

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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March 2, 2020

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 2nd day of March 2020, at the Barton County Courthouse.

Members present:

Kenny Schremmer, Commissioner, 1st District, Chairman
Homer Kruckenber, Commissioner, 2nd District
Don Davis, Commissioner, 3rd 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

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 February 18, 2020, and the February 24, 2020, Regular Meetings.
Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.
I voted aye. Motion passed.

II. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:

-An Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of February 18, 2020, and ending March 2, 2020.

Commissioner Daily moved to approve appropriations for the period of February 18, 2020, to March 2, 2020. Authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.
Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

IV. 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 #9				
Property Types	Values	Escaped Taxes	Added / Abated	Refunds
Gas				
Oil				

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Personal Property	- 6,061	\$137.30	-\$1,251.38	\$ 854.76
Real Estate	- 9,291		-\$1,520.80	\$1,169.69
16/20 M Trucks				
State Assessed Utilities				
Special Assessments				
Grand Totals	-15,352	\$137.30	-\$2,772.18	\$2,024.45
Total Taxes	-\$2,634.88			
Total Records Selected	11			

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 Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. PROCLAMATION 2020-01: Colon Cancer Awareness Month, March, 2020:

-During National Colon Cancer Awareness Month, County citizens are encouraged to learn their family's health history, to be screened regularly for colorectal cancer and to see a health care provider for change in bowel habits, bleeding, unintended weight loss or other symptoms.

Commissioner Jennifer Schartz said she lost her son to colon cancer 3½ years ago and said no one wants to lose anyone to something that can be diagnosed and treated. Schartz said she is very sad his cancer was detected too late and stressed if there is anything his life can have added meaning to, it is about getting tested and to have a colonoscopy to have yourself checked for early detection.

Sheriff Brian Bellendir said he was fortunate to be a colon cancer survivor. Bellendir said he was told he had been walking around with the tumor for 2 to 5 years at the time he was diagnosed. Bellendir said it has been five years since he was diagnosed and underwent his colon resection and chemo. Bellendir urged everyone to be screened, especially in the 50-year range. Bellendir said a friend was recently tested and underwent a colon resection. Luckily, it was detected early enough to not require chemo.

Commissioner Schremmer said he thought for a while he had colon cancer, but was relieved to learn he does not.

Commissioner Daily moved to adopt Proclamation 2020-01, Colon Cancer Awareness Month, March, 2020.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

C. PROCLAMATION 2020-02: Severe Weather Awareness Week, March 2 – 6, 2020:

-Severe Weather Awareness Week, March 2 – 6, 2020, is a cooperative effort of the National Weather Service and the Kansas Emergency Management Association. Barton County Emergency Management would like to remind everyone to be prepared for the spring severe weather season. The proposed Proclamation encourages individuals, businesses and communities to plan and prepare for an emergency.

Amy Miller, Emergency Manager, said this is a good reminder for everyone to get ready for severe weather. Severe weather is not just tornadoes, but can be lightning, flooding, droughts and wind for example. Wherever you are, think about where you would take shelter if necessary. Develop an

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emergency plan for your family as well as a communications plan for your family and practice those plans. Miller said the statewide tornado drill would be tomorrow morning at 10:00 AM.

Commissioner Davis moved to adopt Proclamation 2020-02, Severe Weather Awareness Week, March 2 – 6, 2020.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

D. SOLID WASTE LANDFILL: Proposal for Phase IV Construction Quality Assurance (CQA) Services, Phase IV Cell Construction, Barton County Sanitary Landfill:

-Barton County is accepted proposals for Phase IV Cell Construction (approximately 6.3 acres) at the Barton County Sanitary Landfill until February 28, 2020. This project generally consists of earthwork and composite landfill liner installation for the cell. SCS Engineers (SCS) has submitted a proposal to provide Construction Quality Assurance (CQA) services during the construction period. Proposed work includes documentation and testing for compacted low permeability soil liner, geosynthetic components and leachate collection system as well as survey and data review, CQA report preparation and engineering support / project management. Total estimated cost of services is \$160,000.00.

Phil Hathcock, County Administrator, said KDHE has very extensive requirements for how the cell is constructed. Hathcock said many of those requirements mandate an engineer is on-site.

Commissioner Daily asked when the work would start. Hathcock said they opened construction bids last Friday. He will review the bids and discuss with the Commission at a future date.

Commissioner Davis asked if landfill employees would be able to help. Hathcock said they will help in some manner and noted as they go along, they are always excavating for the next cell. Hathcock said Road & Bridge would help with sand and hauling. Hathcock said they will use sand the County pumps itself, which will also be a cost savings.

Commissioner Schartz said landfills are becoming more difficult to manage and said we are very fortunate to have this landfill and that it speaks to Hathcock's leadership.

Commissioner Kruckenberg said he also wanted to express his thanks to Phil.

Commissioner Schartz moved to accept the Proposal from SCS Engineers for Phase IV Construction Quality Assurance (CQA) Services, Phase IV Cell Construction, Barton County Sanitary Landfill.

Estimated cost of the proposal, set at no more than \$160,000.00, is to be paid through the Solid Waste Fund, Contract Construction Line, 140-68-6250.

