

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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May 18, 2020

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 18th day of May 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

Members attending via phone:

Don Davis, Commissioner, 3rd District
Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

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

Commissioner Kruckenberg moved to approve the agenda.
Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

Minutes of the May 11, 2020, Regular Meeting were not available.

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.

BATCH #14				
Property Types	Values	Escaped Taxes	Added / Abated	Refunds
Gas				
Oil				
Personal Property	-17,755	\$57.56	-\$2,304.40	\$104.21
Real Estate	-734		-\$100.12	\$7.50
16/20 M Trucks	-656		-\$101.06	\$43.26
State Assessed Utilities				
Special Assessments				
Grand Totals	-19,145	\$57.56	-\$2,505.58	\$154.97
Total Taxes	-\$2,448.02			
Total Records Selected	17			

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

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. DECLARATION OF A STATE OF LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY: COVID-19:

-After approval by Chairman Kenny Schremmer on March 18, 2020, the Commission ratified the Declaration of a State of Local Public Health Emergency as a result of the COVID-19 event at a Special Meeting held March 20, 2020. The Commission will be asked to extend the declaration another sixty days unless terminated earlier. Extension would allow for the rendering of aid and assistance.

Amy Miller, Emergency Risk Manager, said the current COVID-19 Local Public Health Emergency allows Commissions to adopt 60-day disaster declarations instead of the normal statutory seven-day declarations. Miller asked the Commission to adopt for another 60 days unless terminated earlier. By adopting this resolution, it allows us to continue to request PPE and other supplies from the Kansas Division of Emergency Management as well as allowing us to render other aid and assistance.

Commissioner Schartz asked if this is different than other declarations following a flood or other storm. Miller said no, other than then the length of the declaration.

Commissioner Daily asked if we had received the items she had asked for. Miller said she has received what she has requested that is currently available. Miller said they should go through their supplier first and then request from her.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the Declaration of a State of Local Public Health Emergency for Barton County, Kansas as a result of COVID-19.

Commissioner Daily seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

C. ENGINEERING: KDOT Agreement No. 117-20 for Emergency Relief Federal Aid Construction, Project #5 C-5036-01:

-Barton County experienced damages due to flooding at two intersections south of Ellinwood in May 2019. The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) administers a program using Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funds for the repair of Federal Aid Major Collector routes damaged by natural disasters. The two damaged intersections were on SE 20 Road at SE 100 Avenue and SE 105 Avenue respectively. The Road and Bridge Department replaced a culvert pipe, filled in eroded shoulders, and put new rock surfacing on the side road approaches in June of 2019. A tabulation of County costs was submitted to KDOT. KDOT and FHWA representatives inspected the locations, along with County officials, and KDOT has submitted the proposed agreement. The total allowable cost was determined to be \$13,440.09. Should the agreement be approved, the County will be reimbursed 80% of the cost or \$10,752.07.

Barry McManaman, County Engineer, presented details and requested the Commission adopt the KDOT agreement.

Commissioner Daily moved to approve KDOT Agreement No. 117-20 for Emergency Relief Federal Aid Construction, Project #5 C-5036-01. The reimbursed funds in the amount of \$10,752.07 are to be deposited in the Road and Bridge, State Funds Revenues Line, 002-00-4325.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN FUND: Kansas Department of Commerce, Community Development Block Grants-CV:

-In an effort to assist Kansas businesses, the Kansas Department of Commerce has updated Community Development Block Grant funding guidelines. This includes a directive to local governing bodies with available Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) / Economic Development Revolving Loan Funds (EDRLF) monies to determine if available balances can be utilized as grant funds. Barton County does have monies that fall under this program.

Sue Cooper, Grant Coordinator, said as of May 13th the Community Development Block Grant Fund has a balance of \$139,676. Barton County decided to loan the funding at .5% with three-year terms. We have only had one request so far which was approved last week in the amount of \$25,000. We can now use this program for loans or grants. If you decide to allow grants, we need to communicate that information for fairness for all to apply. If approved for grants, First Class Auto would like to forego their loan and apply for grant funding. They also ask that they be considered first since they were the only loan applicant. Once CDBG funding is extinguished, the Commission could hold a public hearing and apply for additional CDBG COVID funding through the Department of Commerce. This can only be applied for after all current CDBG funding is extinguished. There would be a potential of \$300,000 in funding that could only be used for grant funding. It could not be used for loans.

