

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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June 29, 2020

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 29th day of June 2020, at the Barton County Courthouse.

Members present:

Kenny Schremmer, Commissioner, 1st District, Chairman
Homer Kruckenber, 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 Daily seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Daily moved to approve the minutes of the June 15th and the June 22nd Regular Meetings.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

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 #17				
Property Types	Values	Escaped Taxes	Added / Abated	Refunds
Gas				
Oil				
Personal Property				
Real Estate	-9,235		-\$984.94	\$984.94
16/20 M Trucks				
State Assessed Utilities				
Special Assessments				
Grand Totals	-9,235		-\$984.94	\$984.94

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Total Taxes	-\$984.94			
Total Records Selected	2			

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve 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 Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Payment of Medical Consulting Services:

-On March 16, 2020, the Board of Health met and adopted Resolution 2020-01, A Resolution Appointing the Interim Barton County Local Health Officer and Medical Consultant and Rescinding Resolution 2014-18, Same, Adopted December 8, 2014. Under the adopted Resolution, Dr. Stanley Hatesohl was named as the medical consultant for the Barton County Health Department. It is suggested that Dr. Hatesohl be paid \$325.00 per month for consultation.

Phil Hathcock, County Administrator, said Dr. Hatesohl has been invaluable to Karen Winkelman and Barton County and explained we pushed off negotiating his compensation when he was appointed. Hathcock said he looked at what other counties pay and requested the Commission approve \$325 per month including retroactive pay.

Commissioner Daily asked if there is a contract or if he would be paid perpetually. Hathcock said we would continue to pay him.

Commissioner Daily moved to pay Dr. Stanley Hatesohl a monthly fee of \$325.00 for medical consulting. Initial payment to include one-half payment for March and full payment for April, May and June. Those and future payments to be made through the Health Fund, Professional Service Fee Line, 006-52-5475. Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

C. PUBLIC FIREWORKS DISPLAY: First Assembly of God:

-In January, 2004, the Commission adopted a Resolution establishing a Policy on Fireworks for Barton County. This Resolution establishes the discharge of fireworks on July 4th of any given year between the hours of 8am and midnight. The Resolution further states that the Commission may, in its discretion, grant permission at any time for public displays of fireworks by responsible individuals or organizations when such display shall be of such a character and so located, discharged and fired as not to be a fire hazard or endanger persons or surrounding property, provided that in no case shall such display be held within 400' of any building in the County. First Assembly of God has asked for authorization to hold a fireworks display on Sunday, July 5, 2020, at 601 S Patton Road, Great Bend, Kansas.

Phil Hathcock, County Administrator, said Pastor Dozier has requested special permission to discharge outside of the 4th of July. Hathcock said it is his understanding Pastor Dozier has someone experienced with fireworks discharge. The motion allows Chief McCormick to stop the display if the weather isn't favorable.

Commissioner Daily said the resolution states no discharge within 400 feet of a building and asked if the Chief knew where they plan to discharge from. Chief McCormick said he has not looked at the site yet but has looked at Google Maps. Daily said the 400 feet of safety zone might put them over Patton Road. Chief McCormick said he is not clear exactly where they plan to discharge. Hathcock said it is his understanding they will have a water truck on site to water down the area before and during if needed. McCormick said it is ultimately his recommendation they do it on the 4th like everyone else.

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Commissioner Schartz said Dozier didn't want to compete with other activities on the 4th of July. Schartz said the Chief certainly has her support if he needs to shut down this activity and said it wasn't their intent to add to his plate.

Commissioner Schartz asked if they hear fireworks going on can they issue fines. McCormick said they can confiscate fireworks but wasn't sure about a fine or penalty.

Commissioner Daily asked the Chief if he planned to put more people on the day of the discharge. McCormick said possibly, but it depends on the size of the display. He will visit with Pastor Dozier.

Commissioner Schartz moved to authorize a public fireworks display at First Assembly of God, 601 S Patton Road, Great Bend, Kansas, on the evening of Sunday, July 5, 2020, provided the provisions of Resolution 2004-06, Establishing a Policy on Fireworks for Barton County and Rescinding Resolution 1982-19, Untitled, Dated October 9, 1982, Reference the Same, are met and that said display is approved by Chief Luke McCormick, Great Bend Fire Department, on that date.

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

Dale Hogg, Great Bend Tribune, asked if they abide by the 400-foot perimeter if it is a go. Commissioner Schartz said it is dependent on Chief McCormick.

D. HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Replacement of Carpeting:

-In 2019, the Commission authorized making certain Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements at the Health Department to include the relocation / removal of one wall and two doors. The project, partially funded by a grant, was interrupted by the COVID pandemic as the replacement of carpeting was delayed. On June 21, 2020 a power outage caused a water fountain to malfunction causing significant flooding in the lobby and several exam rooms effectively destroying the existing carpet. The county accepted bids to replace the carpet in the Health Department as part of the remodel project which were opened on March 4, 2020. Kustom Floor Design provided a bid to replace approximately 5000 square feet of carpeting and vinyl base for a total cost of \$20,280.00. It is anticipated that an insurance reimbursement will offset a portion of the cost of the carpet replacement.

Phil Hathcock, County Administrator, said the Health Department, with the help of a grant, has made some upgrades, but are in need of carpet. Hathcock said, last weekend during the storm, they had a plumbing malfunction and found three inches of standing water. They need to get the carpet replaced sooner as a result. This quote covers the flooded areas only.

Commissioner Daily asked if tile might be a better option. Hathcock they have children in the waiting area and the carpet tends to help muffle the noise. Hathcock said they are using carpet tiles now and can change out tiles as needed.

Commissioner Daily moved to authorize Kustom Floor Design to replace the carpeting at the Barton County Health Department at a cost of \$20,280.00. Cost to be paid from the Capital Improvement Fund, Health Department Line, 071-00-6326 and direct Amy Miller, Emergency Risk Manager, to turn that expense into EMC Insurance. When insurance monies are remitted to Barton County, the Finance Officer is to deposit the proceeds to the Health Fund, Other Refunds and Reimbursements Line, 006-00-4585.

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

ENDING BUSINESS:

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1. Announcements
2. Appointments

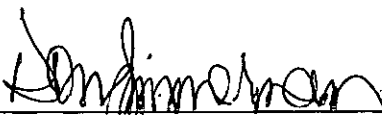
V. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Comm Kruckenberg: Did the wind create problems for whatever division that handles the trees.
- Hathcock: I don't think so, it was mostly in the city.

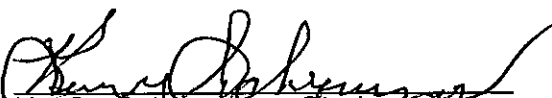
VI. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Schartz made a motion to adjourn at 9:26 A.M.
Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk



Kenny Schremmer, Chairman