

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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November 2, 2020

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

Members present:

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

Members absent:

Kenny Schremmer, Commissioner, 1st District, Chairman
Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner, 2nd District

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

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

Commissioner Daily moved to approve the agenda.
Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Daily moved to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2020, and the October 26, 2020, Regular Meetings.
Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

A. CENTRAL KANSAS COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS: Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant, Improving Reentry for Adults with Substance Use Disorders Program, Central Kansas Community Corrections:

-Barton County was given notice that it has received \$490,639.00 in funding through the Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant, Improving Reentry for Adults with Substance Use Disorders Program. The purpose of the program is to enhance corrections systems' ability to address the substance use treatment needs of offenders in order to reduce recidivism, promote recovery, and, in the process, to improve public safety and public health.

Amy Boxberger, CKCC Director, said this is a 3-year grant and said the purpose of the grant is to enhance the correction system's ability to address substance use treatment needs of offenders. Boxberger asked for approval to accept the grant for improving reentry for Adults with Substance Use Disorders. Boxberger noted Sue Cooper applied for the grant.

Commissioner Daily asked if this is going to enhance an existing program or will it be a new program. Boxberger said both. It will be a complimentary program to serve offenders that are sentenced under §123 which is the felony drug possession cases and will also tie into the tele-health grant. Will also look at technology with an application that will be afforded to people on the program that will log their successes and case plan objectives on an app and reward them with incentives.

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Commissioner Schartz asked if this is a one-time grant. Boxberger said it is a one-time grant that is divided into three years.

Commissioner Daily moved to accept \$490,639.00 from the Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant, Improving Reentry for Adults with Substance Use Disorders Program for Central Kansas Community Corrections and direct the Commission Chair to sign such grant documentation as necessary. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. CENTRAL KANSAS COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS: Revised Budget for Fiscal Year 2021:

-In the previous item, it was announced that Barton County received \$490,639.00 in funding through the Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant, Improving Reentry for Adults with Substance Use Disorders Program. Should the Commission accept the funds, it is suggested that the CKCC Fiscal Year 2021 budget be revised. As the Administrative County for the District to which the plan pertains, it is the Commissioners responsibility to approve the proposed revisions that include changes to both personnel and operating costs.

Amy Boxberger, CKCC Director, said because of the increase of funds, 60% of the salary and benefits for two of the seasoned officers as well as 10% of her salary and benefits will be paid by the grant. This allows the regular grant to fund a cost of living increase and spend down operating expenses and allow them to hire the missing officer they have been short for almost 4-years.

Commissioner Daily asked if there will be a dedicated officer for this program. Boxberger said there will actually be two officers dedicated to this program.

Commissioner Daily moved to approve the Revised Budget for Fiscal Year 2021 for Central Kansas Community Corrections and direct Ms. Boxberger to submit the revised budget to the Kansas Department of Corrections as well as the other Counties of the Twentieth Judicial District. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.

C. SUNFLOWER DIVERSIFIED SERVICES: Letter of Support:

-Sunflower Diversified Services has requested a Letter of Support for a Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) grant application. Monies provided by KDOT would be used to continue the operation of their public transportation system.

Jon Prescott, Sunflower Diversified Services Executive Director, said they were awarded a \$1,100,000 grant to build a new transportation facility. That project is in progress, but it is low progress as the state is still working at home. The Commission on Aging shut down the Hoisington trolley transportation services due to COVID. Sunflower chose to keep their transportation services going in order to transport to medical appointments, dialysis, cancer treatments. KDOT decided due to the pandemic, to fund their services 100% this year and next year through June 30. Therefore, they decided to offer free rides and pass that along to the consumer.

Commissioner Schartz said she is really happy to see Sunflower fulfilling this need and that instead of pocketing that savings, they are passing it along.

Commissioner Davis asked if the employers in the area know about this service. Prescott said they have notified them but need to do that regularly. Prescott said they also met with Stafford County and advertised in that county, but they have not had anyone take advantage of it.

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Christina Jimenez, Sunflower Diversified Services Transportation Coordinator, said the letter of support will support a grant for a new vehicle. Jimenez said last year they provided 45,222 rides and traveled 280,706 miles. Jimenez said they are booked daily.

Commissioner Daily moved to approve a Letter of Support for the Sunflower Diversified Services Grant Application for the Kansas Department of Transportation Funds that would allow them to continue the program.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

IV. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

V. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Douglas Ferguson: Does not agree how COVID is handled. Received call at 1:30pm on Friday, October 30th saying his child was quarantined for the second time this month. The school said she could stay in school the rest of the day. Was in school for 6 days with no notification phone call. No symptoms. The quarantine will not even be in mailbox until the 2nd or 3rd of November. Quarantine ends November 5th. His child wore her mask, but this is the second time to be quarantined. Important for kids to be in school without symptoms. When Health Dept called, he asked a few questions and was told she could not answer and would have a nurse call. Was at school for 6 school days before receiving the call and has already been around other kids. Does not understand why she is quarantined 4-days this week when she has no temperature or no symptoms. The high school said the Health Department was supposed to call. The Health Department said the school was supposed to call.
- Phil Hathcock: A lot of times what happens, a person will become sick and then wait a couple of days before being tested. For example, on Monday a person thinks they just have a cold, but by Wednesday gets tested. It also depends on where they get tested. KDHE takes 3-days for results. Rapid test facilities do not notify the Health Department for 3-days. The Health Department is working diligently and had 100 cases last week. In a perfect world you would know right away.
- Douglas Ferguson: On Friday they were told she could just stay in school for the rest of the day.
- Phil Hathcock: That is something you should discuss with the school. KDHE said initially the wearing of masks should be considered when looking at quarantines. They CDC and KDHE later changed their guidance about masks, saying the wearing of masks might not be as effective as they originally thought.
- Comm Daily: As discouraging as some of this information is and being the victim of quarantine, it is always best to err on the side of caution. We continue to work with the schools to find a solution. It is something we are going to continue to work on.
- Douglas Ferguson: Daughter quarantined until October 1st the first time. On October 2nd went to a cow show to show animals. It is not easy pulling a 1,500 lb. steer around. We had to pull our other kid out of school for two weeks just to make sure they are not on paper in order to be in the animal show.
- Comm Schartz: Item not on agenda, so obviously we cannot vote on it. Going to reassert our position that we are following KDHE on this. It is new for everybody.
- Kathy Anderson: There are a lot of people that support the County Commission. A lot of angst and frustration in the community. You must look at all of the populations. We support the Health Department, the school districts, and the Commissioners. Presented a list of supporters to the Commission.

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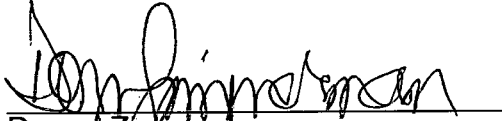
ADJOURN:


Commissioner Davis made a motion to adjourn at 9:36 A.M.

Commissioner Daily seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:


Donna Zimmermann
Barton County Clerk


Jennifer Schartz, Chairman Pro-Tem