

# Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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May 6, 2019

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 6th day of May 2019, 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  
Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner, 5th District, Chairman  
Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk  
Phil Hathcock, County Administrator  
Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor

*Members absent:*

James R. Daily, Commissioner, 4th District

## I. OPENING BUSINESS:

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

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

Minutes of the Monday, April 29, 2019, Regular Meeting, are not available.

## 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:

<b>BATCH #20</b>				
<b>Property Types</b>	<b>Values</b>	<b>Escaped Taxes</b>	<b>Added / Abated</b>	<b>Refunds</b>
Gas				
Oil	- 4,216		-\$ 640.36	\$ 640.36
Personal Property	- 13		-\$ 2.36	
Real Estate	-15,134		-\$3,029.04	\$1,817.29
16/20 M Trucks				
State Assessed Utilities				
Special Assessments				
<b>Grand Totals</b>	<b>-19,363</b>		<b>-\$3,671.76</b>	<b>\$2,457.65</b>

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Total Taxes	-\$3,671.76			
Total Records Selected	10			

Commissioner Schremmer moved to 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. PROCLAMATION 2019-11: National Bike Month:**

-The bicycle is an economical, healthy, convenient, and environmentally sound form of transportation and an excellent tool for recreation and enjoyment of Barton County's scenic beauty. Throughout the month of May, the residents of Barton County and its visitors can experience the joys of bicycling through educational programs, races, commuting events, charity events, or by simply getting out and going for a ride. Dale Hogg, Be Well Barton County Committee Member, has been asked to present the Proclamation that names May 2019 as National Bike Month.

Dale Hogg, Be Well Barton County Committee Member, read the proclamation and reported May 8th is "Bike to School Day" and May 17th is "Bike to Work Day".

Commissioner Davis moved to adopt Proclamation 2019-11, National Bike Month.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **PROCLAMATION 2019-12: Mental Health Awareness Month:**

-Mental health is essential to everyone's overall well-being. This year, The Center for Counseling and Consultation is working to 'Strike out Stigma' and help people understand that mental health is as necessary and important to care for as their physical health. The proposed Proclamation, declaring May 2019, as Mental Health Awareness Month, states that with appropriate resources, treatment and support, people with mental health concerns are able to improve their well-being and quality of life.

Julie Kramp, The Center Executive Director, said she brought 15 facts to strike out mental health stigma:

- 1 in 5 Americans has experienced some form of mental illness with 1 in 5 experiencing serious mental illness such as bipolar disorder or schizophrenia.
- Suicide accounts for over 800,000 deaths globally each year with over 41,000 in the United States. It is the second leading cause of death for 15-29 year olds worldwide.
- The rate of mental health disorders doubles for those that have been to war or lived through a major disaster.
- People with a mental health issues are generally non-violent.
- Many factors can lead to mental illness including genetics, physical illness or injury and traumatic life experiences.
- Many people do not seek treatment due to the associated stigma. Only 44% of adults with diagnosable mental illness receive treatment.
- Treatment for mental health problems not only consists of prescribed medications, but can include therapy, yoga, meditation and holistic treatments.
- Addressing risk factors such as trauma, it is possible to prevent certain mental health disorders, especially in children & adolescents.
- Improving mental health centers in low to medium income areas is not as costly as some may think. An investment of \$2 - \$4 per capita would have a major impact.
- Each year, serious mental illness costs the United States almost \$200,000,000 in lost earnings.
- Almost 51% of adults in the U.S. who have a problem with substance abuse also suffer from mental illness.
- 20% of youth have a mental health condition with 1 in 10 young people having experienced major depression.

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- Members of the LGBTQ community are twice as likely to have a mental health condition.
- 70%-90% of people who seek proper treatment for mental health disorders witness a significant reduction in symptoms.
- Most people living with mental illness lead productive lives despite their challenges.

Last year, The Center for Counseling served 1,497 clients (704 males/793 females). Of those served, 20 were under the age of 6 and 90 were over the age of 65.

Kramp said they have a wonderful planning committee and have numerous fundraisers planned.

Commissioner Schartz said funding is never what you need it to be and said fundraisers are two-fold, to raise funding and to increase awareness about mental health.

Kramp said the money helps individuals who cannot pay for their services.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to adopt Proclamation 2019-12, Mental Health Awareness Month. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **D. COMMISSION DISCUSSION: Kansas County Commissioners Association Annual Conference:**

-The Kansas County Commissioners Association (KCCA) held their annual conference in Junction City beginning April 30, 2019. The conference included such topics as the agricultural law, appraisals, recruiting and retention, employment law, rural economic development and a legislative update. The Commissioners will discuss the conference.

Information only. No action necessary.

