, County Appraiser, invited everyone to the "Stop & Learn" session this Wednesday at the city rec center.

Esfeld reported KCAA sponsored her attendance at the International Association of Assessing Officers Annual Conference Sept 23-26 in Minneapolis, MN. While there, she was proud to receive the "John A. Zangerle" award on behalf of her association. "Appraising the Plains" is a publication by the Kansas Appraisers Association. Esfeld said one of the sessions she attended was the "Dark Store Theory" were buildings would be appraised as if they were vacant. Esfeld explained there could be a lot of difference between a maintained occupied building versus a vacant building. Commissioner Schartz said the state level just doesn't seem to understand that a tax break means someone isn't paying.

Esfeld said it was also a nice surprise to have her profile featured in their international magazine.

Commissioner Schartz said another concern is the state looking to replace county appraisers with state appraisers. Schartz said we know better what our local citizens need. Esfeld said we probably wouldn't save money as we would still have to staff our offices. The county would have no say on when the appraiser would be actually in our county and said the Commissioners would lose local control and input. Esfeld said now taxpayers can contact their commissioners if they have a complaint and the commissioners can decide whether to contract with that particular appraiser again.

Commissioner Straub said KLPG does not have this on their legislative policy, but are looking to include it and noted Johnson and Sedgwick Counties are the ones really supporting this. Straub said KAC didn't renew Randall Allen's contract, which expires at the end of the year. Straub suggested the state should be focused on education and roads and should leave county and city governments alone.

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E. REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL: Barton County Computers and Laptops:

-Extended support for Microsoft Windows 7 ends January, 2020. It is prudent to plan for computer replacement at this time. As such, the County issued a Request for Proposal for the purchase of 27 desktop and 12 laptop-computers. Since that time, another desktop has been added to the replacement list. After reviewing bids, the Information Technology Department recommends that the SHI bid of \$35,366.08 be accepted.

John Debes, Information Technology Director, said they decided to request bids since Microsoft 7 support is ending in a little over a year. Debes recommended SHI International's quote.

The following bids were received:

Company	Desk Top	X 28 ea	Lap Top	X 12 ea	1 Add'l Desk Top	Total
Nextech	\$ 1,191.86	\$ 32,180.22	\$ 1,199.00	\$ 14,388.00	\$ 1,191.86	\$ 47,760.08
SHI International	\$ 879.40	\$ 23,743.80	\$ 895.24	\$ 10,742.88	\$ 879.40	\$ 35,366.08
SDF Professional Computers	\$ 1,025.00	\$ 27,675.00	NA	\$ -	\$ 1,025.00	\$ 28,700.00
Alpha Technologies	\$ 1,020.44	\$ 27,551.88	NA	\$ -	\$ 1,020.44	\$ 28,572.32

Commissioner Davis moved to approve award the Barton County Computers and Laptops Request for Proposal to SHI for a total of \$35,366.08. The award to be divided as listed in the minutes.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL						
<i>Barton County Computers and Laptops</i>						
Department	Desktop	Laptop	Line Name	Line Number	Total cost	
Appraiser	1		Office Furniture & Equipment Over \$50	001-14-6175	\$ 879.40	
Environmental Management	2		Office Furniture & Equipment Over \$50	001-34-6175	\$ 1,758.80	
Clerk	2		Office Furniture & Equipment Over \$50	001-04-6175	\$ 1,758.80	
Register of Deeds, Tech Fund	4		Hardware	045-10-6306-14	\$ 3,517.60	
Treasurer, Tech Fund	4		Office Furniture & Equipment Over \$50	047-06-6176-17	\$ 3,517.60	
Landfill	1		Office Furniture & Equipment Over \$50	140-68-6175	\$ 879.40	
Road & Bridge	2		Office Furniture & Equipment Over \$50	002-92-6175	\$ 1,758.80	
Attorney	1		Office Furniture & Equipment Over \$50	001-08-6175	\$ 879.40	
Engineering	2		Office Furniture & Equipment Over \$50	001-32-6175	\$ 1,758.80	
911	1		Office Furniture & Equipment Over \$50	001-36-6175	\$ 879.40	
Sheriff, Equipment Replacement	8	12	Equipment Replacement - General	072-00-6380	\$ 17,778.08	
	28	12			\$ 35,366.08	

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.
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V. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

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VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Comm Davis: Asked Steve Long if they had looked at providing services to local employers. Many people don't have driver's licenses. Jon Prescott asked if they should set-up a meeting with KS Workforce. Davis said to ask for Tucky Allen at the local center. Prescott said rides only cost \$2 and cover multiple counties.
- Becky Wornkey: Real problem with vehicles not being registered in this county. Suggested this is hurting us since they're not paying local taxes. Heard a rumor that Amy Mellor has her vehicle registered in Sedgwick County. Jim Jordan said they should be registered here, but cannot enforce it. Suggested people call in to report and he will contact law enforcement. Judy Goreham asked how they would legally get a registration in the other location. Wornkey said it is a real problem in Barton County.

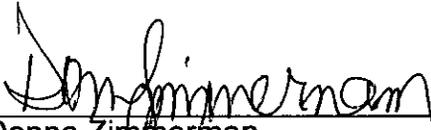
VII. ADJOURN:

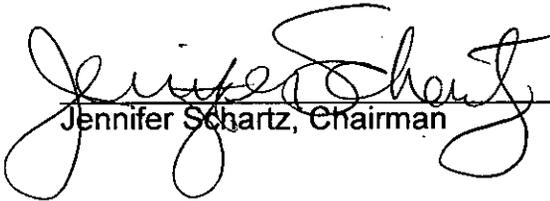
Commissioner Davis made a motion to adjourn at 9:55 A.M.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:


Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk


Jennifer Schartz, Chairman