Commissioner Schartz said this makes a lot of sense, but if we deplete our CDBG funding, we will no longer have that money to loan. Cooper said you are correct. We do have outstanding loans that will still be repaid back into that fund.

Commissioner Schartz asked what we need to do to rescind the loan approved last week. Cooper said once grant funding is approved the company will use the same application to apply for the grant funds.

Commissioner Daily said the company in Hoisington was the only applicant. Cooper said yes, there were other companies who were interested, but must meet the LMI Low to Moderate Income criteria.

Commissioner Schartz said this is for communities other than Great Bend and said we can grant up to \$25,000, but what is your recommendation for grant funding. Cooper said we can grant up to \$25,000 for up to 5 full-time employees. If they have more employees, they can be awarded up to \$50,000. Schartz said she would hate to have to choose amounts between businesses. Cooper reminded the Commission the intent of this money was to loan or grant it. It was never to keep it.

Commissioner Schartz said we have loaned money out in the past where they have defaulted. Schartz asked how much is currently loaned that needs to be paid back. Cooper said \$92,162.91 is due to be paid back.

Commissioner Schartz asked if Friday allowed them enough time to apply. Cooper said this would be the first round. She anticipates she will receive something by this Friday based on the number of phone calls she's received so far. She said even though you allow grants, you could still give loans. You would have the option of either.

Commissioner Daily asked about the \$300,000 funding from the Governor. Is that only for COVID related issues. Cooper said correct. It would be a separate pot of money we would be eligible for once we have exhausted our current pot of money.

Commissioner Schartz moved to authorize the use of Barton County CDBG / EDLRF funding as grants and loans as allowed by the Kansas Department of Commerce. Direct Sue Cooper to issue a press release to that effect.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

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Commissioner Schremmer, Commissioner Schartz, Commissioner Kruckenberg and Commissioner Davis voted aye.

Commissioner Daily voted nay.

Motion passed 4 - 1.

IV. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

V. OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business.


VI. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Schartz made a motion to adjourn at 9:30 A.M.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk



Kenny Schremmer, Chairman

**DECLARATION OF A STATE OF LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY
For Barton County, Kansas**

WHEREAS, on the 18th day of May, 2020, the Board of Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas declared there continues to be a State of Local Public Health Emergency within Barton County, Kansas as a result of the occurring public health emergency and Pandemic known as COVID-19 in Barton County, Kansas;

WHEREAS, such conditions endanger the public health, safety and welfare of persons within the border of Barton County, Kansas.

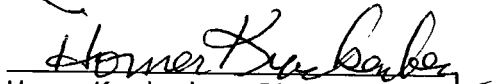
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas:

1. That the State of Local Public Health Emergency within Barton County, Kansas, declared on the 23rd day of March, 2020, shall be extended on this the 18th day of May, 2020, and shall continue and remain in full force and for another period of sixty (60) days from the declared effective date of the 18th day of May, 2020, unless terminated earlier by this issuing authority.
2. That the response and recovery aspects of all local disaster plans which are applicable to Barton County, Kansas and shall initiate the rendering of aid and assistance there under.
3. That any rights or powers lawfully exercised, or any actions taken pursuant to local disaster emergency plans shall continue and have full force and effect as authorized by law for sixty (60) days unless modified or terminated in the manner prescribed by law.

RESOLVED by the Board of Barton County Commission this 18th day of May, 2020.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Kenny Schremmer, District #1 Chairman



Homer Kruckenberg, District #2, Member

electronic approval
Don Davis, District #3, Member


James R. Daily, District #4, Member


Jennifer Schartz, District #5, Member

ATTEST:


Donna Zimmerman
County Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Patrick Hoffman
County Counselor