

# Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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April 8, 2019

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 8th day of April 2019, at the Barton County Courthouse.

*Members present:*

Kenny Schremmer, Commissioner, 1st District  
 Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner, 2nd District  
 Don Davis, Commissioner, 3rd District  
 VACANT, Commissioner, 4th District  
 Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner, 5th District (Chairman Pro-Tem)  
 Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk  
 Phil Hathcock, County Administrator  
 Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor

**I. OPENING BUSINESS:**

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

Commissioner Davis moved to approve the agenda.  
 Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.  
 All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Davis moved to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2019, Regular Meeting.  
 Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.  
 All voted aye. Motion passed.

**II. 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, provided a year-to-date recap and presented the following tax roll adjustments:

BATCH #18				
Property Types	Values	Escaped Taxes	Added / Abated	Refunds
Gas				
Oil				
Personal Property	-29,902		-\$4,395.10	\$2,763.63
Real Estate	- 5,304		-\$ 969.84	
16/20 M Trucks				
State Assessed Utilities				
Special Assessments				
<b>Grand Totals</b>	<b>-35,206</b>		<b>-\$5,364.94</b>	<b>\$2,763.63</b>

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Total Taxes	-\$5,364.94			
Total Records Selected	18			

Zimmerman reported this year is consistent with prior years.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to 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. PROCLAMATION 2019-09: National Crime Victims' Rights Week:

-In recognition of National Crime Victims' Rights Week, the County Attorney's Office has requested that the Commission adopt Proclamation 2019-09, National Crime Victims' Rights Week. The week of April 7 – 13, 2019, has been selected to recognize crime victims and those who serve them in the community and across the Nation.

Camila Komarek, Victim Advocate, said this year they want to emphasize their vision of reaching and supporting all victims with the theme Honoring Our Past, and Creating Hope for the Future.

Komarek reported that in 2018, the County Attorney's Office prosecuted 584 new Criminal cases, 1056 Traffic, 94 Juvenile Offender, and 145 CINC, with 353 new victims. Komarek said she made roughly 3 000 contacts to victims of crime informing them about their case.

Komarek said it is truly a collaborative effort among agencies within Barton County to make sure victims of crime in Barton County receive the necessary services they need in order to recover from the trauma of becoming a victim of crime. The County Attorney's Office along with the Family Crisis Center and the Dell Hayden Child Advocacy Center provides support and guides a victim throughout the entire criminal justice process, whether it is immediately following a crime, throughout the criminal justice process, or even after prosecution has taken place and the case is completed.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to adopt Proclamation 2019-09, National Crime Victims' Rights Week.  
Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

## C. PUBLIC INFORMATION: Kansas Wetlands Education Center:

-The Kansas Wetlands Education Center (KWEC), a branch of the Sternberg Museum of Natural History, is operated by Fort Hays State University personnel. The facility overlooks the 19,857 acre Cheyenne Bottom Wildlife Area managed by the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Park and Tourism and the 7,694 acre Cheyenne Bottoms Preserve managed by The Nature Conservancy.

Curtis Wolf, KWEC Director, said the Wetlands Education Center will celebrate their 10-year anniversary in two and a half weeks. Wolf said one of their most significant accomplishments this past year was the completion of the exhibit enhancement project, which was funded through the Dorothy Morrison Foundation. This project allowed them to replace twelve of their original exhibits. Wolf said they offer over 600 programs annually with over 450 of those programs being offered to area schools. Upcoming events: Kids summer camps, meteor shower, butterfly festival. The Earth Day event is new this year. Preparation for the Wings & Wetlands Birding Festival to be held May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> is underway.

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Registrants come from 15 different states for this event. Wolf recognized the efforts of Barton County and specifically BJ Wooding for the help with the Wetlands & Wildlife Scenic By-way Committee.

Commissioner Schartz said she and her grandchildren love the interactive map on the floor and got stuck in the sand. Wolf said the sand exhibit is an augmented reality sand box. 40" wide box with a projector. The program shows a topographic map of the sand as it is moved. Most popular of the newest visits.

Information only. No motion necessary.

## **D. KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION: Federal Funds Exchange:**

-The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) is offering to exchange the annual Federal Funds distribution for State funds at an exchange rate of 90%. The County has the option of using the full share of Federal funds in the amount of \$248,138.49 on a project that would be designed using all federal requirements and restrictions, or accepting 90% of that amount and having the freedom to use the money on road and bridge work at the County's discretion without following Federal requirements. If the exchange is accepted, the amount available to Barton County is \$223,324.64.

