

# Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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September 3, 2019

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 3rd 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 Daily moved to approve the agenda.  
Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

Minutes of the Monday, August 26, 2019, Regular Meeting, are not available.

## II. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:

Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of August 19, 2019, and ending September 3, 2019.

Commissioner Davis moved to approve the Accounts Payable Register listing for the period of August 19, 2019, and ending September 3, 2019.  
Commissioner Daily seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

## III. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

## IV. NEW BUSINESS:

### **A. PROCLAMATION 2019-13: Kans for Kids 25th Anniversary:**

-Since 1994, the Reif family of Hoisington has collected aluminum cans as a way to raise money to assist families dealing with childhood cancer. Expanding into Barton, Pawnee, Russell and Rice Counties, the Kans for Kids Fighting Cancer Foundation has helped 35 families over the last twenty five years. The Commission is now asked to consider a Proclamation honoring the Foundation and naming Saturday, September 14, 2019, as "Kans for Kids Fighting Cancer Day".

Christy Huslig, Health Department, held a photo of her son Dade Cannon who lost his nine-year battle to cancer, while tearfully requesting the Commission for approval of the proclamation.

Debbie Reif said she firmly believes "Kans for Kids" would not have been successful if they hadn't been in Barton County and noted the generosity of the people in this county has been absolutely amazing. Reif said yes, the Reif kids picked up a few cans, but they did not do this alone. This is a community project that has far exceeded their expectations. Reif said they were only going to do this for a year, and now it

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has been 25 and said it would not be 25 years if it weren't for all of you. Reif said they just did what God asked them to do and noted how blessed they are to have known 35 kids who are just amazing.

Commissioner Daily said this is commendable effort to help this many years and to touch the lives of this many families and children. It's an outstanding achievement on your part and certainly a sacrifice on your part that is heartfelt. I applaud you for your efforts.

Commissioner Schartz said a lot of people have good ideas and good intentions, but it takes somebody who has the real spirit to continue for 25 years. Christy (Huslig) is a prime example that yes, you donate money, but there is more to it. Christy has touched a lot of lives with her caring spirit. Schartz said her niece was diagnosed with leukemia several years ago and said "Kans for Kids" helped her family. Schartz suggested that when it is finally time for the Reifs to let go of this organization, maybe they could find someone who has the same spirit and can continue their legacy. Debbie Reif said that is also their hope.

Commissioner Schremmer said this all started with a couple of the Reif children and it is amazing that this has carried on. Schremmer applauded them for their work.

Duane and Debbie Reif handed out pamphlets and pens to the Commission.

Commissioner Daily read the proclamation and moved to adopt Proclamation 2019-13, Kans for Kids 25th Anniversary.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **➤ COUNTY ENGINEER: Bridge Replacement – Off-System Bridge No. 202, East Barton County Road at the Wet Walnut Creek:**

-Kirkham, Michael and Associates, Inc., has submitted a proposal for the design work to replace Off-System Bridge No. 202. The bridge is located on East Barton County Road as it crosses the Wet Walnut Creek approximately 2.9 miles east of US-281. If approved, Kirkham, Michael will design a reinforced concrete bridge to replace the existing bridge that was built in 1924. It is anticipated that the design work will be finished in approximately one year, at which time an advertisement for construction bids will be published.

Barry McManaman, County Engineer, said this bridge is a quarter mile further east than the bridge replaced last fall just east of Kiowa Kitchen. McManaman said replacement of the bridge will aid the farming community as well and recommended approval.

Commissioner Schartz said we are replacing the bridge since it is so narrow, but asked whether the bridge is structurally sound. McManaman said it is sound, but there is no way to widen the bridge. Commissioner Schartz said it is surprising it is structurally sound due to its age.

Commissioner Daily moved to approve the Agreement for Engineering Services between Barton County, Kansas, and Kirkham, Michael and Associates, Inc., for the replacement of Off System Bridge No. 202. Direct the Finance Officer to encumber the design cost of \$49,600.00, from the Special Bridge Replacement Fund, Construction Related Expenses Lines, 003-92-6191-92.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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## **C. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: Dedicated Wireless Connection to the Landfill – Final Cost:**

-In February, 2019, the Commission authorized the Information Technology Department to connect the Solid Waste Department to the Courthouse via a wireless connection. At that time, it was estimated that the project would cost no more than \$11,500.00. An accounting of the project brings the total project cost to \$15,361.77. It is noted that the wireless connection eliminates the need to replace the server as well as some reoccurring costs and improves data backup solutions in general.

