

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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November 2, 2021

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 2nd day of November 2021, at the Barton County Courthouse.

Members present:

Kirby Krier, Commissioner, 1st District

Barb Esfeld, Commissioner, 2nd District

Shawn Hutchinson, Commissioner, 3rd District *(Chairman Pro-Tem)*

James R. Daily, Commissioner, 4th District, Chairman

Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner, 5th District

Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk

Barry McManaman, Interim County Administrator

Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

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

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2021, Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Minutes of October 26, 2021, Regular Meeting were not available.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

A. COMMISSION:

-On May 20, 2021, Barton County received \$2,503,634.50 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Rural Water District No. 1, Ellsworth County, Kansas seeks funding assistance for 17 automated meters for Barton County residents. Sue Cooper, Grant Coordinator, will provide details. This item was tabled until November 2, 2021.

Sue Cooper, Grant Coordinator, said to date, Barton County has obligated \$2,550,987 in ARPA funding. The Rural Water District is requesting \$17,192 for 17 new meters.

Commissioner Krier said since the \$2.5 million has been allocated, they would have to wait until more money was received. Cooper said you could obligate more money and we could technically fund it in default.

Commissioner Krier said if we get the money.

Commissioner Schartz said the water district said it was fine if they had to wait for the funding.

Commissioner Hutchinson said that was his reason for tabling the item, to decide whether to pull from the General Fund now or they could kick the can for six months at least.

Commissioner Krier said if we do not get the money it would have to come from property tax.

Commissioner Schartz said if we do not get more money, they do not get the money.

Commissioner Esfeld said with the discussion that we have had moved to deny the funding request from Rural Water District No.1, Ellsworth County, Kansas, for automated meter readers for drinking water transmission and distributed services at this time.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

Commissioner Schartz asked Commissioner Esfeld if she thought that was better than just kicking it

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down the road. I would really like to hear in your motion that we will reevaluate if and when we get the money.

Commissioner Esfeld amended her motion to say that this topic and subject will be reevaluated if and when we get the money at that time.

Commissioner Krier amended his second to the motion.

Commissioner Hutchinson said can we not allocate money if we get it at this time.

Commissioner Schartz said then we do not have to bring it up again.

Commissioner Krier said it is no big deal bringing it up. When we get the money, they can ask for it.

Commissioner Esfeld said what would be the clearest.

Commissioner Daily said currently, the motion that you made and then the change is clear enough. If we get the money at the first of the year, they can request this again and at that time we can bring it back up for a vote.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

A. ROSEWOOD ROOTS AND WINGS FOUNDATION: Letter of Support:

-The Rosewood Roots and Wings Foundation has requested a Letter of Support for a Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) grant application. Monies provided by KDOT would be used for the maintenance and operation of the four KDOT-funded vehicles currently in service.

Howard Partington, Rosewood Roots and Wings Foundation Management Consultant, said in the past few years the commission supported the efforts to purchase three vans. They also acquired a KDOT van from Kingman County. The city's Commission on Aging and Sunflower Diversified operate a 5311, General Public Transportation service. Rosewood does not operate a 5311, they operate a 5310 for the disabled and aged. You can tell the difference between Rosewood and Sunflower transportation as Rosewood's vans are labeled "General Transportation". KDOT will fund 70% at \$9,800 with Rosewood funding 30% at \$4,200. Not asking for funds from the County, only asking for the continued support.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked if Sunflower's transportation costs are paid for by individuals or paid by Federal Funds. Partington said KDOT provides some funds for the operation, but Sunflower would be able to answer that better. Partington said he believes there is a minimal charge.

Commissioner Schartz asked what the age group is for the older citizens. Partington said he did not know the exact age group.

Commissioner Krier moved to approve a Letter of Support for the Rosewood Roots and Wings Foundation Grant Application for Kansas Department of Transportation funds and thank you Mr. Partington for bringing this in front of us.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. GREAT BEND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Financial Support:

-The mission of Great Bend Economic Development, Inc. (GBED) is to improve the economic quality of life for the working families in the community. In doing so, GBED endeavors to improve the creation, retention, and expansion of business; strengthen the workforce, improve, and increase living wage jobs and expand the tax base through capital investments. At this time, the Commission will consider financial support for GBED efforts.

