

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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March 8, 2021

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 8th day of March 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
Phil Hathcock, County Administrator
Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

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

Roll Call taken by County Clerk.

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 March 1, 2021, Regular Meeting.
Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

A. EMERGENCY RISK MANAGEMENT: Proclamation of a State of Local Disaster Emergency for Barton County, Kansas:

-Beginning February 12, 2021, Barton County experienced damages as a result of the winter weather, to include arctic temperatures, dangerous wind chills and snow. In an effort to participate in recovery efforts, the County Commission has been asked to sign a Disaster Proclamation.

Amy Miller, Barton County Emergency Management Director, said the State of Kansas realizes after an event has happened that they need to collect damage dollars from all the counties. The disaster proclamation covers any response efforts and other protective actions anyone may have had in response to the cold weather and snow.

Commissioner Schartz asked if we knew if there would be any money available. Miller said the county must meet an estimated \$106,000 threshold. The state must meet \$4.4 million in order to trigger a Federal Disaster Declaration. Miller said FEMA does not currently reimburse any operational costs such as gas and electric. Schartz said this is for physical damage and not utilities.

Commissioner Esfeld said HB 88 may be more geared to cities. Miller said that was correct.

Commissioner Krier asked how long they had to collect the damage amounts. Miller said she requested the information by end of business on Friday. Miller said she has only heard from a couple of cities and

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The Road and Bridge Department so far. Krier asked about businesses such as livestock. Miller said businesses do not submit dollars lost in disaster declarations.

Commissioner Esfeld moved to adopt the Proclamation of a State of Local Disaster Emergency for Barton County, Kansas, for the extreme cold period that began February 12, 2021.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Schartz asked Esfeld about HB 88. Esfeld asked Patrick Hoffman about the relief portion of it. Hoffman said they are taking some of the state's idle funds to cover extreme losses. Esfeld said she heard the loans will be over a 10-year period. Esfeld said she believes there will be some relief for livestock as well.

B. MEMORIAL PARKS: Mowing Services Proposal:

-The County accepted proposals for mowing the two County-owned Memorial Parks until 2:00 pm, February 23, 2021. Both Memorial Parks must be mowed and kept trimmed to maintain a grass height no higher than 3", with special consideration for holidays. It is anticipated the mowing will be required from April to October each year. Monies have been included in the Cemetery Budget for this anticipated expense.

Darren Williams, County Works Director, said the county received two proposals for the two parks from one contractor and noted this was the only bid.

Commissioner Daily asked if he has bid it before. Williams said yes, he has mowed it for the past 8-10 years.

Commissioner Krier moved to award the Mowing Services Proposal to J & J Construction Co. for 2021, 2022 and 2023 for a cost of \$10,570.00 per year. That cost is to be paid through the Cemetery Budget, Maintenance of Buildings, Grounds and Improvements Line, 004-02-5515-98.

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

C. COMMUNICATIONS: Renewal of Active 911 Subscription:

-Active911 is a digital messaging system that delivers alarms, maps and other critical information instantly to first responders. Active911 also allows response efforts to be monitored in real time. Used by municipal emergency responders throughout Barton County, Communications has historically covered the cost for all users. Dena Popp, 911 Director, will ask that the Commission authorize renewal of services with a municipal cost share.

Dena Popp, 911 Director, said the previous 911 director purchased Active911 in 2015 with 190 seats at a cost of \$10.25 per seat. Additional subscriptions have been added since that time. In 2021 they hosted 250 seats. The cost is now \$12.25 per seat. Last February they discussed asking the agencies to reimburse the county for subscriptions over a certain amount. You have three options before you, the first option will allow them eight seats, the second option allows for ten seats or you can choose to pay for the subscription in full. There is one local vendor that is not financially feasible since their price has tripled.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked Chris Komarek how many subscriptions they use. Komarek said everyone in the department for a total of 24. They have 16 EMS employees and 25 on the Fire Department. Some of the employees share and has about 8 people who are on both departments. Have 32-35 total. Popp said for clarification, if employees are on multiple departments, they can get on the second department at no extra cost.

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Commissioner Hutchinson said a reason he ran for this position was to get the county and city to work more closely together. Hutchinson said he prefers option two.

Commissioner Daily asked Komarek if they have funding to pay for their share. Komarek said absolutely. A couple hundred dollars will not make much difference.