Dereck Hollingshead, Network Administrator, said they initially thought the cost would be \$11,500 but explained the project went over largely due to the construction of the tower. Hollingshead explained they are shooting the wireless connection to the elevator and said he dealt directly with Phil on any overages.

Commissioner Daily said the overrun was due to re-thinking the project. Hollingshead said bringing in Nextech to realign the radios and the increase in the cost of the supplies were basically the reason for the overage. Hollingshead said the IT Department with the help of trustees did most of the work.

VENDOR	EXPENDITURE
Amazon	\$ 97.01
Business Card	\$ 1,216.51
Great Bend Crane Rental	\$ 450.00
NexTech	\$ 990.00
Scotts Welding	\$ 337.82
Silverado	\$ 167.60
Sutherlands	\$ 353.32
Waters	\$ 206.76
Waters Rental	\$ 42.75
TOTAL	\$ 3,861.77

Commissioner Davis moved to ratify expenditures in the amount of \$3,861.77 for the Dedicated Wireless Connection to the Landfill Project. The project cost, as listed in the below chart, have been paid from the Solid Waste Fund, Improvement Other than Building Line, 140-68-6309.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **V. ENDING BUSINESS:**

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

## **VI. OTHER BUSINESS:**

There was no other business.

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## VII. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Schremmer made a motion to adjourn at 9:22 A.M.

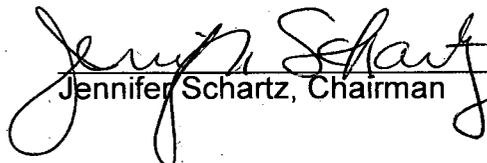
Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Donna Zimmerman  
Barton County Clerk



Jennifer Schartz, Chairman

**PROCLAMATION 2019-13**  
**KANS FOR KIDS 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

**WHEREAS**, in September, 1994, Sarah and Shane Reif of Hoisington, Kansas, began collecting aluminum cans to help with the medical expenses of their 9-month-old cousin, Katie; and

**WHEREAS**, in March, 1996, their effort became known as Kans for Kids Fighting Cancer Foundation; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of these actions, Kans for Kids became a non-profit dedicated to assisting children in Barton, Pawnee, Russell and Rice Counties who are living with childhood cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, by providing emotional and financial support, Kans for Kids has touched the lives of 35 families in Central Kansas; and

**WHEREAS**, September is designated as Childhood Cancer Awareness month, and

**WHEREAS**, Childhood Cancer takes more children's lives than any other disease; and

**WHEREAS**, each year the parents of approximately 15,600 kids will hear the words "your child has cancer"; and

**WHEREAS**, twelve percent of children diagnosed with cancer do not survive; and

**WHEREAS**, the average age of children diagnosed with cancer is 6; and

**WHEREAS**, sixty percent of children who survive cancer suffer late-effects, such as infertility, heart failure and secondary cancers; and

**WHEREAS**, less than four percent of funding for cancer is directed to childhood cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, our children are our most precious resource and are truly golden in our hearts and minds.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, that Saturday, September 14, 2019, is declared as "KANS FOR KIDS FIGHTING CANCER DAY" and

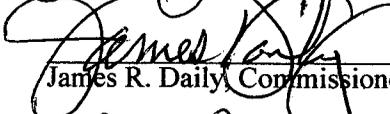
**FURTHER**, that all citizens are encouraged to honor childhood cancer patients, survivors, their families and caregivers and remember the children who have lost their lives to this devastating disease; and

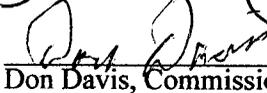
**FURTHER**, that the Kans for Kids Fighting Cancer Foundation is commended for their efforts in assisting children and their families struggling with cancer.

Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2019.

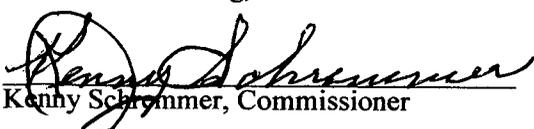
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

  
Jennifer Schartz, Chairman

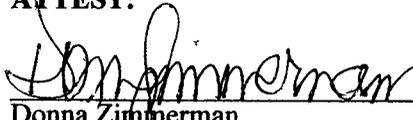
  
James R. Daily, Commissioner

  
Don Davis, Commissioner

  
Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner

  
Kenny Schrommer, Commissioner

**ATTEST:**

  
Donna Zimmerman,  
County Clerk