Sara Hayden, GBED Executive Director, said their mission was to improve the economic quality of life for those in the area. They quickly recognized that endeavor expands beyond Great Bend. Really expanding their effort to consider the other communities. Hayden said they are requesting the county

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match the funds provided by the cities at \$250,000 for the 2022 budget. Some of the increased efforts you may see from that budget would be workforce initiatives, incentive programs for business expansion or job creation, recruiting incentives, increased education and expanded marketing efforts.

Commissioner Daily asked for information on the childcare piece. Hayden said they are mimicking Finney County. This program runs through economic development. Therefore, it is a self-sustaining childcare center. We want to be able to pay the providers to obtain education. The first effort is going to be a childcare facility built in Great Bend. They hope to then build one in each of the outlying cities. The hope is that this will not stop but will continue to grow. Hoping to break ground on the first center early next year, probably late spring.

Commissioner Krier asked Matt Patzner how much was in the Economic Development line for this year. Patzner said he believed \$150,000 for this year.

Commissioner Krier said they budgeted \$175,000 next year. Patzner said that was correct.

Commissioner Krier asked if they could take it from the General Fund. Patzner said essentially it would go over on that specific line item. Commissioner Krier asked what the line item was. Patzner said 001-26-6880 Economic Development. Commissioner Krier asked if money could be pulled from a line other than Economic Development. Patzner said yes, it sits within the General Fund.

Commissioner Schartz said it could be funded partially from this year and partially from next year.

Commissioner Schartz asked if any of this funding would go to the childcare center. Hayden said the city had already allocated \$70,000 to start the childcare center next year.

Commissioner Krier moved to provide \$150,000 in support funding to Great Bend Economic Development, Inc. Funding to be paid from the Finance General Account of the General Fund, Economic Development Line, 001-26-6880 at this time and then I also in my motion, move to provide \$100,000 January 1, 2022, in support funding to Great Bend Economic Development, Inc. Funding to be paid from the Finance General Account of the General Fund, Economic Development Line, 001-26-6880 which the combination of both equals \$250,000.

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion.

Commissioner Krier said Sara (Hayden) is a shining light in Great Bend and I think people need to recognize that.

Hayden said thank you, that is very kind.

Commissioner Schartz said the county will be having a seat on this committee so that we will be able to watch how our money is spent. That is part of the partnership that I really appreciate.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Hutchinson said today marks a special day for our community. For the first time in recent history Barton County is joining forces with the City of Great Bend and Great Bend Economic Development to develop a countywide initiative focused on growth. We did it thanks to the dedication to our community by the Great Bend City Council, Great Bend Economic Development Board, Sara Hayden, and my fellow Barton County Commissioners. With this partnership, we plan to grow and continually improve our community into a place our children are proud of and want to stay and raise their children. Between this partnership, the façade improvement grants and the lowering of Barton County property taxes we are well on our way to making Barton boom again.

Commissioner Schartz said sometimes you have to have the right voices and the right leadership in order to make it happen. The complexion of the city council and the Barton County Commission has helped make that possible.

C. COMMISSION: Façade Improvement Grant Program Update:

-The Barton County Façade Improvement Grant (FIG) program has been extremely successful. Sue Cooper, Grant Coordinator, will provide overall program highlights.

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Sue Cooper, Grant Coordinator, said \$600,000 had been allocated for the façade improvement grant program. \$492,520.36 has been awarded leaving \$107,479.64 remaining. As of the last meeting on October 26, 2021, an additional \$136,976 has been requested. That is a difference of \$29,497.25 meaning the funds have run out. There have been 46 applications received from all four communities, nearly \$1.3 million in project costs. Over \$678,000 in requests with the average match being 35%. There have been over 16 Barton County contractors used on the projects. If you want to move forward with funding the remaining applications, there is a difference of roughly \$30,000 necessary in funding.

Commissioner Schartz asked whether they should vote on the actual façade improvements so they know how much would need to be added as they do not want to approve them and there not be enough money allocated.

