

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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April 19, 2021

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 19th day of April 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)
Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner, 5th District
Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk
Phil Hathcock, County Administrator
Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor

Members absent:

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

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

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

Roll Call taken by County Clerk.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Minutes of the April 12, 2021, Regular Meeting were not available.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

A. COUNTY CLERK / ELECTION OFFICE: Purchase of Voting Equipment:

-The current electronic poll pads have reached end-of-life. These poll pads are used at the voting precincts and in the Clerk's Office to process voters for voting. ES&S Election Systems & Software has a poll pad product that integrates with the ES&S electronic voting equipment and ES&S ELVIS Voter Registration database. Fifteen additional ExpressVote ballot marking devices are also quoted. The additional equipment should help to expedite lines of voters on Election Day. The cost for all equipment includes installation, training and 1 year warranty. It is anticipated this expenditure may be reclassified to American Rescue Plan Act monies.

Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk, said the current electronic poll books have reached end-of-life and need replaced. The Clerk's Office found an ES&S product that integrates with their current voting equipment and the statewide voter registration software. In addition, they also quoted additional ExpressVote electronic ballot marking devices to help expedite lines of voters due to COVID. Zimmerman said it is hoped the expense can be reclassified to the American Rescue Plan Act.

Commissioner Krier moved to approve the purchase of ES&S Election Systems & Software electronic ExpressVote voting equipment and ExpressPoll Tablets. Authorize the \$95,915.00 payment for said equipment to be made from the Equipment Replacement Fund, General Line, 072-00-6380. Direct the County Clerk to include the warranty cost in the annual budget as necessary.

Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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PROCLAMATION 2021-08: National Crime Victims' Rights Week:

-In recognition of National Crime Victims' Rights Week, the County Attorney's Office has requested that the Commission adopt Proclamation 2021-08. The week of April 18 – 24, 2021, has been selected to reaffirm the County's commitment to respect and enforce victims' rights and address their needs during Crime Victims' Rights Week and throughout the year.

Camila Komarek, Victim Advocate, said this year they emphasize their vision of reaching all victims with a theme of support victims, build trust, engage communities with an emphasis on the importance of leveraging community support to help victims of crime. In 2020, the County Attorney's Office prosecuted 490 criminal cases, 1,500 traffic cases, and 44 juvenile offender cases with 229 new victims in 2020. Komarek said she made 2,916 contacts with victims of crime in Barton County in 2020. Komarek read the proclamation.

Commissioner Schartz moved to adopt Proclamation 2021-08, National Crime Victims' Rights Week. Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.

C. CENTRAL KANSAS COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS: Fiscal Year 2022 Comprehensive Plan Submission:

-The Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC) requires submitting a Comprehensive Plan (grant application) each year. This document requires the review and approval of the Barton County Commissioners, as the Administrative County for the District to which the plan pertains. The plan includes a funding request of \$510,344.14 for program operations and \$55,350.00 for Behavioral Health.

Amy Boxberger, CKCC Director, said the plan sets out their goals and objectives for the next year which begins July 1. They look at what are the themes of the people who successfully completed the programs and what are the trends for those who went to prison. Boxberger reported they had 202 closures, 38 were revoked and 164 were not revoked. Offering behavioral services in collaboration with The Center for Counseling and funding for indigent offenders who cannot afford it. Working to change the trajectory of offenders and stop family members following in the same path. Boxberger noted they requested \$24,000 for Behavioral Health last year.

Commissioner Schartz said it seems the state is continually forcing you to do more with less and asked if there is any more money. Boxberger said there is a funding formula and said they were able to partner with Sue Cooper who was able to submit a federal grant.

Commissioner Esfeld moved to approve the Community Corrections Comprehensive Plan and Behavioral Health Request for the Fiscal Year 2022 for Central Kansas Community Corrections and approve its submission to the Kansas Department of Corrections.

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

D. JUVENILE SERVICES: 2022 Budget Approval:

-The Juvenile Services Department requests approval of the 2022 Fiscal Budget as prepared by Marissa Woodmansee, Juvenile Services Director. The budget has been prepared based on figures provided by the Kansas Department of Corrections - Juvenile Services. The budget includes \$635,847.82 for Juvenile Services, \$160,391.19 for evidence-based programs and \$128,313.00 in reinvestment funds.

Marissa Woodmansee, Juvenile Services Director, said they are in year five of juvenile reform. Their program used to be back-end heavy with approximately 50 youth incarcerated or in out-of-home placements five years ago. Woodmansee reported they average about 500 intakes a year and are steady at 366 this year. They are making efforts to ensure the right juveniles are detained.

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Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the 2022 Budget. Direct Marissa Woodmansee to submit said budget to the Kansas Department of Corrections – Juvenile Services.
Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

E. COVID UPDATE:

-Karen Winkelman, Health Director, will provide the Commission with an update on COVID-19 and Health Department Operations.

Karen Winkelman, Health Director, said on Thursday Dr. Lee Norman announced we are on day 450 of incident command and noted incident command typically lasts 24-72 hours. Winkelman said the Health Department has had to limit services in the past 454 days, but never discontinued services. The number of positive cases is at 2,500 with 7 active positive cases. COVID testing is done by schedule where it was initially done daily. Looking to discontinue COVID testing as a scheduled opportunity. So far, they have administered 9,585 doses of vaccine with 5,008 prime 4,095 boost and 483 doses Johnson & Johnson. Winkelman said they have conducted drive-thru's at their parking lot, at the EXPO and the last two at Brit Spaugh Park. The demand of the testing and vaccinations has decreased.

