

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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August 24, 2020

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 24th day of August 2020, at the Barton County Courthouse.

Members present:

Kenny Schremmer, Commissioner, 1st District, Chairman
Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner, 2nd District
James R. Daily, Commissioner, 4th District
Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner, 5th District (*Chairman Pro-Tem*)
Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk
Phil Hathcock, County Administrator
Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor

Members attending via phone/Teams:

Don Davis, Commissioner, 3rd District

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

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

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Daily moved to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2020, the August 10, 2020, and the August 17, 2020 Regular Meetings.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

A. RESOLUTION 2020-14: State of Kansas, Municipal Investment Pool and Rescinding Resolution 2019-04, Same, adopted, January 28, 2019, and Resolution 1993-22, Same, adopted September 27, 1993:

-Jim Jordan, County Treasurer, asks that the Commission consider a revision to a 2019 Resolution allowing County funds to be pooled and invested. Under the revision, two employees of the Treasurer's Office would be added as persons "authorized to transfer funds for investment in the Municipal Investment Pool (MIP) and are each authorized to withdraw funds, to issue letters of instruction, and to take all other actions deemed necessary or appropriate for the investment of funds". It is also suggested that an outdated 1993 Resolution on the same subject be rescinded.

Jim Jordan, County Treasurer, asked the Commission to consider revision to the 2019 resolution to add two employees to be authorized to transfer funds for investments in the municipal investment pool. They would be authorized to withdraw funds and other actions deemed necessary.

Commissioner Schartz noted the employees are bonded.

Commissioner Daily moved to adopt Resolution 2020-14, State of Kansas, Municipal Investment Pool and Rescinding Resolution 2019-04, Same, adopted January 28, 2019, and Resolution 1993-22, Same, adopted September 27, 1993.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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C. JUVENILE SERVICES: Fiscal Year 2021 Carry-Over Budget:

-Juvenile Services seeks approval of the Fiscal Year 2021 Carry-Over Budget. This includes \$52,353.65 from Core programming and \$12,751.00 from Immediate Intervention for a total of \$65,104.65. If approved, monies from the Core Programming will be used to fund contractual services (on call / transporters), training for additional Evidence Based curriculum, supplies and equipment to include required computer upgrades and vehicle replacement. Per Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC), Immediate Intervention funds can only be used for evidence-based curriculum, incentives or referrals to outside services for youth.

Marissa Woodmansee, Juvenile Services Director, said Kansas Department of Corrections allows them to carry-over funds from years past and noted these funds are not just from the last year. Woodmansee said there are two pots of money. One pot is the State Block Grant which is Intake & Assessment, Intensive Probation, Case Management and Prevention funds. The second is money specific to the immediate intervention program which is their Diversion program which can only be used for youth services.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the Fiscal Year 2021 Carry-Over Budget in the amount of \$65,104.65 and direct Ms. Woodmansee to submit the required forms to the Kansas Department of Corrections.

Commissioner Daily seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. CENTRAL KANSAS COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS: Fiscal Year 2021 Carry-over Reimbursement Plan Budget:

The Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC) requires a budget submission of local program funding collected by Community Corrections agencies from program fees and reimbursements. These budgets require the review and approval of the Barton County Commissioners, as the Administrative County for the District to which the plan pertains.

Amy Boxberger, CKCC Director, said in FY20 they collected \$20,483 and had a positive balance of \$40,996.60 for a total carry-over budget of \$61,479.60. Boxberger said the funds will be used to pay for fuel, printing, vehicle maintenance, drug testing supplies, travel, and vouchers for indigent services.

Commissioner Daily moved to approve the Fiscal Year 2021 Carry-over Reimbursement Budget in the amount of \$61,479.60 and authorize the Chair to sign forms as needed.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

D. REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL: SPARK Micro-Grant Program Project Administrator:

-Barton County received monies from the State of Kansas and U.S. Treasury from funds allocated in the CARES Act to assist with preparing for, responding to, and mitigating COVID. Barton County has allocated \$263,402.60 to Direct Aid for local for- and non-profit businesses with an emphasis on impacted racial minority business owners from the funding. Barton County accepted Proposals for a Project Administrator for the Direct Aid micro-grant program.

Sue Cooper, Grant Coordinator, said RFP produced two bids. The first bid from Golden Belt Community Foundation is for the non-profit portion only. The Community Foundation has 20 years' experience, standard office hours and a walk-in facility for people to access to ask questions. The second proposal was submitted by the newly formed business called Golden Belt Project Management formed by William Rains. Mr. Rains indicated he does not yet have a website or office space. Cooper said it is paramount partner with local agencies who could offer services after the sale. Cooper said she also reached out to Great Plains Development and Great Bend Economic Development. Neither have the capacity or time to devote. Also reached out to Megan Barfield of the Great Bend Chamber who said they were interested

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but could not make application by the deadline. Cooper said the Chamber offered to do a bi-lingual application and noted they are interested in working with minority businesses.