- Comm Schartz: Discussion items: Retaining employees and the fact it is cheaper to keep the ones you have as opposed to training new employees. Reappraisal. Project 17 grant funding up to \$50,000. Need to meet with departments to see how we can apply for some of the grant funding. There is a woman at Kansas State University that will help with obtaining grant funds.

## **E. 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.

Information only. No action necessary.

- Phil Hathcock: There was severe weather outside of Ellinwood Sunday night with either a small rope tornado or very strong straight-line winds causing damage at the feedlot near Ellinwood.

## **IV. ENDING BUSINESS:**

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

## **V. OTHER BUSINESS:**

There was no other business.

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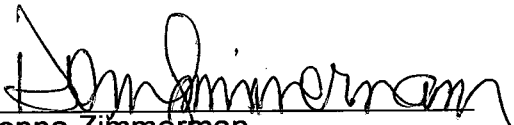
## VI. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Davis made a motion to adjourn at 9:27 A.M.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

  
Donna Zimmerman  
Barton County Clerk

  
Jennifer Schartz, Chairman

**PROCLAMATION 2019-11  
National Bike Month**

**WHEREAS**, the bicycle is an economical, healthy, convenient, and environmentally sound form of transportation and an excellent tool for recreation and enjoyment of Barton County's scenic beauty; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout the month of May, the residents of Barton County and its visitors can experience the joys of bicycling through educational programs, races, commuting events, charity events, or by simply getting out and going for a ride; and

**WHEREAS**, Barton County's road and trail system attracts bicyclists throughout the year, providing for a healthier body for riders and a better economy for all; and

**WHEREAS**, creating a bicycling-friendly community has been shown to improve citizens' health, well-being, and quality of life, growing the economy of Barton County, attracting tourism dollars, improving traffic safety, supporting student learning outcomes, and reducing pollution, congestion, and wear and tear on our streets and roads; and

**WHEREAS**, Be Well Barton County, the League of American Bicyclists, schools, parks and recreation departments, police departments, public health districts, hospitals, companies and civic groups will be promoting bicycling during the month of May 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, these groups promote bicycle tourism year-round and bring visitors to our local restaurants, hotels, retail establishments, and cultural and scenic attractions; and

**WHEREAS**, these groups create greater public awareness of bicycle operation and safety education in an effort to reduce collisions, injuries, and fatalities and improve health and safety for everyone on the road.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, that May 2019 is Bike Month in Barton County, and

**FURTHER**, that all residents are urged to enjoy their community from a bicycle seat during Bike Month and throughout the year; and

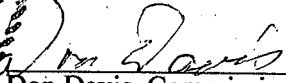
**FURTHER**; that all citizens are reminded to watch for cyclists on the roads and trail systems.


Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2019.


BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

  
Jennifer Schartz, Chair

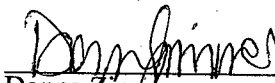
ABSENT  
James R. Daily, Commissioner

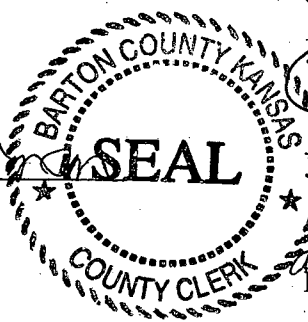
  
Don Davis, Commissioner

  
Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner

  
Kenny Schremmer, Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Donna Zimmerman  
County Clerk



PROCLAMATION 2019-12

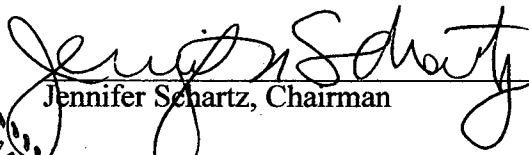
Mental Health Awareness Month 2019

WHEREAS, mental health is essential to everyone's overall health and well-being; and  
WHEREAS, everyone experiences times of difficulty and stress in their lives; and  
WHEREAS, prevention is an effective way to reduce the impact of mental health conditions; and  
WHEREAS, there is a strong body of research that supports specific tools that everyone can use to better handle challenges, and protect their health and well-being; and  
WHEREAS, mental health conditions are real and prevalent in our nation; and  
WHEREAS, with early and effective treatment, those individuals with mental health conditions can recover and lead full, productive lives; and  
WHEREAS, each business, school, government agency, healthcare provider, organization and citizen shares the impact of mental health issues and has a responsibility to promote mental wellness and support prevention efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, that May 2019 will be known as Mental Health Awareness Month in Barton County and that the Commission urges the citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools in Barton County to help **STRIKE OUT STIGMA** and recommit to increasing awareness and understanding of mental health, the steps citizens can take to protect their mental health, and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental health conditions.


Adopted this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2019.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

  
Jennifer Schartz, Chairman


ABSENT  
James R. Daily, Commissioner

  
Don Davis, Commissioner

  
Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner

  
Kenny Schremmer, Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Donna Zimmerman  
County Clerk

