

# Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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September 17, 2018

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 17th day of September 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 Scharz, Commissioner, 5th District, Chairman  
Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk  
Carey Hipp, County Counselor  
Phil Hathcock, County Administrator

## I. OPENING BUSINESS:

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

Commissioner Kruckenberg moved to approve the agenda.  
Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve the minutes of the September 10, 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 September 4, 2018, and ending September 17, 2018.

Commissioner Davis moved to approve appropriations for the period of September 4, 2018, to September 17, 2018 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. 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 #26				
Property Types	Values	Escaped Taxes	Added / Abated	Refunds
Gas				
Oil				
Personal Property				
Real Estate	12,902			

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16/20 M Trucks				
State Assessed Utilities				
Special Assessments				
Grand Totals	12,902			
Total Taxes				
Total Records Selected	1			

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 and direct the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.

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

## B. GOLDEN BELT HUMANE SOCIETY: Agreement:

-Barton County has historically utilized the Golden Belt Humane Society for animal control services. To facilitate the delivery of services, the County was given representation on the Humane Society Board of Directors. At this time, the Commission will be asked to enter into a three-year Agreement that names the Humane Society as the County's Animal Control Authority, details duties and financial obligations and adds representation from the Sheriff's Office to the Board of Directors.

Phil Hathcock, County Administrator, said funding will be determined annually during the County's budgeting process and noted the Humane Society intends to increase the request for funding 5% each year. This agreement also allows for a cancellation by either party with 30 days' notice. Hathcock noted the Humane Society provides animal control for all of Barton County.

Commissioner Straub said she had requested numbers from the Humane Society and asked what is the cost to pick up an animal. Hathcock said that varies depending on the situation and said they responded to 103 calls in the County.

Shelly Schneider said we have had 75 animal bites so far. These bites can sometimes take months to investigate.

Straub asked if those costs were billable back to the owners. Schneider said yes, some of them are, but not the payroll for the employees. The Humane Society saves us money by doing some of the work so they don't have to reinvent the wheel.

Straub said, by statute, we only have to hold the animal 3 days, so the impound bill would be approximately \$70. Straub said the costs would be around \$7,000/year for 100 animals per year. Currently, we are funding the Humane Society at \$31,500. Straub suggested they are going above and beyond what the state asks us to do and noted we have many other needs.

Davis said we need to keep in mind that this is the Barton County Humane Society. This money goes to keep the doors open, pay salaries, etc.

Sheriff Bellendir said it is infrastructure that is costing and said the Humane Society is no different. Bellendir said he feels the same way about the jail, but it's just the cost of doing business.

Schneider said it requires expertise and said they are not equipped to pick up a rabid animal.

Straub said she doesn't want to lock the taxpayers into paying for something that we may not be able to fund.

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Commissioner Davis moved to approve the three-year Agreement with the Golden Belt Humane Society.  
Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.  
Commissioner Schartz, Commissioner Schremmer, Commissioner Kruckenberg and Commissioner Davis voted aye.  
Commissioner Straub voted nay.  
Motion passed 4 - 1.

## C. PROPOSALS: Request for Proposal for Audit Services for Calendar Years 2018, 2019 and 2020:

-Barton County accepted proposals for audit services for Calendar Years 2018, 2019 and 2020 until September 5, 2018. All County funds, including grants, state pass-through funds, and general obligation bonds, are to be audited each period.

Matt Patzner, Finance Officer, presented the following bids:

PERIOD	ABBB	Mize Houser
Fiscal Year Ending 12/31/2018	\$33,000	\$32,025
Fiscal Year Ending 12/31/2019	\$33,990	\$32,665
Fiscal Year Ending 12/31/2020	\$35,010	\$33,315
Total	\$102,000	\$98,005

Commissioner Davis moved to award the Audit Service Proposal for the calendar years 2018, 2019 and 2020 to Adams, Brown, Beran & Ball. The proposal based fee for each year is to be paid from the County Courthouse General Account of the General Fund, Professional Services line, 001-18-5475.  
Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

## D. WORKFIT: Continuation of the Agreement for Physical Capacity Profile® Testing:

-WorkFit provides physical capacity profile testing for pre-employment purposes. The testing determines the abilities of the potential employee to perform a job's essential functions, with or without reasonable accommodation. This reduces the possibility of placing an individual in a position where there is a substantial risk of injury, thereby reducing work-related injuries and potential workers compensation claims. The service rate is \$105.00 per testing.

Phil Hathcock, County Administrator, said this is the program we use to make sure a new employee is fit to work.

Schartz asked whether we retest an injured employee to ensure they are fit to return. Hathcock said not currently, but we can look at that.

Steve Webster, Eagle Radio, asked who offers Workfit. Hathcock said it is through BCC. Webster asked if the potential employee goes through Workfit after they have been offered a job. Hathcock said, when a candidate has been identified, they go through Workfit and drug testing.

Commissioner Straub moved to approve the Agreement for Physical Capacity Profile® Testing with WorkFit, through Barton County Community College, for the period ending September, 2019.  
Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.  
A" voted aye. Motion passed.

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## V. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

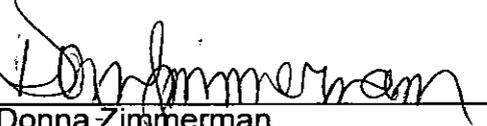
## VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

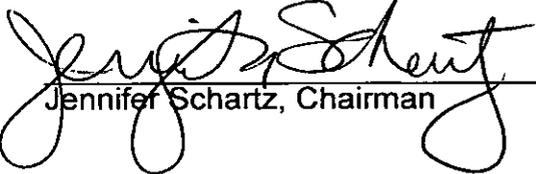
- Comm Schremmer: Pam Christendon, Lisa Anderson, Fred Hernandez and Randy Smith from the Facilities Maintenance Department all work very hard and often go unnoticed. The floors just shine. Thanked them for all of their hard work.
- Phil Hathcock: Also thanked them for their hard work.

## VII. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Davis made a motion to adjourn at 9:29 A.M.  
Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

  
Donna Zimmerman  
Barton County Clerk

  
Jennifer Scharz, Chairman