

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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January 4, 2021

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 4th day of January 2021, at the Barton County Courthouse.

Members present:

Kirby Krier, Commissioner, 1st District
Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner, 2nd District
James R. Daily, Commissioner, 4th District (Chairman Pro-Tem)
Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner, 5th District Chairman
Bev Schmeidler, Assistant Deputy County Clerk
Phil Hathcock, County Administrator
Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor

Members attending via Teams®:

Don Davis, Commissioner, 3rd District
Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

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

Roll Call taken by County Clerk.

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

Commissioner Daily moved to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2020 and the December 21, 2020, Regular Meetings. Minutes of the December 28, 2020, Regular Meeting were not available.
Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

II. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS: (should be listed as 13th Month – 1ST Run)

-An Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of December 21, 2020, and ending December 31, 2020.

Commissioner Daily moved to approve the appropriations for the period of December 21, 2020, to December 31, 2020 and authorize the Chair to sign on behalf of the Commission.
Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

III. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:

-An Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of January 1, 2021, and ending January 4, 2021.

Commissioner Davis moved to approve the appropriations for the period of January 1, 2021, to January 4, 2021 and authorize the Chair to sign on behalf of the Commission.
Commissioner Daily seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

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A. COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE: Request for Approval – Added / Abated / Escaped / Refunded Taxes:

-Bev Schmeidler, Deputy County Clerk, will present a listing of Added / Abated / Escaped / Refunded Taxes. Orders for these actions are kept on file in the County Clerk's Office. These are used to correct assessments and are requested by the County Appraiser's Office or the County Clerk's Office.

Bev Schmeidler, Deputy County Clerk, presented the following tax roll adjustments:

BATCH #2				
Property Types	Values	Escaped Taxes	Added / Abated	Refunds
Gas				
Oil	-44,852		-\$2,019.38	\$2,053.66
Personal Property	-27,069		-\$4,362.96	\$6.02
Real Estate	-17,135		-\$2,642.96	\$525.13
16/20 M Trucks			-\$,434.94	\$217.47
State Assessed Utilities				
Special Assessments				
Grand Totals	-89,056		-\$9,460.24	\$2,802.28
Total Taxes	-\$9,460.24			
Total Records Selected	42			

Commissioner Krier asked what are escaped taxes. Barb Esfeld, former County Appraiser, said escaped means something that was not on the rolls before.

Commissioner Krier moved to approve the Listing of Added / Abated / Escaped / Refunded Taxes as reviewed by the County Appraiser and presented by the County Clerk's Office. Direct the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.

Commissioner Daily seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES FOR COUNTY FUNDS:

-A designation of Barton County financial institutions as official depositories comes before the Commission. Such institutions must meet the 100% pledged securities requirement for all County funds. According to County Resolution 2017-16, all depositories must provide to the County Treasurer and the Financial Officer proof of security for these funds whenever such information is requested. Jim Jordan, County Treasurer, will present details.

Jim Jordan, County Treasurer, said this was the annual designation of official depositories for the county funds. Jordan explained there have been two banks added to the list this year: Central National Bank and Plains State Bank and asked for approval of the list.

Commissioner Daily said that he assumed the same amount of money was not put into each bank. Jordan said that was a correct assumption and noted a lot of the banks do not want money these days because interest rates are so low.

Commissioner Daily said he would think it was pretty fluid and that if a CD matures, it could be moved from one institution to another. Jordan said yes and that they run all their CD's every six months due to the changes where the Feds raise and lower rates and noted it gives them more flexibility.

Commissioner Schartz said just because there was a lengthy list did not mean that there was money in every one of them. Jordan said that was correct.

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Commissioner Daily moved to approve the list of depositories for 2021:

American State Bank, Great Bend
Bank of the West, Great Bend
Central National Bank, Great Bend
Community Bank / Peoples Bank & Trust, Great Bend / Ellinwood
Farmers Bank and Trust, Albert / Great Bend
First Kansas Bank, Great Bend / Hoisington / Claflin
Landmark National Bank, Hoisington / Great Bend
Plains State Bank, Great Bend
Sunflower Bank, Ellinwood / Great Bend
Wilson State Bank, Hoisington
Municipal Investment Pool

Commissioner Krier asked for an explanation of the Municipal Investment Pool. Jordan said it was a fund in Topeka they used to keep the banks honest.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

VI. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements 2. Appointments

VII. OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business.

VIII. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Kruckenberg moved to adjourn at 9:09 A.M.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:


Bev Schmeidler
Barton County Assistant Deputy Clerk


Jennifer Scharz, Chairman