Commissioner Daily said there had been an outstanding response to a program that we would not have had otherwise had it not been for the funding received. Providing work for local contractors to the point that they are behind.

Commissioner Schartz asked if they could say move up to \$30,000 in the motion.

Commissioner Hutchinson said if they approved the \$30,000 and then had some back out, we would have maybe three alternates to the program. Do not think we will ever hit the exact number. The program would be officially closed for this year with a vote today. He would like to see those three as alternates in case someone cannot complete the process.

Commissioner Esfeld moved to approve \$30,000 in funding for the Barton County Façade Improvement Grant program, for the applications submitted on or before 10/26/2021 and direct the Finance Director to encumber \$30,000 for this project from the Capital Improvement fund, Building, and Fixed Equipment - General Line, 071-00-6305.

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion and said thank you for all your hard work on this, Sue. I know it has been a lot for you.

Commissioner Daily said this project has not come to pass without a tremendous amount of effort. Sue has put in a tremendous amount of effort for this and without her assistance this would not have gone, period.

Commissioner Esfeld said she would like to thank Shawn again for bringing this to light. I will be honest and say that he was so excited about it, and I didn't want to burst his bubble. I thought that's a great idea but we'll probably get one or two applicants and look at us now. I'm glad that Shawn can think outside the box.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Schartz said this commission is really looking forward and doing some things that I did not ever think were possible. On the heels of previous commissions that were fiscally conservative, we taxed appropriately, we saved when possible, so it made this money available. I always thought it was for a rainy day and now we have the funds to do some really exciting things.

Commissioner Hutchinson said it is important for the public to know that the overall impact of this will be to lower taxes and not raise them. The grant recipients' taxes will go up due to the improvements to the properties.

D. COMMISSION: Façade Improvement Grant: Review Applications

-The Façade Improvement Grant program has available funding. The Commissioners will review multiple applications to determine award amounts up to 75% of eligible project costs, with a maximum award of \$20,000.

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Awards will be given based on the project's size and visual impact. The program prioritizes retailers and restaurants and project applications that commit more than the minimum required match amount. Sue Cooper, Grant Coordinator, will provide details.

Sue Cooper, Grant Coordinator, said Cates Carquest has a total project cost of \$82,509.78 and are requesting \$20,000. They will renovate the entire façade, brick work, signage, and paint.

Commissioner Krier moved to approve the Façade Improvement Grant for **Cates Carquest**, at **261 Main, Hoisington**, for an award of \$20,000 and direct the Finance Officer to encumber this award amount from the Capital Improvement Fund, Building and Fixed Equipment - General Line, 071-00-6305.

Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Sue Cooper, Grant Coordinator, said Central Chiropractic has a total project cost of \$17,715 with a request for \$13,286.25 for a 25% match. They are planning to replace the windows.

Commissioner Hutchinson said this was sent back with the request that they do more. They sent it back the same as it was when they came in.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to deny this application.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Sue Cooper, Grant Coordinator, said McCord Property Management LLC has a total project cost of \$26,125 and are requesting \$19,594. They plan to repair screens and windows as well as utilizing B & B Metal Arts to do some artistic iron work as well as repairing decorative window elements and the door.

Commissioner Krier asked since it is a historical building, are there certain contractors that must be utilized.

Cooper said that Chris McCord said he would be using a certified contractor that is well acquainted with making sure the historic preservation of the building was adhered to.

Commissioner Hutchinson said they have already made a lot of progress on the building.

Commissioner Krier said he would like to see work done to make the building more accessible for the handicapped.

Commissioner Schartz said the Barton County Courthouse is the kingpin of downtown Great Bend. The Wolf Hotel is seen by everyone who travels through Ellinwood.

Commissioner Esfeld moved to approve the Façade Improvement Grant for **McCord Property Management LLC**, at **1 N Main St in Ellinwood**, for an award of \$19,594 and direct the Finance Officer to encumber this award amount from the Capital Improvement Fund, Building and Fixed Equipment - General Line, 071-00-6305.

