

# Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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June 1, 2020

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 1st day of June 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 Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Daily moved to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2020, Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **II. OLD BUSINESS:**

### **A. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN FUND: Working Capital Grants:**

-On May 18, 2020, the Commission, following a directive from the Kansas Department of Commerce, determined that the EDRLF could be used as grant funding. On May 26, 2020, the Commission tabled consideration of grants for Hoisington Hospitality, LLC, dba Rodeway Inn and Suites, Hoisington, Kansas, and Industrial Services of Kansas, rural Great Bend. Sue Cooper, Grant Coordinator, will ask that the Commission consider those applications at this time. There is \$114,676.00 available for use.

Sue Cooper, Grant Coordinator, said the applications were tabled last week to extend the deadline in order to consider all applications at the same time. Cooper said Derik Schneider, owner of Industrial Services of Kansas also present.

Commissioner Schartz said she would really like to look at all grants as package before voting. We really need to grant this money so we can apply for new funding from the state. Schartz said, since Hoisington Hospitality requested \$50,000, which is far above what everyone requested, we could adjust them to be more in line with the other requests,

Commissioner Daily said they talked about everyone getting pretty much the same amount. With limited funding of \$114,000, everyone needs to get a fair share.

Commissioner Kruckenberg said it needs to be fair. Should not have one hog the whole thing.

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Commissioner Schartz moved to provide a Working Capital Grant to Hoisington Hospitality, LLC dba Rodeway Inn and Suites, Hoisington, in the amount of \$29,676.00 and authorize the Chairman to execute the Barton County Grant Agreement and other required documentation on behalf of Barton County. Direct Sue Cooper to notify the Kansas Department of Commerce and Great Plains Development of the approval of the grant.

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

Sue Cooper said the next application was for \$5,000 from Industrial Services of Kansas.

Commissioner Daily moved to provide the Working Capital Grant to Industrial Services of Kansas, rural Great Bend, in the amount of \$5,000.00 and authorize the Commission Chair to execute the Barton County Grant Agreement and other required documentation on behalf of Barton County. Direct Sue Cooper to notify the Kansas Department of Commerce and Great Plains Development of the approved grant.

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

### III. 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, presented the following tax roll adjustments and the year-to-date RECAP:

BATCH #15				
Property Types	Values	Escaped Taxes	Added / Abated	Refunds
Gas				
Oil				
Personal Property	- 7,344		-\$ 1,088.42	
Real Estate	-20,574		-\$ 4,100.68	\$ 2,300.98
16/20 M Trucks	- 8,978			
State Assessed Utilities				
Special Assessments				
Grand Totals	-36,896		-\$ 5,189.10	\$ 2,300.98
Total Taxes	-\$ 5,189.10			
Total Records Selected	21			

Commissioner Daily asked if this was in line with last year. Zimmerman said yes.

Commissioner Daily asked how much the county was losing in oil. Zimmerman said the new values would be certified by the appraiser later this morning, but in talking with Barb last Friday, it looks like about 51%.

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Commissioner Schartz moved to the Listing of Added / Abated / Escaped / Refunded Taxes as reviewed by the County Appraiser and presented by the County Clerk. Direct the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.

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

## **B. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN FUND: Working Capital Grants:**

-On May 26, 2020, the Commission set a deadline of noon, Friday, May 29, 2020, to receive applications for the funds. Ms. Cooper will present the remaining applications.

Sue Cooper, Grant Coordinator, said there are subsequent applications. Ernsting Inc has requested \$30,000 with 4.2 positions.

Commissioner Daily moved to provide a Working Capital Grant to Ernsting's Inc, rural Ellinwood, in the amount of \$30,000.00. Authorize the Chair to execute the Barton County Grant Agreement and other required documents on behalf of Barton County. Direct Sue Cooper to notify the Kansas Department of Commerce and Great Plains Development of the approved grant.

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

Sue Cooper said Quality Design Construction located in rural Great Bend has seen an obvious reduction in business due to COVID. They have 5 jobs and have requested \$25,000.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve provide a Working Capital Grant to Quality Design Construction, rural Great Bend, in the amount of \$25,000. Authorize the Commission Chair to execute Barton County Grant Agreement and other required documentation on behalf of Barton County.

Direct Ms. Cooper to notify the Kansas Department of Commerce and Great Plains Development of the approval of the grant.

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

Sue Cooper said Kansas Trophy Experience, rural Great Bend, has 1 job and requested \$25,000.

Commissioner Daily moved to provide a Working Capital Grant to Kansas Trophy Experience, rural Great Bend, in the amount of \$25,000.00. Authorize the Commission Chair to execute the Barton County Grant Agreement and other required documentation on behalf of Barton County. Direct Ms. Cooper to notify the Kansas Department of Commerce and Great Plains Development of the approved grant.

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

Commissioner Schartz said it is great seeing this money going to local businesses and noted we will have money paid back from current loans that can be re-loaned.

