

# Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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September 23, 2019

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 23rd 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 Schremmer moved to approve the minutes of the September 9th and the September 16th Regular Meetings.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **II. OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business.

## **III. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **A. APPRAISER'S OFFICE: International Association of Assessing Officers:**

-Barb Esfeld, County Appraiser, will provide details of the conference and continuing education.

Barb Esfeld, County Appraiser, said she attended IAAO's 2019 annual business conference held in Niagara Falls, Canada on September 7th – 12th. 28 attendees were from Kansas. Esfeld reported there were 115 available sessions and noted she really enjoyed the session of office cross training. Esfeld said she was a moderator for the "Using Regional Analysis to Better Estimate Depreciation" session. This session was about the cost approach to assessing commercial property using the regional approach. Esfeld also attended a session on cannabis and noted hemp farm operations are coming to Barton County. Esfeld also handed out a story she wrote for "Appraising the Plains" edition.

Information Only. No Action Required.

### **B. APPRAISER'S OFFICE: 2018 Real Estate Appraisal / Sales Ratio Study:**

-The Kansas Constitution requires that all taxable property be appraised and assessed uniformly as to class. Uniformity of like property assures an equitable distribution of the property tax burden. The Kansas Appraisal / Sales Ratio Study is used to evaluate appraisal level and uniformity for substantial statutory compliance. The ratios are computed by dividing the appraised value of real estate as determined by the County Appraiser by the total selling price of the real property. A perfect ratio would be 100.0. The total 2018 market ratio for Barton County is 101.6.

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Barb Esfeld, County Appraiser, said they are proud of their grade card and explained they must meet substantial compliance per KSA 79-1445 within +/- 10%. Esfeld presented statistics from their report card and noted commercial scored exactly 100%.

Commissioner Daily asked if there are changes coming. Esfeld said yes and noted the number of sales is declining. Esfeld said there are a lot of properties on the market currently and said they see prices coming down. Flooding is also a factor.

Information Only. No Action Required.

## **C. 2019 TAX SALE: Update:**

-The County recently took judgment on the parcels remaining on the 2019 Tax Sale. Owners are able to redeem parcels until noon, Monday, October 21, 2019. The sale will be held in the Courthouse at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, October 22, 2019. At this time, 84 parcels remain.

Jim Jordan, County Treasurer, said there are only thirty days until the tax sale and noted they started with 227 parcels and are currently at 84 parcels with \$415,788 owed on back taxes. Estimated approximately 54 parcels will remain on the sale.

Commissioner Schartz said she noted there are a number of residential properties on the sale and said it is not their intent to displace homeowners. Jordan said property owners have until October 21<sup>st</sup> noon to redeem and encouraged people to visit with him about payment options.

Patrick Hoffman said there is no statute that requires payment plans and noted this is something our appraiser is doing to go above and beyond.

Information Only. No Action Required.

## **D. JUVENILE SERVICES: All Stars Core Training:**

-All Stars is a school-based intervention program designed to reduce adolescents' engagement in risk behaviors such as substance use, violence and sexual activity. 20th Judicial District Juvenile Services currently provides the program to USD 428 6th grades and the high school's Jobs for America's Graduates program. Having paid a \$750.00 deposit, Juvenile Services requests that the Commission authorize a \$3,000 expenditure to pay the balance of the All Stars Core Training. Should the training be approved, All Stars could be expanded into Hoisington USD 431.

Marissa Woodmansee, Juvenile Services Director, said she had the opportunity to work with KDAD (Kansas Department for Aging and Disability) for additional funding. They conducted a survey provided to sixth, eighth, tenth and twelfth grades identifying the issues relevant to those youth. Woodmansee said they are working to avoid risk behaviors such as substance use, promiscuity, violence and bullying. Woodmansee said the All Stars program has been in the Great Bend School District for the last three years. They are using the evidence-based approach to make sure they are reaching the youth such as goal setting, forward thinking, etc. They will bring in the trainer and will facilitate the training.

Commissioner Schartz asked if this is something the school districts could help with the funding on. Woodmansee said they have been able to sustain it through the grant funding and noted the school district has helped with training expenses for family support workers in the past.

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Commissioner Daily moved to authorize an expenditure of \$3,000.00 to the KNS Learning Solutions for the balance of the All Stars training, total cost of training is \$3,750.00. Cost to be paid from the Juvenile Services Fund, All Stars UW, Training / Education / Seminars Line, 115-80-5490.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **E. JUVENILE SERVICES: Interlocal Cooperation Agreement:**

-20th Judicial District Juvenile Services requests approval of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement and authorization to submit said agreement to the Kansas Attorney General. The Kansas Department of Corrections, Juvenile Services, requires the formal agreement to assure that all Counties of the 20th Judicial District Juvenile Services have the shared understanding of Barton County being the Administrative County. Ellsworth, Rice, Russell and Stafford Counties have each approved the agreement.

Marissa Woodmansee, Juvenile Services Director, said back in 1997 when Juvenile Services was established the practice was to follow the agreement of Central Kansas Community Corrections. Fast-forward 22 years; we now need to create a new interlocal agreement under the new structure.

Commissioner Schartz asked if this agreement is different. Patrick Hoffman said he took the original agreement and updated the name.

Woodmansee said the agreement explains that Barton County is the administrative county.

Commissioner Davis moved to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the Counties of the 20th Judicial District for Juvenile Services. Once signed, direct Ms. Woodmansee to submit to the Kansas Attorney General.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **IV. ENDING BUSINESS:**

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

## **V. OTHER BUSINESS:**

There was no other business.

## **VI. ADJOURN:**

Commissioner Schremmer made a motion to adjourn at 9:40 A.M.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

  
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Donna Zimmerman  
Barton County Clerk

  
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Jennifer Schartz, Chairman