Winkelman reported the decrease in COVID related services allows them to look to pre-COVID services. Will have walk-in services for all services now. COVID testing will now be conducted on an as needed basis. Drive-thru COVID vaccinations are now on hold. The public will now have more access to vaccine by offering it at the Health Department. An open vial of Moderna now lasts 12 hours versus 6 hours previously. People wanting the vaccine will need to call their office.

Commissioner Schartz said it appears they are moving to some kind of normalcy. Encourages Karen to w herself some time off as it is so very well deserved.

Commissioner Krier asked if we need to worry about 6-foot distance. Winkelman said it is one of the tools in the toolbox.

Commissioner Schartz asked if we know how many doses the pharmacies have administered. Winkelman said they only have data on their clients. It is entered into the same system, but they do not have access to that data.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked if the vaccine is effective against the variants. Winkelman said they continue to do studies, but to some extent it is. Hutchinson asked for those who have had COVID if the protection was the same as with the vaccine. Winkelman said initially they said you had 60 days and have stretched it to 90 days possible immunity. Winkelman said she has seen some cases in our community where individuals had a second case of COVID within six months.

Commissioner Krier said there may be a third shot for Pfizer as a booster. Winkelman said both Moderna and Pfizer are looking at a third boost dose. Pfizer has a very limited storage time frame. Winkelman said they are looking to raise the EUA (Emergency Use Authorization) Right to 12 years of age where now it is 18 years for Moderna.

Information Only. No Action Required.

IV. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

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OTHER BUSINESS:

- Comm Krier: Would like to add to the study session an item about Barton County becoming a 2nd amendment sanctuary county.
- Comm Krier: Would also like to add the United States' 30x30 plan to the study session.

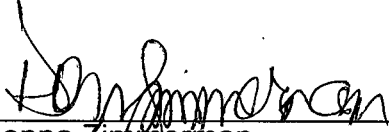
VI. ADJOURN.

Commissioner Schartz moved to adjourn at 9:41 A.M.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk



Shawn Hutchinson, Chairman Pro-Tem

PROCLAMATION 2021-08

National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 18–24, 2021

WHEREAS, being a victim of crime and navigating the criminal justice system can be a frightening and confusing experience; and

WHEREAS, progress in improving the treatment of crime victims has been made through the efforts of thousands of victims and survivors who have turned their own experiences into a force for positive change, ensuring that others can receive justice, meaningful assistance, and compassionate treatment before the law; and

WHEREAS, since the passage of the Victims of Crime Act of 1984, and through the dedicated work of advocates, lawmakers, and victim service providers, there is a growing array of services and resources available to victims and their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, honoring the rights of victims—including the rights to be heard and to be treated with fairness, dignity, and respect—and working to meet their needs rebuilds their trust in the criminal justice and social service systems; and

WHEREAS, individuals' trust in the compassion, understanding, and support of their communities is achieved through sustained, deep-rooted, and coordinated outreach; and

WHEREAS, identifying, reaching, and serving all victims of crime—especially those from groups that often have less access to healing services and avenues to justice—is essential; and

WHEREAS, our community's continued engagement with the challenges faced by victims of crime will ensure that the progress made to date is not lost, and that new ground is broken to gain greater justice and healing for all victims; and

WHEREAS, National Crime Victims' Rights Week provides an opportunity to recommit to ensuring that accessible, appropriate, and trauma-informed services are offered to all victims of crime; and

WHEREAS, the Barton County Attorney's Office is hereby dedicated to supporting victims and survivors in the aftermath of crime, building trust among our clients, collaborating with other service providers, and engaging our community in response efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, that the week of April 18-24, 2021, is National Crime Victims' Rights Week; and

FURTHER, that Barton County reaffirms its commitment to respect and enforce victims' rights and address their needs during Crime Victims' Rights Week and throughout the year; and

FURTHER, we express our appreciation for those victims and crime survivors who have turned personal tragedy into a motivating force to improve our response to victims of crime and build a more just community.

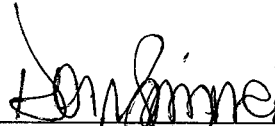
Dated this 19th day of April, 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

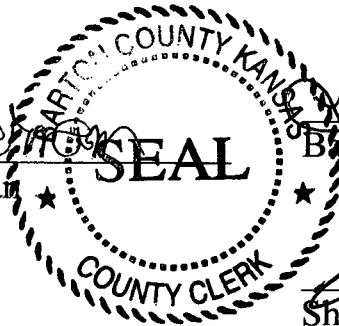
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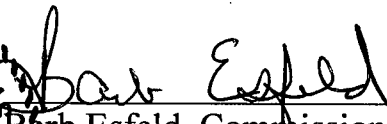
James R. Daily, Chairman

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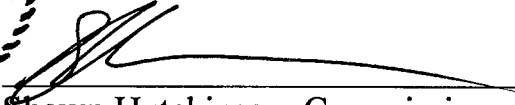


Donna Zimmerman
County Clerk





Barb Esfeld, Commissioner



Shawn Hutchinson, Commissioner



Kirby Krier, Commissioner



Jennifer Scharz, Commissioner