

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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February 25, 2019

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 25th day of February 2019, at the Barton County Courthouse.

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

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

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

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

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2019, Regular Meeting.
 Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.
 A" 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, presented the following tax roll adjustments:

BATCH #13				
Property Types	Values	Escaped Taxes	Added / Abated	Refunds
Gas				
Oil				
Personal Property				
Real Estate	-4,303		-\$651.54	
16/20 M Trucks				
State Assessed Utilities				
Special Assessments				
Grand Totals	-4,303		-\$651.54	

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Total Taxes	-\$651.54			
Total Records Selected	2			

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. APPRAISER'S OFFICE: Valuation Update:

-By March 1 of each year, the Appraiser's Office is to have completed valuation of property and mailed notices to the public per K.S.A 79-1460. Barb Esfeld, County Appraiser, will report on the mailing of notices of valuation and valuation trends.

Barb Esfeld, County Appraiser, said valuation notices will be mailed by March 1st per statute and noted the values are as of January 1, 2019. Valuing 18,000 parcels. Esfeld said the inflationary trend of 3.4% overall. Homes built before 1946 (post WWII), located in the small cities and rural areas of the county excluding Hoisington and Ellinwood show an indication of upward trend of 3.2%. Newer dwellings in the same areas had an upward trend of 3.19%. Residential properties built before 1946 in Hoisington had an upward trend of 2.16% while those in Ellinwood were 4.93%. Newer properties in Ellinwood were at a trend of 3.7%. Pre 1946 in Great Bend were 2.83% while newer residences were 1.04%. Esfeld said they did a trend study of Quail Creek, Amber Meadows and Stoneridge and found an upward trend of 2.88%. This generally affected land more than buildings.

Commissioner Straub asked if they look at other counties for analysis. Esfeld said they will occasionally for commercial sales, as there are just not enough similar sales. Esfeld said they currently have to call the State of Kansas for a report and noted the state is working to improve that process.

Esfeld said she strongly encourages anyone who wants to know more about their value to contact them within 30 days and noted she prefers people appeal during the informal process prior to budgets and levies being set. Esfeld said HB2260 was introduced that declared if an appraiser had more than 2% of commercial values appealed or 4% overall, the County Appraiser would be suspended and removed from their job. Esfeld said she encourages people to appeal so they can come in and see what they are working with to arrive at value. Esfeld said over 30 counties would have had to let their Appraisers go if this bill had been in place.

Commissioner Straub said this is a testament to Barb. Not all counties have someone as knowledgeable or experienced.

Esfeld said agriculture land value is starting to flatten out. March 15th is the deadline to return Personal Property Renditions and April 1st is the deadline to return Oil & Gas Renditions. Those taxpayers will have 15 days to appeal. Esfeld noted Oil & Gas values stayed exactly the same.

Information Only. No Action Required.

IV. ENDING BUSINESS:

- 1. Announcements
- 2. Appointments

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V. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Sheriff Bellendir: Very busy during snowstorm. K-96 closed here to Colorado border. A lot of accidents, but no injuries/deaths. Semi-truck tractor jack-knifed. Cold weather kept burglaries and thefts down.
- Comm Straub: Barton Co 4-H held their Annual 4-H Day last Sunday in Hoisington. Ellinwood Energizers' skit got top blue and will perform at Regional 4-H Day March 8th at Gt Bend Middle School.

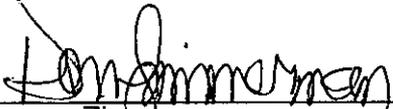
VI. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Kruckenberg made a motion to adjourn at 9:26 A.M.

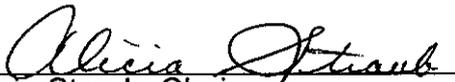
Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk



Alicia Straub, Chairman