Barry McManaman, County Engineer, said KDOT has notified us there is \$248,138.49 in federal funds available. There is again an optional voluntary program where the County gets 90% of the funds with no oversight from the Federal Government.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to accept the KDOT federal funding exchange rate of 90% making the amount available to Barton County. That amount is \$223,324.64. Authorize the County Engineer to submit the Request to Exchange Federal Funds to KDOT.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **E. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: Operating Improvements:**

-Office 365 enables all users to have access to Office software updates as they are released by Microsoft. In addition, email is automatically saved to the cloud with an almost unlimited amount of space. John Debes, Information Technology Director, will ask that the Commission purchase Office 365 Business and Advanced Threat Protection for the next ten months.

John Debes, Information Technology Director, said this item is for Office 365 licensing for the remainder of 2019 and noted Barton County moved to Office 365 last July. Debes said a benefit is getting upgrades immediately. All emails are automatically archived with unlimited storage. Debes also requested Advanced Threat Protection and explained this product blocks threatening email before they even arrive. Debes said this additional layer of protection costs approximately \$2 per user.

Commissioner Davis moved to purchase the licensing of Office 365 Business Platform and Advanced Threat Protection from Nex-Tech. Cost of service, not to exceed \$27,750.00, to be paid from the General Fund, Information Technology Department, Maintenance of Machinery and Equipment Line, 001-24-5460. Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **F. COUNTY SERVICES: Informational Update:**

-Phil Hathcock, County Administrator, will provide the informational report of work completed during the last period. The report, which will be made available to the media, will serve as a public reminder of the services provided by the County on a regular basis.

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## IV. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

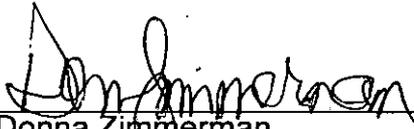
## V. OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business.

## VI. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Schremmer made a motion to adjourn at 9:32 A.M.  
Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

  
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Donna Zimmerman  
Barton County Clerk

  
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Jennifer Schartz, Chairman ~~Ray Hens~~

## PROCLAMATION 2019-09

NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK, APRIL 7 – 13, 2019

- WHEREAS**, in 1982, the President's Task Force on Victims of Crime envisioned a national commitment to a more equitable and supportive response to victims;
- WHEREAS**, this commemorative week celebrates the energy, perseverance and commitment that launched the victims' rights movement, inspired its progress, and continues to advance the cause of justice for crime victims;
- WHEREAS**, crime can leave a lasting impact on any person, regardless of age, national origin, race, creed, religion, gender, sexual orientation, immigration, or economic status;
- WHEREAS**, incorporating communities' existing experts and trusted sources of support into efforts to fully serve survivors will develop a criminal justice system response that is truly accessible and appropriate for all victims of crime;
- WHEREAS**, with the unwavering support of their communities and victim service providers behind them, survivors will be empowered to face their grief, loss, fear, anger, and hope without fear of judgment, and will feel understood, heard, and respected;
- WHEREAS**, serving victims and rebuilding their trust restores hope to victims and survivors, as well as supports thriving communities;
- WHEREAS**, engaging a broader array of healthcare providers, community leaders, faith organizations, educators and businesses can provide new links between victims and services that improve their safety, healing, and access to justice;
- WHEREAS**, honoring the rights of victims, including the rights to be heard and to be treated with fairness, dignity, and respect, and working to meet their needs rebuilds their trust in the criminal justice and social service systems;
- WHEREAS**, National Crime Victims' Rights Week provides an opportunity to recommit to ensuring that all victims of crime – especially those who are challenging to reach or serve – are offered culturally and linguistically accessible and appropriate services in the aftermath of crime; and
- WHEREAS**, Barton County is dedicated to strengthening victims and survivors in the aftermath of crime, building resilience in our communities and our victim responders, and working for a better future for all victims and survivors.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, that the week of April 7-13, 2019, is Crime Victims' Rights Week; and

**FURTHER**, that Barton County reaffirms its commitment to respect and enforce victims' rights and address their needs during Crime Victims' Rights Week and throughout the year; and

**FURTHER**, that the Commission expresses appreciation for those victims and crime survivors who have turned personal tragedy into a motivating force to improve the response to victims of crime and build a more just community.

Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019.

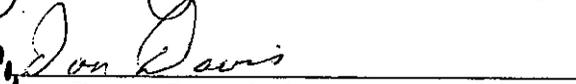
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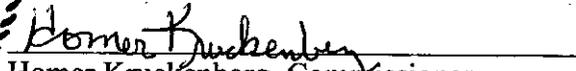
  
Jennifer Scharz, Chair Pro Tem

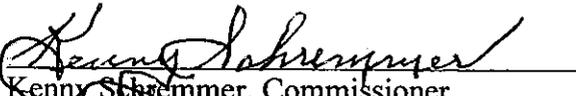
ATTEST:

  
Donna Zimmerman  
County Clerk



  
Don Davis, Commissioner

  
Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner

  
Kenny Schlemmer, Commissioner

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Vacant, Commissioner, District No. 4