

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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September 16, 2019

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 16th day of September 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 accept the minutes from August 26, 2019, and September 3, 2019, Regular Meetings.
Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

Minutes of the September 9, 2019, Regular Meeting were not available.

II. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:

-An Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of September 3, 2019, and ending September 16, 2019.

Commissioner Davis moved to approve the Accounts Payable Listing for the period of September 3, 2019, and ending September 16, 2019.
Commissioner Daily 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, provided a year-to-date recap and presented the following tax roll adjustments:

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BATCH #28				
Property Types	Values	Escaped Taxes	Added / Abated	Refunds
Gas				
Oil				
Personal Property	-1,873		-\$335.18	\$72.22
Real Estate				
16/20 M Trucks				
State Assessed Utilities				
Special Assessments				
Grand Totals	-1,873		-\$335.18	\$72.22
Total Taxes	-\$335.18			
Total Records Selected	4			

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 Daily seconded the motion.
 All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. ALLIANCE INSURANCE GROUP / EMC INSURANCE COMPANIES: Dividend Return:

Cassidy Smith, Alliance Insurance Group, will present the Commission with a dividend return check as a result of the County's participation in the Kansas County Safety Dividend Group with EMC Insurance Companies.

Cassidy Smith, Alliance Insurance Group, said it has been a couple of years since they've been able to provide Barton County with a dividend check. Smith said Barton County is part of a state pool and said the employees do a great job keeping the losses down.

Dividend amounts for the last five years are as follows:

August 2013 to August 2014	\$47,666.19
August 2014 to August 2015	\$30,500.61
August 2015 to August 2016	\$11,978.38
August 2016 to August 2017	0
August 2017 to August 2018	0

Commissioner Daily moved to accept the \$5,172.17 dividend check from the Kansas County Safety Dividend Group. Monies to be deposited in the General Fund, Other Refund and Reimbursements Line, 001-00-4585.

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

C. EMERGENCY RISK MANAGEMENT: Region E Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan:

-Hazard mitigation is the act of reducing risk to people and property from natural hazards. Barton County Emergency Management Department and other Barton County entities are updating the current Region E Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan and will seek comments from the general public. Amy Miller, Emergency Management Director, will provide information on the Public Input Survey.

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Amy Miller, Emergency Management Director, said back in March of 2015, the County adopted the current Region E Multi-Jurisdictional Mitigation Plan. This is the basis for a jurisdiction's long-term strategy to reduce disaster losses. Things that can be done to eliminate long term risk and property, such as moving people out of flood zones, utilizing different electrical poles and higher grades of wire, providing safe rooms for schools, etc. Miller said, in order to receive mitigation grant monies, Barton County must update the plan. There are new pre-mitigation grant funds that will be available beginning in 2020. That program will be called Building Resilient Infrastructure in Communities. Six percent of all disaster losses will go into this huge pot of money that hasn't been available until now. Counties, cities, school districts will be able to apply for the funds. No word yet on how much money will go to each state. Seeking input from the public through "Survey Monkey". Noted flooding is the 6th most critical hazard.

Commissioner Schartz asked if there is a match. Miller said yes, normally a 75/25 match. Miller noted an entity can also use in-kind services as match.

Information Only. No Action Required.

D. HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Chronic Disease Risk Reduction - Return of Unspent Funds:

-Barton County regularly applies for and receives Chronic Disease Risk Reduction (CDRR) funding from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. For Fiscal Year 2019, the County received \$64,648.12, requiring a local match of \$19,614.57. Given that the Health Educator position, funded in part through the CDDR grant, was unfilled for a portion of the year, Barton County did not expend the funding as was anticipated. The Health Department is therefore required to return \$10,351.88.

Shelly Schneider, Public Health Director, said this is a grant they've received for many years. Janel Rose had left the position open until someone was hired to fill her position. This is the tobacco cessation grant. Schneider said they saved a little bit of money in the match as well.

Commissioner Schartz asked if this will hurt us next year. Schneider said no, we've already been awarded our grant for the next year. Schneider reported vaping is a new concern especially since the recent death in Kansas.

Commissioner Daily asked if Janel had been replaced. Schneider said yes, actually twice. The first employee worked part-time from Manhattan. The second hire is a local girl.

Commissioner Davis moved to remit \$10,351.88 to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. That amount is to be paid from the Health Fund, Return of Grant Fund Line, 006-58-6710.

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

E. HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Child Care Licensing - Return of Unspent Funds:

-Barton County regularly applies for and receives Child Care Licensing funding from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). For Fiscal Year 2019, the County received \$120,000.00. This grant allows for two full-time employees. During the fiscal year, KDHE did not allow the Health Department to implement required training. This resulted in Barton County not fully expending the funding. The Health Department is required to return \$2,642.36.

Shelly Schneider, Public Health Director, said this grant covers six counties. Schneider said, in the past, Barton County had only one child care licenser. When Child Care Licensor Connie Miller moved away, they had to get someone with a four-year degree in child care field to replace her. The state granted their request for additional funding for increased wages and a second employee. Schneider reported they

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haven't been able to secure the training yet in order to hire a second employee and noted the State has to provide the regional training.

Commissioner Davis inquired about the guidelines for daycare facilities. Schneider encouraged people to contact Kori Hammeke to discuss.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to remit ~~\$2,462.36~~ \$2,642.36 to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. That amount is to be paid from the Health Fund, Return of Grant Fund Line, 006-54-6710. Commissioner Daily seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.

V. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

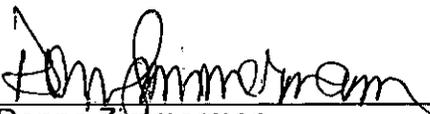
There was no other business.

VII. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Davis made a motion to adjourn at 9:34 A.M.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

TEST: 
Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk


Jennifer Scharz, Chairman