Commissioner Daily asked Cooper for her recommendation on the for-profit administrator. Cooper recommended the Great Bend Chamber. Daily asked if they applied in time. Cooper said no they did not.

Phil Hathcock, County Administrator, said this is for \$260,000 in SPARKS funding and noted Sue Cooper would be administering the rest of the SPARKS funding in-house.

Commissioner Daily asked if Cooper would provide oversight to these groups. Cooper said yes and noted the groups will be creating committees to help provide guidance.

Commissioner Schartz moved to accept the proposal from the Golden Belt Community Foundation to be the Project Administrator for micro-grants to Barton County non-profit agencies and to designate the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce as the Project Administrator for micro-grants to Barton County for-profit businesses.

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

E. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: Network upgrades:

-To improve security, telework and telehealth capabilities, the Information Technology Department designed an upgrade to telephone and security cameras at the Courthouse, Sheriff's Office, Detention Facility and Health Department. Under a Request for Proposal, bids were accepted until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, July 2, 2020.

Phil Hathcock, County Administrator, said Dereck Hollingshead has been working to upgrade the security tele-work and tele-health capabilities not only at the courthouse but also at the Health Department and the Sheriff's Office. CDW-G provided the low bid at \$27,067.05, however Nextech which is a local contractor bid slightly more. This will upgrade the network capability and failing courthouse phone system. There are grant monies available to cover the costs, but it is a reimbursing grant.

Commissioner Daily moved to approve the quote from Nextech in the amount of \$28,526.18 for network upgrade materials. Payment to be made from the Equipment Replacement Fund, Equip Replace – General Line, 072-00-6380.

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

IV. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

V. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Gaila Demel, United Way: Approached by Randy Goering last March about the Robert and Patricia Schmidt Foundation. They gave \$3,000 for community needs. Have 10-12 hand sanitizer dispensers donated for use at the courthouse. Uses the Fuller Industries sanitizer bladder. Also provided these in some of the schools, library, Salvation Army, etc.
- Comm Schartz: Asked if we will be able to get product refills. Demel said it is more available now.
- Mark Mingenback: Fuller Industries reached out to Gaila early on in the pandemic to get sanitizer to the area. Demel reported about 45 gallons of free sanitizer has been given away by Fuller Industries.
- Eric Hoffman: COVID quarantines are an injustice to law abiding citizens. Disagrees with the process. Here for awareness and not to argue. Thanked Mr. Hathcock and Ms. Winkelman for the opportunity to visit yesterday. Conversation ended in a constructive and positive manner. Here primarily to object to

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the processes in place handed down by KDHE. One of these guidelines is the issuing of quarantine orders. If for whatever reason the Health Department feels you have been exposed to COVID, they issue a quarantine order. If I stand up here today without a mask and I later test positive for COVID, I can name all of you and you will be quarantined. My problem with this is, for one reason or another, I may feel you are all at risk. You are issued quarantine orders and are on house arrest. You are not allowed due process, not allowed to ask your accuser. It is a problem, although the Health Department is doing their best. Quarantines are being issued on the information provided by individuals who may not understand protocols. Some people may feel they are doing the right thing in trying to save everyone. Everybody has rights that they feel should not be crossed. You have the authority to stray from the Kansas Department of Health guidelines. I believe we did not pass the mask mandate, so that is an example of not following the guidelines.