Commissioner Daily seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

V. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Shelly Schneider: Receiving almost daily updates on Novel Coronavirus. Possible pandemic. We have two of the three criteria for a pandemic. Two deaths in the US so far. Community spread now. It is not IF, but WHEN we get it in Kansas. Held two meetings so far: Feb 14 and Feb 28th. In constant communication with KDHE and the CDC. Prior to Friday, the testing was only being done at the CDC in Georgia, but is now being done at the state level. Friday's webinar said plan on the outbreak lasting 9-12 months. Not too late to get your flu shots. Influenza A and B are still in our community. It is not

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about protecting yourself, but about protecting those who cannot protect themselves. Stay home when sick, wash your hands thoroughly, exercise good coughing etiquette.

- Comm Daily: Will personnel receive training about Coronavirus
- Shelly Schneider: They have had meetings about that.
- Comm Scharzt: Fourteen-day incubation. Do they think it might be a little longer than 14 days?
- Shelly Schneider: They are trying to figure out how it is replicating. Quarantined for 14 days if exposed. Isolation is required if you are ill. Immunocompromised people are at risk. Trying to be preventive rather than reactive. Working to get community partners together beforehand.
- Comm Daily: Is there is a drill coming up for first responders.
- Amy Miller: We had a drill during Ebola. Now working to update contacts, looking at supplies, lobby posters, etc.
- Comm Davis: Seen on TV they are spraying areas in China. What are they doing and is it working?
- Shelly Schneider: I believe they are disinfecting. Remember this is a novel virus. Practice good prevention measures.
- Comm Scharzt: We are not an island. We will have many people coming in to help.
- Sheriff Bellendir: What is the third item to make it a pandemic?
- Shelly Schneider: Caused illness causing death, sustained person-to-person spread. Community spread is the third criteria.
- Sheriff Bellendir: Concerned they contract it in the jail.

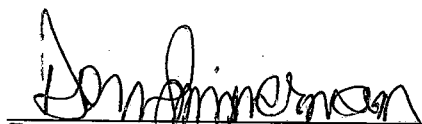
VII. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Scharzt made a motion to adjourn at 9:41 A.M.

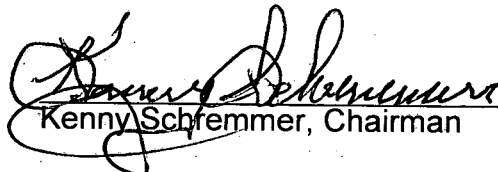
Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk



Kenny Schremmer, Chairman

PROCLAMATION 2020-01

COLON CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
March, 2020

WHEREAS, the death rate from colorectal cancer has been steadily declining for both men and women for several decades. One reason is because more people are getting screened which helps detect cancers early, when treatment may be more successful; and

WHEREAS, men and women 45 or older, or those with a family history of colorectal cancer or polyps, should talk to their health care providers about their risk for colorectal cancer and screening, even if they are asymptomatic; and

WHEREAS, the Affordable Care Act (ACA) requires both private insurers and Medicare to cover the costs of colorectal cancer screening tests, because these tests are recommended by the United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF). Citizens are urged to review their health insurance plan for specific details and to contact the insurer with questions related to colorectal cancer screenings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, that Barton County joins in the observation of Colon Cancer Awareness Month, March, 2020; and

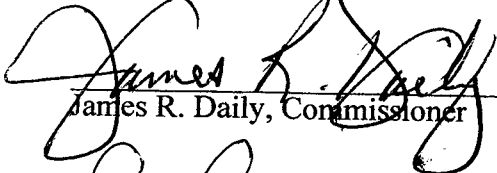
FURTHER, that the Commission endorsed the message of the American Cancer Society, and encourages all citizens to learn their family's health history, to be screened regularly for colorectal cancer and to see a health care provider for change in bowel habits, bleeding, unintended weight loss or other symptoms; and

FURTHER, that the Commission urges all citizens to be mindful of their health by observing safety practices and to bring their health concerns to their own medical care provider or the Barton County Health Department.


Dated this 2nd day of March, 2020.

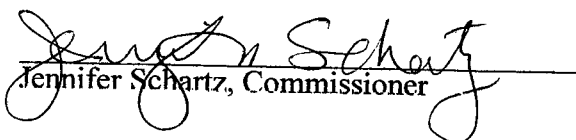
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Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Donna Zimmerman,
County Clerk



PROCLAMATION 2020-02

SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK

March 2 - 6, 2020

WHEREAS, severe spring weather in Kansas includes tornadoes, flooding and flash floods, severe thunderstorms, large hail, lightning, wildfires and drought; and

WHEREAS, all Barton County citizens are reminded to stay up to date on weather forecasts, be prepared during a Watch, and be ready to take proper shelter during a Warning; and

WHEREAS, individuals and families are encouraged to Build a Go Kit – with water, non-perishable food, flashlight, whistle, blanket, medical supplies, and other personal care items for every family member, including their pets; and

WHEREAS, all Barton County residents are encouraged to have a family emergency plan in place and to practice the plan, so everyone knows what to do; and

WHEREAS, everyone should also plan for after the storm by having a home inventory, contact numbers for insurance companies, and a family communications plan; and

WHEREAS, all citizens, businesses and schools are encouraged to prepare and practice personal safety plans, and to participate in the Tornado Drill scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 3, 2020.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, hereby declares the week of March 2 through 6, 2020, as Severe Weather Awareness Week to educate citizens about severe weather and to help them prepare for a life threatening severe weather event.

ADOPTED this 2nd day of March, 2020.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BARTON COUNTY, KANSAS**



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