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Sue Cooper, Grant Coordinator, said the Moore Development total project cost is \$26,282.90 with \$20,000 requested. Included in the project is signage, repairing the railing, windows, and brick work.

Lane Moore said the building had been there for 43 years and said he had considered painting the metal but was concerned the paint would flake.

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Commissioner Hutchinson moved to approve the Façade Improvement Grant for **Moore Development Corporation**, at **1101 Main St, Great Bend**, for an award of \$20,000 and direct the Finance Officer to encumber this award amount from the Capital Improvement Fund, Building and Fixed Equipment - General Line, 071-00-6305.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Sue Cooper, Grant Coordinator, said the My Town LP property at 1210 Main has a total project cost of \$5,100 and requesting \$3,825. The awning will be replaced, brick work and some painting.

Commissioner Esfeld moved to approve the Façade Improvement Grant for **My Town LP**, at **1210 Main, Great Bend, Kansas**, for an award of \$3,825 and direct the Finance Officer to encumber this award amount from the Capital Improvement Fund, Building and Fixed Income - General Line, 071-00-6305.

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Sue Cooper, Grant Coordinator, said My Town LP has a mailing address of 1917 Lakin Ave, but the actual storefront is on Main Street and consists of Perks, Miss Pretty Pickles and Heart of Kansas. Total project cost of \$18,925 and requesting \$14,193. They are planning to add awnings on each of the storefronts and lettering on Perks to rebrand it RePerks.

Commissioner Hutchinson said someone said the façade improvement grant program was just another program for My Town. My Town had only applied for \$18,000 but would have qualified for \$60,000. This was not just for My Town or any individual but was set up so a business property owner could have as many as three grant applications. My Town applied for less than the max amount of one application.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to approve the Façade Improvement Grant for **My Town LP**, at **1917 Lakin Ave, Great Bend**, for an award amount of \$14,193 and direct the Finance Officer to encumber this award amount from the Capital Improvement Fund, Building and Fixed Equipment - General Line, 071-00-6305.

Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion and said she wanted to follow up on what Shawn said. This building is really a beautiful building. It's grandiose so to see the things that are happening with it, pretty excited. And this is just a very small piece to everything. I'm excited that it's right next door to us, that we get to be a little part of it.

Commissioner Daily asked if the upstairs of this building is being considered for the loft program as well.

Sara Hayden said it is, yes. So, we have also applied for what's called a moderate income housing grant for them as well from the City of Great Bend. That would give them some funds, it wouldn't pay for the project by any means, but it will give them help on funding to be able to finish out those units.

So that's three stories that are potential loft spaces that they look forward to getting started with.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Sue Cooper, Grant Coordinator, said the next application is from Murine Prosser at 216 Main St in Claflin. This is Mane Place Salon. Total project cost of \$9,221.83 and requesting \$6,916.37. She plans to place decals on the windows and paint the storefront.

Commissioner Krier moved to approve the Façade Improvement Grant for **Murine Prosser**, at **216 Main St, Claflin**, for an award of \$6,916.37 and direct the Finance Officer to encumber this award amount from the Capital Improvement Fund, Building and Fixed Equipment - General Line, 071-00-6305.

Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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Commissioner Krier said Murine Prosser's building was right next door to the post office. All post offices are privately owned and rented by the postal service. Bill Miller owns the building in Claflin and would like to put a façade on the building next to it but can not because of it being used by the federal government.

Sue Cooper, Grant Coordinator, said the next application was for Twisted Fusion in Hoisington. Total project cost is \$25,549.69 and requesting \$19,162.27. This project includes an awning, masonry work, paint, and a door.

Commissioner Esfeld moved to approve the Façade Improvement Grant for **Twisted Fusion at 167 S Main St in Hoisington**, for an award of \$19,162.27 and direct the Finance Officer to encumber this award amount from the Capital Improvement Fund, Building and Fixed Equipment - General Line, 071-00-6305.