- Doneta Messersmith, Health Dept: What would be your proposed solution for the quarantine? What is your solution to not following KDHE guidelines?
- Hoffman: Adamantly proposed to blanket quarantine orders.
- Winkelman: I am glad you can share your concerns. Feels like you are belittling our staff because they have extensively trained on the matter. We do not just say blanket. If you were positive, you would be asked many questions. Requires an accumulated 10 minutes exposure. Then I have to come up with who fits close contact definition. I could contact each and every person. The information you are given is coming from the positive case.
- Hoffman: The positive case may or may not be educated on the protocols. This is a serious thing. I know several instances where people did not know anything about the situation. Not trying to minimize the risks. Also feels very strongly that quarantine orders are issued when they are not justified.
- Comm Daily: When Karen Winkelman receives information of this nature from someone who is positive, they do an investigation. The investigation starts with the complaint. That investigation is thorough enough to determine who should be quarantined.
- Hoffman: The people contributing to the investigation may not be properly informed.
- Comm Daily: Maybe part of that process would be an educational piece. Karen has her hands full, but surely there are materials to make the public more aware.
- Hoffman: Not trying to de-value the job the Health Department is doing. Wants to raise awareness. Want to promote unity and togetherness. The majority is not happy. We need to work together. Maybe we develop a committee of County Commissioners and parents to share ideas to help educate.
- Comm Daily: We have to rely on the folks at KDHE who are working on this.
- Hathcock: The questions asked are extensive, such as: who was in the room, how long were you exposed, were they wearing masks, were you around the person for an accumulated time of 10 minutes. It is not a blanket quarantine. Winkelman spent 27 hours at the Health Department Saturday and Sunday doing contact investigations. It is a lengthy process. The Governor's order on the mask mandate is a completely separate issue from KDHE guidelines. HB2016 gave us the authority to opt out of the Governor's order.
- Hoffman: So maybe you can't opt out of the KDHE guidelines.
- Hathcock: I am not saying either way. Perhaps with investigation, some things can be done differently.
- Comm Schremmer: Appreciates his concerns about this.
- Comm Schartz: Karen and Phil have worked for months without a day off. Want to publicly thank them for their work.

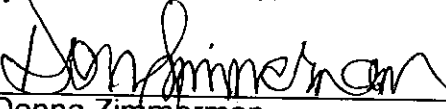
VI. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Schartz made a motion to adjourn at 9:50 A.M.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

TEST:


Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk


Kenny Schremmer, Chairman

RESOLUTION 2020-14

**STATE OF KANSAS, MUNICIPAL INVESTMENT POOL
AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION 2019-04, SAME, ADOPTED
JANUARY 28, 2019, AND RESOLUTION 1993-22, SAME,
ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 27, 1993**


WHEREAS, the undersigned is a municipality (the “Depositor”), as defined in K.S.A. 12-1675, as amended, and from time to time has funds on hand in excess of current needs; and

WHEREAS, it is the best interest of the Depositor and its inhabitants to invest funds in investments that yield a favorable rate of return while providing the necessary liquidity and protection of the principal; and


WHEREAS, the Pooled Money Investment Board (the “PMIB”), operates the Municipal Investment Pool (MIP), a public funds investment pool, pursuant to Chapter 254 of the 1996 Session Laws of Kansas, and amendments thereto.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved as follows:

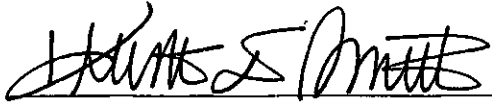
1. The municipality designated below approves the establishment of an account in its name in the MIP for the purpose of transmitting funds for investment, subject to the MIP Participation Policy adopted by the Pooled Money Investment Board, and municipality acknowledges it has received a current copy of such Participation Policy. The Depositor’s taxpayer identification number assigned by the Internal Revenue Service is 48-6012095.
2. The following individuals, whose signatures appear directly below, are officers or employees of the Depositor and are each hereby authorized to transfer funds for investment in the MIP and are each authorized to withdraw funds, to issue letters of instruction, and to take all other actions deemed necessary or appropriate for the investment of funds:



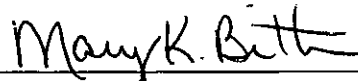
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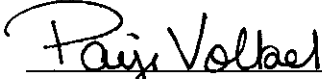
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3. That the municipality names as a Depositor Contact:

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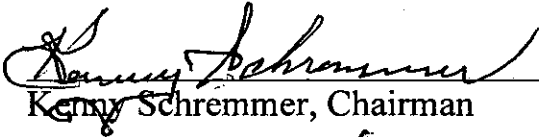
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4. That this Resolution and its authority shall continue in full force and effect until amended or revoked by the Depositor and until the PMIB receives a copy of any such amendment or revocation, the PMIB is entitled to rely on same.

THAT RESOLUTION 2019-04, Same, adopted January 28, 2019, and Resolution 1993-22, adopted September 27, 1993, are hereby rescinded.

THIS RESOLUTION is hereby introduced and adopted by the Depositor as its regular meeting this 24th day of August, 2020.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Kemy Schremmer, Chairman


James R Daily, Commissioner


APPROVED VIA TEAMS

Don Davis, Commissioner


Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner

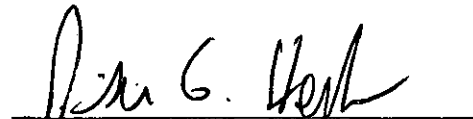

Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Donna Zimmerman,
County Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Patrick Hoffman, Counselor