

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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May 10, 2021

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 10th day of May 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 May 3, 2021, Regular Meeting.
Commissioner Krier 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 April 26, 2021, and ending May 10, 2021.

Commissioner Esfeld moved to approve appropriations for the period of April 26, 2021, to May 10, 2021 and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.
Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. RESOLUTION 2021-10: Appointment of County Appraiser:

-Per Kansas statute, an Appraiser must be appointed for a four-year term every fourth year following July 1, 1993. Wendy Prosser, currently serving as County Appraiser, was appointed to a term beginning December 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021. At this time, the Commission will consider the appointment of Ms. Prosser to a full term as Barton County Appraiser through the adoption of the proposed Resolution and an employment agreement for said position.

Phil Hathcock, County Administrator, said Wendy Prosser was appointed in December following the retirement of Barb Esfeld and noted she has done a wonderful job the past few months.

Commissioner Esfeld said Wendy does an excellent job and is excited to see the office moving forward.

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Commissioner Schartz said she attributes the office moving forward due to good planning by Barb Esfeld.

Commissioner Krier moved to adopt Resolution 2021-10, Appointment of County Appraiser. Further, move to approve the Employment Agreement between Barton County and Wendy Prosser for the position of County Appraiser.

Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: Request for Proposal – Health Department Camera Project:

-Barton County applied for the ELC COVID-19 Expanded Infrastructure Grant. Part of this grant included surveillance cameras for the exterior of the Health Department facility. The Information Technology Department, utilizing Vendor Registry, accepted bids for this project that includes Axis exterior cameras, licensing and accessories. Bids were accepted until noon, April 27, 2021.

Dereck Hollingshead, Information Technology Director, presented the following bids and noted the low bid was provided by Howard Tech which is a company out of Mississippi.

Howard Tech	\$3,561.00	
Nex-Tech	\$3,763.86	(5.70% higher)
Cam-Dex	\$4,056.00	(13.90% higher)
CPCS	\$4,099.25	(15.12% higher)
OPI	\$4,135.08	(16.12% higher)

Commissioner Hutchinson said going 5.7% higher to get a local bid is well worth it. Plus, the local vendor pays taxes in Barton County.

Commissioner Krier moved to award the Request for Proposal – Health Department Camera Project to Nex-Tech. Cost of the project, \$3,763.86, to be paid from the Health Fund, Equipment Line, 006-73-6165. Reimbursement from the ELC COVID-19 Expanded Infrastructure Grant to be deposited in the Health Department Fund, ELC Grant Line, 006-00-4803.

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

C. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: Request for Proposal – Health Department Door Project:

-Barton County applied for the ELC COVID-19 Expanded Infrastructure Grant. Part of this grant included securing interior doors of the Health Department facility with card access. The Information Technology Department, utilizing Vendor Registry, accepted bids for this project that includes Salto Equipment, power supplies, wire and accessories. Bids were accepted until noon, April 27, 2021.

Dereck Hollingshead, Information Technology Director, presented the following bids:

Cam-Dex	\$11,401.00	
Nex-Tech	\$12,164.37	(6.70% higher)

Commissioner Schartz asked for the total grant award. Phil Hathcock, County Administrator, said the total was \$228,000.

Commissioner Hutchinson said Nex-Tech is 6%-7% higher but recommended going with the local vendor.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to award the Request for Proposal – Health Department Door Project to Nex-Tech. Cost of the project, \$12,164.37, to be paid from the Health Fund, Equipment Line, 006-73-6165. Reimbursement from the ELC COVID-19 Expanded Infrastructure Grant to be deposited in the Health Department Fund, ELC Grant Line, 006-00-4803.

Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: Request for Proposal – Health Department Power and Network Redundancy Equipment:

-Barton County applied for the ELC COVID-19 Expanded Infrastructure Grant. Part of this grant included equipment for power and network redundancy of the Health Department facility. The Information Technology Department, utilizing Vendor Registry, accepted bids for this project to include a UPS, additional battery, and network equipment, and accessories. Bids were accepted until noon, April 27, 2021.