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Sue Cooper, Grant Coordinator, said the last application is for WHB, Inc. at 1403 Main St, Great Bend. Total project cost is \$66,000 with a request of \$20,000. Currently houses Sweet Dreams Candy Shop. They are looking at repairing brick, adding doors, windows, and a balcony.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to approve the Façade Improvement Grant for **WHB, Inc, at 1403 Main St, Great Bend**, for an award amount of \$20,000 and direct the Finance Officer to encumber this award amount from the Capital Improvement Fund, Building and Fixed Equipment - General Line, 071-00-6305.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Schartz asked Cooper if she had the amounts awarded to each of the four major cities in the county. Cooper said the community submitting the most applications per capita was Claflin, followed by Hoisington, then Great Bend and Ellinwood. The amount awarded to Claflin was roughly \$58,000, Ellinwood was roughly \$46,000, Great Bend approximately \$418,000 and Hoisington around \$93,000.

E. 20th JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUVENILE SERVICES: Drug Free Communities Grant via Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

-Barton County has received notice of an award of \$125,000.00 per year for a multi-year Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) program that will mobilize a peer-led youth task force to reduce youth substance use. Funding may be used for staff and related expenses to include travel and training, youth events and consultation. This is a collaborative effort with Central Kansas Partnership to build healthy and safe communities. Marissa Woodmansee, Juvenile Services Director, and Sue Cooper, Grant Coordinator, will ask that the Commission accept the grant and approve the 100% in-kind match through existing personnel time, benefits, and operational expenses.

Marissa Woodmansee, Juvenile Services Director, said Barton County was selected to receive \$125,000 each year for the next 5 years and asked that the commission accept the award. If accepted, they would use it to fund a position to carry out the work as well as required training, travel, oversight of a website and consultation fees.

Commissioner Daily said it would be a match in kind.

Commissioner Esfeld moved to accept the award of \$125,000.00 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services, Drug-Free Communities Support Program Grant, and provide a 100% in-kind proportional match, not to exceed \$125,000.00, for a budget period beginning 09/30/2021 and ending 09/29/2022.

Commissioner Schartz said do we just accept it one year at a time or can we accept all 5 years.

Cooper said you need to accept it annually because your budget is approved every year. You will need to fund an in-kind match every year and you will approve several award grant agreements each year.

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Cooper said it actually has the opportunity to be renewed up to 10 years. Over \$10 million or \$4 million. Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.

F. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: Purchase of a Thermal Camera for the Barton County Solid Waste Landfill:

-The Barton County Information Technology Department invited proposals for the purchase of a thermal camera at the Barton County Solid Waste Landfill. Proposals were accepted until October 20, 2021. The camera will be used to scan the disposal areas at the Landfill to determine "hot spots" as a means of fire prevention.

Phil Hathcock, Solid Waste Director, requested the purchase of an infrared camera for the landfill and noted as discussed previously, fires have increased due to what they believe are the disposed lithium-ion batteries getting hot. If purchased, the camera would be aimed at the active face of the landfill. It would notify via email of any hot spots allowing a quicker response to any fires. The low bid was from Howard Tech. The local contractor, Nex-Tech submitted a bid of \$6,716.99, approximately \$779 higher than the low bid. Hathcock suggested going with the local contractor.

Commissioner Daily asked Dereck Hollingshead if he was satisfied with Nex-Tech. Hollingshead said yes.

Commissioner Krier said you talked about increased recycling efforts at the landfill. Does this recycling go to Rosewood or Sunflower? Hathcock said there is a separate recycling contractor for the lithium batteries and all other batteries. It is a free service for the public and the landfill.

Commissioner Krier asked if the landfill was the only collection site or were there others in town. Hathcock said he believed there are other locations such as lumber yards who collect the rechargeable batteries.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to approve the \$6,716.99 bid from Nex-Tech Security for the network thermal camera and related items. Price to be paid from the Solid Waste Fund, Equipment-Operate and Construction Line, 140-68-6190 and I'd like to thank you Phil for working with me too on going back to the local contractor or the local bids. The idea about the thermal should make a big difference for you, I hope.

Hathcock said this camera is going to allow us to put other equipment out there that is going to help us manage other parts of the landfill remotely.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked if the fire truck is operational yet.

Hathcock said it is operational.