TEN SEATS*

AGENCY	CURRENT SEATS	COUNTY PROVIDED SEATS - \$12.25 each	ADDITIONAL SEATS REQUESTED	COST OF ADDITIONAL SEATS
10 SEATS				
Great Bend PD	22	\$ 122.50	12	\$ 147.00
Great Bend Fire / EMS	33	\$ 245.00	13	\$ 159.25
Ellinwood EMS	15	\$ 122.50	5	\$ 61.25
Ellinwood Fire	18	\$ 122.50	8	\$ 98.00
Ellinwood PD		\$ 122.50		
Hosington Fire	14	\$ 122.50	4	\$ 49.00
Hosington EMS	11	\$ 122.50	1	\$ 12.25
Hosington PD		\$ 122.50		
Claffin FD / EMS (2 agencies)	31	\$ 245.00	11	\$ 134.75
Claffin PD		\$ 122.50		
Albert FD	14	\$ 122.50	4	\$ 49.00
Beaver FD	17	\$ 122.50	7	\$ 85.75
Barton SO	22	\$ 122.50	12	\$ 147.00
911	15	\$ 122.50	5	\$ 61.25
BTCO	9	\$ 122.50		
Galatia FD		\$ 122.50		
Olmitz FD		\$ 122.50		
Pawnee Rock FD		\$ 122.50		
TOTAL	221	\$ 2,450.00	82	\$ 1,004.50

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to continue services with Active911. The cost of 269 seats, calculated at \$3,318.81, is to be paid from the 911 Fund, Professional Service Fees Line, 080-86-5475. Direct Ms. Popp to bill area municipal emergency providers for additional seats over the allocated ten slots at an estimated cost of \$1,004.50. Re-imbursments to be credited to the 911 Tax Fund, Other Refunds and Reimbursments Line, 080-00-4585.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

Commissioner Krier asked Dena Popp if she has plenty of money to pay the cost. Popp said yes. All voted aye. Motion passed.

IV. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

- Jon Prescott: A couple of weeks ago, on behalf of their leadership team, expressed his appreciation for Phil Hathcock and Karen Winkelman for coming out to their facility on a holiday in sub-zero weather to provide vaccinations for their clients. Their clients wanted to express their appreciation as well.
- Sunflower clients Leon and Thelma on behalf of those present presented Phil Hathcock with gifts for both he and Karen.

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OTHER BUSINESS:

- Comm Krier: Thanked Dena Popp and the 911 employees for coming out to the EXPO and helping with the vaccinations. Also thanked Commissioner Hutchinson for coming out and getting the music set-up.
- Don Paden: Thanked the nurses for the shots and said he hardly felt anything.

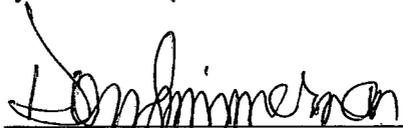
VI. ADJOURN.

Commissioner Schartz moved to adjourn at 9:22 A.M.

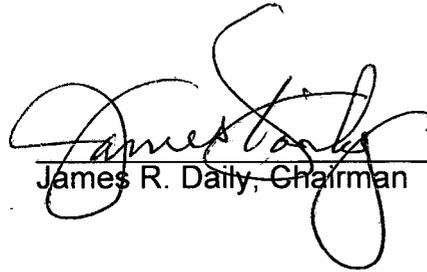
Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk



James R. Daily, Chairman

**PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY
For Barton County, Kansas**

WHEREAS, on the 8th day of March, 2021, the Board of Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas found that certain conditions had caused, or eminently threatened to cause wide-spread or severe damage, injury or loss of life or property in disaster proportion in Barton County, Kansas;

WHEREAS, Barton County within its borders experienced conditions due to a winter storm with dangerous wind chills, a long-duration period of cold and snow, which created obstructions that endangered the health, safety and welfare of persons and property, beginning on February 14, 2021 through February 28, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas:

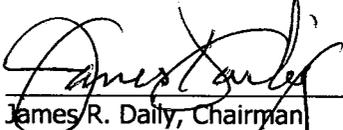
That the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, under and by virtue of the authority vested in it by K.S.A. 1976 Supp. 48 932, does hereby **PROCLAIM** that a State of Local Disaster Emergency exists.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED AND PROCLAIMED that the area within the borders of Barton County, Kansas covered by this declaration of local disaster emergency encompasses the entire area of Barton County, Kansas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Board has all rights and/or powers to perform such functions as are vested in said Board by and through the provisions of the Kansas Emergency Preparedness Act of 1975 and amendments thereto.

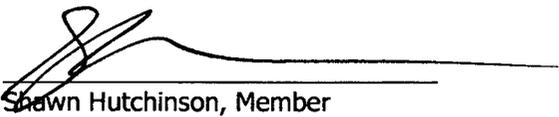
RESOLVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Barton County Commissioners this 8th day of March, 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


James R. Dally, Chairman

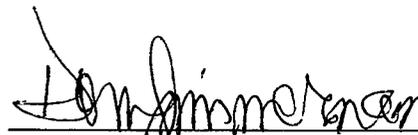

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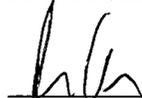

Jennifer Scharz, Member

ATTEST:


Donna Zimmerman
County Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Patrick Hoffman
County Counselor