

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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October 12, 2020

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 12th day of October 2020, at the Barton County Courthouse.

Members present:

Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner, 2nd District
James R. Daily, Commissioner, 4th District
Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk
Phil Hathcock, County Administrator

Members attending via phone / Teams:

Don Davis, Commissioner, 3rd District
Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner, 5th District (Chairman Pro-Tem)

Members absent:

Kenny Schremmer, Commissioner, 1st District, Chairman
Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

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

Commissioner Kruckenberg moved to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Daily seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Daily moved to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2020, the September 28, 2020, and the October 5, 2020, Regular Meetings.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

II. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:

-An Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of September 28, 2020, and ending October 12, 2020.

Commissioner Davis moved to approve appropriations for the period of September 28, 2020, to October 12, 2020 and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.

Commissioner Daily seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. VOICE PRODUCTS SERVICE: Maintenance Agreement:

-In 2018, Communications partnered with the County Attorney's Office to purchase a Voice Logger. The logger creates audio recordings from telephones, radios, microphones and other sources that improve emergency services and aid in criminal prosecution. As the maintenance contract ends November 30, 2020, it is suggested that it be extended for another year with Communications and the Attorney's Office sharing the expense.

Barbara Popp, 911 Director, said the County Attorney's Office purchased this equipment in order to have better access and asked the Commission to approve the maintenance contract.

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usey Hubbard, Investigator/Co Atty Office Mgr., said since implementation they have used it a few times. The ease of access and reducing the burden on 911 are beneficial to both departments.

Commissioner Daily asked if he was the only one with access. Hubbard said yes.

Commissioner Daily moved to approve the Maintenance Agreement with Voice Products Service through November, 2021, for a total cost of \$8,344.00. Cost to be paid as follows – \$6,832.00 through the 911 Tax Fund, Maintenance of Machinery and Equipment line, 080-86-5460, and the remaining \$1,512.00 through the Attorney's Office Account of the General Fund, RMS/Software Maintenance-Diversion line, 001-08-5610-06.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. COMMUNICATIONS: Tower Lease Agreement with MRT Communications:

-As Barton County moves forward with the 800-megahertz expansion project, it is suggested that a repeater be installed on the MRT Communications, Inc. tower located at 168 South 281 Highway, Great Bend, Kansas. The addition of the repeater will alleviate coverage issues and allow for paging. The five-year lease, which becomes effective January 1, 2021, requires an annual payment of \$6,000.00, which can be paid from the 911 Tax Fund.

Dena Popp, 911 Director, said they need a new 5-year lease for the 800mHz six pack repeater to be installed on. This will be a new lease with an option to renew. Popp said they currently have three UHF repeaters on that tower that will have to be removed which will save us the cost of those leases. The new repeater will sit at the 250' mark on the 300' tower.

Commissioner Daily asked if they had tested the coverage area. Popp said Motorola has done heat maps to test, both in building and on mobile radios.

Commissioner Davis asked what the saving would be on the current leases. Popp said they pay the leases quarterly at about \$420 per repeater.

Commissioner Daily moved to approve the Tower Lease Agreement between MRT Communications, Inc., and Barton County. Cost of the lease, set at \$6,000.00 annually for the first five years of the agreement, to be paid from the 911 Tax Fund, Tower Lease Line, 080-86-5955.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

C. ROAD AND BRIDGE: Replacement of a 2000 GMC 5500:

-The Road and Bridge Department requests approval to replace the 2000 GMC 5500 Sign truck with 299,546 miles. It is suggested that a one ton dually be purchased with cab only. BS Trailer Sales would then install a bed and equipment needed to outfit the new vehicle. The bid best meeting departmental needs is a 2021 Silverado 3500HD One Ton Dually Cab and Chassis with the Pronghorn 9200UT Service Body and installation. The total cost is \$42,493.80.

Darren Williams, County Works Director, said Manweiler provided the low quote for the cab and chassis only. Williams said they also got quote for the prong horn bed and noted they keep the sign truck busy.

Commissioner Daily asked what the longevity is for the new vehicle. Williams said hopefully another 20 years.

Commissioner Schartz asked since we are not trading this vehicle, would it be good to keep it in our fleet. Williams said since it has a lot of miles it would be best to sell at auction.

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Commissioner Davis moved to accept the Manweiler Chevrolet quote of \$31,578.80 for the purchase of a 2021 Silverado 3500HD Chevrolet pickup and the BS Trailer Sales quote of \$10,915.00 for the Pronghorn 9200UT bed and installation. All costs to be paid from the Equipment Replacement Fund, Road and Bridge Line, 072-00-6485 and authorize the County Works Director to sell the 2000 GMC 5500 at auction or by sealed bid.

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

D. RAILROAD AVENUE AND WASHINGTON STREET INTERSECTION RESURFACING PROJECT:

-The City of Great Bend has contracted with Venture Corporation to mill and overlay south Washington Street. It has been determined that tax dollars would be most effectively spent by coordinating efforts with the City and including an improvement to the transition of the railroad tracks at the intersection of south Washington and Railroad Avenue. Should the Commission authorize the work, the County will reimburse the City of Great Bend a total of \$61,942.00 for this portion of the project.

Darren Williams, County Works Director, said the City of Great Bend is already sealing near the area of the Railroad Avenue and Washington Street intersection and noted the county maintains everything south of the railroad tracks. Williams said the City of Great Bend got a quote for resurfacing the intersection. The cost to resurface will be paid by the city initially and the county will then reimburse the city.

Commissioner Daily asked if the crossing will be repaired. Williams said the north crossing will be paved over. Daily asked if the south crossing and will also be fixed. Williams said yes.

Commissioner Schartz said she appreciated the city working with the county.

Commissioner Daily asked how far west they will go on Railroad Avenue. Williams said 200 feet past the railroad tracks.

Commissioner Daily moved to direct the County Works Director to reimburse the City of Great Bend \$61,942.00 from the Road and Bridge Fund, Professional Services Fee, Road Overlay line, 002-92-5475-96, for the work completed by Venture Corporation.

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

V. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business.

VII. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Davis made a motion to adjourn at 9:24 A.M.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:


Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk


Jennifer Schartz, Chairman Pro-Tem