

# Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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November 25, 2019

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 25th day of November 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

James R. Daily, Commissioner, 4th District

Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner, 5th District, Chairman

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 Schremmer moved to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Daily seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Daily moved to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2019, Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Schremmer 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 November 12, 2019, and ending November 25, 2019.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve the appropriations for the period of November 12, 2019, to November 25, 2019 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. REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL: Interior Wall Stucco Repair:**

-Barton County published a Request for Proposals, Interior Wall Stucco Repair, in September, 2019. The successful bidder will remove and replace water damaged stucco from the west interior wall of the Fourth Floor of the Courthouse. Other work includes the repair and repaint of walls as needed. Brentwood Builders submitted the only proposal at a cost of \$71,000.00.

Phil Hathcock, County Administrator, said over the past several years, estimated 5-10 years, we've had quite a bit of water damage along the eyebrow on the west side exterior of the courthouse. Extensive repair were completed this summer, which also included re-caulking the joints. Hathcock said proposals were sought for the removal of the damaged stucco, re-stucco and painting. Hathcock said this is a very labor-intensive project with no easy way to get the material out. Hathcock explained the contractor will

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place the waste in trashcans to send down the elevator after hours and will have to work around the employees. Hathcock suggested they might also find mold damage.

Commissioner Daily moved to award the Request for Proposal, Interior Wall Stucco Repair of the Barton County Courthouse to Brentwood Builders. Cost of work, \$71,000.00, to be paid from the Capital Improvement Fund, Building & Fixed Equip – General Line, 071-00-6305.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Charles Dixon, concerned citizen, said the cost seems excessive and asked if it is actually stucco or plaster. Hathcock said it is stucco on brick walls. Dixon asked if water had come in behind the brick and suggested stucco is really pretty cheap. Hathcock said yes. The water came in around the eyebrow on the upper exterior and had not been taken care of for many years. Hathcock replied the costs are higher due to the labor to remove the stucco. Dixon asked do we not have any county employees who are skilled enough to do this work and said a "You-Tube" video will actually teach you how to do this in an hour. Hathcock said no, our workforce is pretty lean and our insurance would not cover a DIY project. Hathcock said we would not want an employee handling hazardous material. Hathcock offered to show Mr. Dixon the affected area.

Hoffman said the county followed their typical bidding protocol.

## **B. OCCUPANCY AGREEMENTS: 12th and Kansas, Great Bend:**

-As a means of community support, the Cottonwood Extension Council and the State of Kansas Parole office are housed in the county office building at 1208 Kansas, Great Bend. Each agency reimburses Barton County for a portion of the building's utility costs. The proposed agreements are set to expire December 31, 2020.

Phil Hathcock, County Administrator, said we have provided them office space for years since they are tax-supported agencies. If we didn't, they would have to raise their taxes to pay. It would just be a vicious circle to charge them. Hathcock said they pay utilities and for their phone system and noted the only thing we provide gratis is rent.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve the Occupancy Agreements for the Cottonwood Extension Office and the State of Kansas Parole Office with the Agreements set to expire December 31, 2020.

Direct the staff to submit the approved Agreement to the appropriate agency.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **C. JUVENILE SERVICES: Program Update – All Stars:**

-Marissa Woodmansee, Juvenile Services Director, will provide an update on the All Stars program.

Marissa Woodmansee, Juvenile Services Director, introduced Alana Blessing, Park School Family Support worker.

Natalee Daniels, Park School 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, said it is a great program that gives them an opportunity to talk about difficult things they do not want to talk to anyone else about. It provides a moment to connect with friends.

Maycee Parr, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, we get to get to talk about our futures, what we want and about futures we do not want. Helps us make good choices.

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Ismael Ramirez, Park Elementary 6<sup>th</sup> grader, said we talk about what we want for our futures and going down the right path to achieve our futures.

Jariah McFarland, 6<sup>th</sup> grade, said All-Stars is important to get into discussions about their futures and the right path to choose.

Blessing said the children face many problems and live in a community with poverty and trauma. This program gives them an opportunity to discuss what is going on in their lives. The Friendship Survey gives them an opportunity to say who they can go to if they need help; who is kind; who is the leader; who they can go to for friendship help; who to go to to help someone with self-esteem and self-worth. Blessing said they discuss very uncomfortable topics such as sexting and cyberbullying. They provide examples on how to deal with situations. This curriculum is amazing and helps them stay focused and on track.

Karla Martinez, GBHS, started All-Stars last year with juniors and seniors in the JAG-K class. Martinez said they meet every Monday for 4 hours with a total of fifty kids. They implemented it with freshmen and sophomores this year and said the growth in self-confidence is huge.

Esparanza Ledesma, GBHS Senior, said the All-Stars program has helped her and the JAG-K Class come together. They talk about things they do not want to repeat in their lives such as drug addiction and poverty. They did a worksheet to choose what they found was most important and the skills needed for their future and things they do not want in their future. Ledesma said for example, they do not want addiction, violence, selfishness and loneliness. All-Stars provides ideas on how to avoid certain situations and paths. Learning how kindness should be given to everyone, as you do not know what that person is going through.

Karla Martinez said the program helps them show others grace, as you do not know what they may be going through. One activity was a lesson on how different their world is now. They did a millennial challenge with tasks like finding a rental car in a phonebook, how to dial on a rotary phone, how to find the distance on a map from Great Bend to Kansas City, etc.

Jennifer Hopkins, GBHS JAG-K program teacher, said this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year they have been at the GBHS. Hopkins said they talk a lot about social and emotional needs and noted it is a really structured program. At the end of the program they had a celebration with a slide show that was produced and led by the students and said many of the kids do not get that recognition.

Woodmansee said the program is led by the schools. The training piece is done and now they deal with the incentives. Woodmansee said when she goes back to the office; she does not want to see them come through their program.

Information Only. No Action Required.

## **V. ENDING BUSINESS:**

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

## **VI. OTHER BUSINESS:**

There was no other business.

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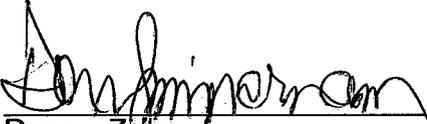
## **VII. ADJOURN:**

Commissioner Daily made a motion to adjourn at 9:41 A.M.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Donna Zimmerman  
Barton County Clerk



Jennifer Schartz, Chairman