

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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May 26, 2020

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 26th 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
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 from the May 11, 2020, and the May 18, 2020, Regular Meetings.

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

II. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

III. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:

-An Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of May 11, 2020 and ending May 26, 2020.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the appropriations for the period of May 11, 2020, to May 26, 2020 and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.

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

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN FUND: Working Capital Grants – First Class Auto Design, Hoisington:

-On May 11, 2020, the Commission authorized a \$25,000.00 loan from the County's Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund (EDLRF) for First Class Auto Design in Hoisington. The business has not accessed the funding to date. On May 18, 2020, the Commission, following a directive from the Kansas Department of Commerce, determined that the EDLRF could be used as grant funding. At this time, Sue Cooper, Grant Coordinator, will ask that the Commission rescind the May 11th action in favor of a working capital grant to First Class Auto Design. It is noted that two full-time equivalent jobs would be retained as a result of the grant.

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Ms. Cooper, Grant Coordinator, said last week you asked once we have exhausted our funding if we could re-apply for additional funding. Once Barton County has exhausted those funds, the county will be eligible to reapply for additional funding related to COVID for grants per information from Debbie Beck, CDBG Program Manager with the USDA. Cooper explained that the bulk of the loans were given back in the 1990's. Cooper said we have received consistent pressure from the USDA to get the money loaned out. We have a request for grant funding from First Class Auto Design. They ask that you rescind the loan approved last week in light of the new grant funding.

Commissioner Daily asked if they plan to add additional staff. Cooper said no, they would sustain their current positions.

Commissioner Schartz asked if there were additional applications. Cooper said she has two additional applications. Schartz said it would really be better to have all the applications to review at the same time. Schartz said she would like to have a hard deadline to have the applications in. Cooper said she has a rolling deadline where applications are due each Friday.

Commissioner Daily asked for details on the other two applications. Cooper said they are for roughly \$50,000 combined. Cooper said if you approved the applications before you today, we would have \$59,000 remaining. If they get more applications, she can apply for additional CDBG funding at that point.

Commissioner Schartz asked if the county could grant money to people within the city of Great Bend. Cooper said no, the parameters were set by the USDA for areas outside the city of Great Bend.

Commissioner Daily said there are some advantages to having a drop-dead deadline for applications as it would be easier to divvy out funds equally. Daily said the remaining \$9,000 would be hanging in limbo until granted and said we wouldn't be apply until those funds are completely gone. Cooper said that is correct and noted it is difficult to find eligible businesses with the LMI (low to moderate-income) qualification.

Commissioner Daily asked for the LMI definition. Cooper said it is a tiered chart established by USDA depending on our census tract area. For example, a family size of one is an adjusted gross income/total household income of \$37,050 for 2019. A four person household LMI is \$52,900 or less. The qualifying business must have 51% of their employees must meet the LMI requirement.

- Commissioner Schartz said she would make a motion that we make a hard deadline for this Friday for all of the applications to be in and then we can look at all of those applications and determine what the best way is to allocate that money.
- Commissioner Daily seconded the motion.

Phil Hathcock said we would have to do something with the items on the agenda first and explained the first item had already been approved for a loan of \$25,000 last week.

- Commissioner Schartz withdrew her motion.
- Commissioner Daily withdrew his second.

Commissioner Schartz moved to rescind the May 11, 2020, action to approve an Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund Working Capital Loan to First Class Auto Design, Hoisington, Kansas. Further, move to provide a Working Capital Grant to First Class Auto Design in the amount of \$25,000.00. Authorize the Commission Chair to execute the Barton County Grant Agreement 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.

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

Sue Cooper said we would need a signature on the Determination Level of Review for First Class Auto and on the Grant Agreement.

Commissioner Davis asked when we have a hardline deadline on the grants can we just divvy up the money in equal amounts. Hathcock added the number of employees is a factor in being qualified.

Commissioner Schartz moved to create a hard deadline for the application process and table Items B. and C. until we get all of the information we need.

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

B. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN FUND: Working Capital Grants – Hoisington Hospitality, LLC, dba Rodeway Inn and Suites, Hoisington:

-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. Hoisington Hospitality, LLC, dba Rodeway Inn and Suites, Hoisington, Kansas, has applied for a \$50,000.00 working capital grant. Six and one-quarter (6.25) full-time equivalent jobs would be retained as a result of the grant. This meets 100% of the low-to-moderate income requirement. **(ITEM TABLED)**

C. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN FUND: Working Capital Grants – Industrial Services of Kansas, rural Great Bend:

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. Industrial Services of Kansas, rural Great Bend, Kansas, has applied for a \$5,000.00 working capital grant. One full-time position would be retained as a result of the grant. This position meets 100% of the low-to-moderate income requirement. **(ITEM TABLED)**

V. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Karen Winkelman, Interim Health Director: Kansas now updates their numbers on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. As of yesterday, there were over 9,000 positive cases in Kansas with 800 hospitalizations. Tested approximately 600 people in Barton County with 45 positive cases as of Saturday. The KDHE site shows 37 cases. The state has to manually input data so the additional cases will be reflected on Wednesday. Continues to be very active in contact investigation. Conducted drive thru testing and averaged 3-10 tests each time. Last Monday finished cohort testing in a long-term care facility. Collected 48 specimens through drive thru with the remainder collected on-site. In total, they collected 152 samples. Had EMS assistance from some of the neighboring towns to help with the collection. Identified one more positive resident for a total of seven positives from that facility with two pending results. Requested contact tracing help from KDHE last week, but has not received a response back yet. Looking at their PPE resources. Governor moved to Phase II last Friday.

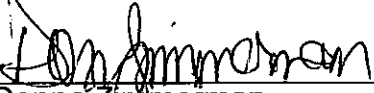
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ADJOURN:

Commissioner Schartz made a motion to adjourn at 9:31 A.M.
Commissioner Daily seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk



Kenny Schremmer, Chairman