Commissioner Hutchinson said we will have some pre-warning or early detection. If we have a hot spot, we have a way to get to it quicker and put it out ourselves.

Hathcock said yes and hopefully we are working to eliminate the problem before it even begins.

Commissioner Daily asked if employees are going to be trained to operate the fire truck.

Hathcock said yes.

Commissioner Daily said if Claflin Fire Department was supplying the training.

Casey Hubbard said he did not know.

Hathcock said Doug Hubbard did a quick training and said he would come back at any time. Hathcock said he knows several fire chiefs who have worked with those trucks who have offered to help.

Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.

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G. 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, 2021, it is suggested that it be extended for another year with Communications and the Attorney's Office sharing the expense.

Dena Popp, 911 Director, said they currently renew the maintenance contract annually and noted the contract ends November 30, 2021. Popp requested they extend the contract another year and said she is hoping to present a 3-year contract next year. The amount is \$8,928 with \$1,618 being paid by the County Attorney Office and the remaining \$7,310 paid by Communications.

Popp said anytime they have a major case, she typically makes the recordings and drops them electronically into a file that the County Attorney's Office can access. They then have direct access to them and can distribute them accordingly.

Commissioner Krier moved to approve the Maintenance Agreement with Voice Products Service through November 30, 2022, for a total cost of \$8,928.00. Cost to be paid as follows – \$7,310.00 through the 911 Tax Fund, Maintenance of Machinery and Equipment Line, 080-86-5460, and the remaining \$1,618.00 through the Attorney's Office Account of the General Fund, RMS/Software Maintenance-Diversion Line, 001-08-5610-06.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

H. COUNTY ENGINEER: Repair of Guardrail on FAS Bridge #495:

-FAS Bridge #495 crosses the flood control ditch west of Great Bend on West Barton County Road. On September 23, 2021, a vehicle severely damaged the guardrail on one corner of the bridge. Barry McManaman, County Engineer, received one quote to remove and replace the damaged rail and posts. The bid was submitted by J&J Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$13,110.00. Mr. McManaman will ask that the Commission approve payment using Capital Improvement Funds. Once the repairs are complete, efforts will be made to recover the repair costs from the driver's insurance company if possible.

Barry McManaman, County Engineer, said the only bidder was J&J Contractors, Inc. and asked for approval to proceed with the repairs.

Commissioner Daily asked if there was a chance that any of the costs would be covered by insurance. McManaman said they will make the efforts to do so.

Commissioner Esfeld moved to approve the \$13,110.00 quote from J&J Contractors, Inc. for the repair of the guardrail on FAS Bridge #495. Payment to be made from the Capital Improvement Fund, Building and Fixed Equipment – Road and Bridge Line, 071-00-6335. Any reimbursement received is to be deposited into the Capital Improvement Fund, Other Refunds and Reimbursements Line, 071-00-4585. Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

I. GOVERNMENT EXECUTIVE RECRUITMENT CONSULTANT:

-On October 12, 2021, the Commission entered into a Personal Services Agreement for County Administrator Search with Osenbaugh & Deardoff Consulting. After that time, the County was asked to make payment for services to Donald W. Osenbaugh, as shown on the W-9 for the business. Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor, will ask that the Commission amend the motion to accommodate that business.

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Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor, said Osenbaugh & Deardoff want all money to be paid to Osebaugh. For audit purposes and good record keeping, we would like to amend the motion to make clear that the county is paying Osenbaugh.

Commissioner Schartz moved that on October 12, 2021, the Commission approved the Personnel Services Agreement for the County Administrator Search with Osenbaugh & Deardoff Consulting. It was later determined the payment for services cannot be made to Osenbaugh & Deardoff Consulting. Therefore, I move to pay the contract cost, \$11,000.00, and related expenses from the General Fund, Other Contractual Services Line, 001-18-5465, to Donald W. Osenbaugh with Osenbaugh Consulting. Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.

IV. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

V. OTHER BUSINESS:

Commissioner – I want to encourage everyone to vote.

VI. ADJOURN.

Commissioner Schartz moved to adjourn at 10:18 A.M. Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk

James R. Daily, Chairman