## **C. GRANT AWARDS: Kansas Health Foundation Healthy Community Initiative Health Equity Mini-Grant to the Great Bend Senior Center:**

-The Kansas Health Foundation awarded \$18,908.00 to the Great Bend Senior Center through a Healthy Community Initiative Health Equity Mini-Grant. This project was a resident-led approach to address COVID-19 related food storage and preservation to respond to the increase in demand for meal preparation and delivery services for the elderly in Great Bend, Hoisington, Ellinwood and LaCrosse. The funds will be used to purchase food preservation equipment such as refrigeration, freezers, shelving and preparation areas at the Great Bend Senior Center. Ms. Cooper will ask that the Commission authorize pass through of funds to the Great Bend Senior Center.

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Cooper, Grant Coordinator, said this includes a variety of grants that we received in COVID response. This grant is specifically for food preservation and food storage. Cooper said they provide approximately 240 meals a day. Another grant, Impact and Capacity Grant, includes protective glass, security measures, unreimbursed postage, a variety of things. The next grant is from Midwest Energy Community Fund for Juvenile Services in the amount of \$500 to educate the community and kids about substance abuse. Cooper said the next grant was \$750 from Wal-Mart Community Grant fund to support COVID-19 response and recovery activities. Cooper noted all the grants had been received. The grant through Kansas Health Foundation would be a pass-through grant to the Great Bend Senior Center to update the kitchen and for food preservation. Cooper said the total amount is roughly \$45,000 and explained the amount today is for the Great Bend Senior Center.

Commissioner Schartz moved to authorize the pass through of \$18,908.00 from the Kansas Health Foundation Healthy Community Initiative Health Equity Mini-Grant to the Great Bend Senior Center. Payment of said funds to be made from the Finance General Account of the General Fund, Appropriations Line, 001-26-6951.  
Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **D. SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT: Rebuild of the Caterpillar Model 826K Wheel Tractor Compactor by Foley Equipment:**

-In 2015, the Solid Waste Department purchased a Caterpillar Model 826K Wheel Tractor Compactor from Foley Equipment. This essential piece of equipment is used daily to reduce the amount of space needed for trash. At this time, it is suggested that Foley be authorized to rebuild the power train, recondition all cylinders, replace hydraulic hoses, reseal control valves and condition the lift yoke. Other work includes an update to the cab, air conditioning and heating systems, replacing a broken compactor new paint and decals and updated cleaner bar and finger system. The work, which comes with a three-year 5000-hour power train and hydraulic warranty, is estimated at \$359,852.00. Monies are available in the Solid Waste fund for this purpose.

Phil Hathcock, County Administrator, said this equipment has approximately 10,000 hours on it and noted a compactor would cost upwards to \$800,000. Hathcock said it will essentially be a new machine. They will install a new system on it that cleans the waste and mud out of the wheels at no charge. Hathcock said they planned for this expense in the 5-year plan,

Commissioner Schartz asked if the rebuild carried a warranty. Hathcock said they offered a 5-year 7,000-hour warranty but explained they would reach the hour limit before the number of years, so they stayed with the 3-year 5,000-hour warranty.

Commissioner Daily asked how long the rebuild will take. Hathcock said it typically takes 30-45 days for the rebuild. Hathcock said they would use the compactor from the C & D site and can also use a dozer to get by.

Commissioner Daily moved to authorize the rebuild of the Caterpillar Model 826K Wheel Tractor Compactor by Foley Equipment at a cost of \$359,852.00. Cost to be paid from the Solid Waste Fund, Maintenance of Machinery and Equipment Line, 140-68-5460.  
Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

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## **SOLID WASTE: Phase IV Cell Construction – Change Orders:**

-Malm Construction has submitted change orders relating to the construction of Phase IV at the Landfill.

Phil Hathcock, County Administrator, said there were two change orders. Change Order No. 2 indicates one liner had been damaged through the years. By replacing the liner now, we save money. Change Order No. 3 is in relation to the excavation and preparation of the site for the liner. Hathcock said when they requested bids, the Engineer used estimated cubic yards to get to sub-grade elevation. Malm actually moved 4,040 cubic yards more than was estimated in the contract.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve Phase IV Cell Construction, Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$2,759.01 and No. 3 in the amount of \$6,139.20 as submitted by Malm Construction Company. Total of Change Orders, \$8,898.21, is to be made from the Solid Waste Fund, Contract Construction Line, 140-68-6250.

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

## **IV. ENDING BUSINESS:**

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

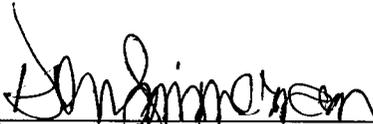
## **V. OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Karen Winkelman, Interim Health Director: Over 9,700 cases in Kansas. 208 deaths. Long-term care facility – identified one more positive, bringing that total to 9 cases. Positive cases are at 44. KDHE reporting versus Barton County reporting. KDHE updates their home page on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays before 12:30pm. Data does not appear consistent with our local data due to us erring on the side of caution and releasing information provided by KDHE. We try to release numbers as quickly as possible to protect the public and first responders. We received 9 additional cases on Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> holiday weekend. We released those numbers per KDHE. Later three of those numbers tested negative and have now been removed. Last night we were notified of our 44<sup>th</sup> positive confirmed case. Very important to get information out quickly.

## **VI. ADJOURN:**

Commissioner Kruckenbergh made a motion to adjourn at 9:41 A.M.  
Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

  
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Donna Zimmerman  
Barton County Clerk

  
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Kenny Schlemmer, Chairman