Dereck Hollingshead, Information Technology Director, presented the following bids and noted CDWG was the low bid.

CDWG	\$8,355.64	
Nex-Tech	\$8,968.23	(7.33% higher)
OPI	\$9,618.40	(15.11% higher)
CPCS	\$9,667.98	(15.71% higher)

Commissioner Schartz said it appears we are receiving more bids now that we are using a different method of accepting proposals and said just because we are being contacted through the internet, does not mean they will be a good team player. Schartz said she is going to go with Commissioner Hutchinson and go with someone that we know to be a good team player.

Commissioner Esfeld moved to award the Request for Proposal – Power and Network Redundancy Equipment to Nex-Tech. Cost of the project, \$8,968.23, to be paid from the Health Fund, Equipment Line, 006-73-6165. Reimbursement from the ELC COVID-19 Expanded Infrastructure Grant to be deposited in the Health Department Fund, ELC Grant Line, 006-00-4803.

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Hutchinson thanked the rest of the Commission for supporting him on buying local.

E. COVID UPDATE:

-The Commission will receive an update on COVID-19 operations.

Karen Winkelman, Health Director, said they have now administered 10,210 doses with 138 being within the last week. Winkelman said they administered 27 doses at the Cinco de Mayo event last weekend and have administered a few doses of Pfizer to the 16–18-year-old population. In the last week, there have been seven new positive cases with five active quarantine recommendations as of this morning with probably more to be added. Winkelman reported they tested five persons. There is a total of 2,511 positives with 48 deaths reported by KDHE which is a less than 5% positivity rate. 39.2% of Kansans have received at least one dose. In Barton County, 32% have received at least one dose. Of the eligible population in Barton County, we are at 40.4% for one dose and at 35.2% for two doses. To date, we have not had any variants reported yet. The next Saturday vaccine distribution will be at the June Jaunt event. Winkelman said, since March 1st, we have had 39 positive cases (2 yrs-91 years). Four persons have had COVID twice. One person was positive after having been fully vaccinated with hardly any symptoms. The highest age group of positive cases in Kansas is 18-44 years, which is about 46% of the total cases. Winkelman said we need to talk about our own vaccination status. In the fall, she decided to be a part of a clinical study. They did a thorough physical study to determine she was a good candidate. Sent home with swabs to collect specimens. Winkelman said she was the second person in Barton County to be vaccinated. Feels her early participation in the study is what helped her to not contract COVID. They are talking about boosters at this point, but do not know when they will be available. Winkelman said she will get the booster and noted she has seen some really sick people. Need to respect people who choose not to vaccinate but need to have those conversations.

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Commissioner Daily asked what the CDC is saying now regarding the wearing of masks. Winkelman said there may always be instances where wearing masks might be warranted, such as in crowds, not feeling well or if immune compromised.

Information Only. No Action Required.

V. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business.

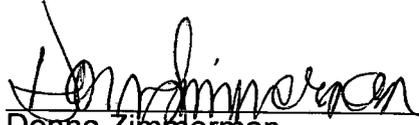
VII. ADJOURN.

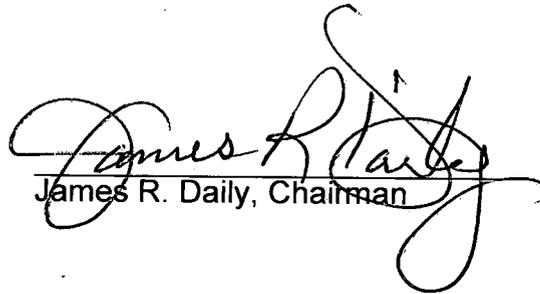
Commissioner Hutchinson moved to adjourn at 9:25 A.M.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:


Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk


James R. Daily, Chairman

RESOLUTION 2021-10

APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY APPRAISER

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, is directed by K.S.A. 19-430 to appoint a County Appraiser every fourth year following July 1, 1993; and

WHEREAS, said County Appraiser, in keeping with K.S.A. Chapter 19, Article 4 shall be appointed for a period of four years.

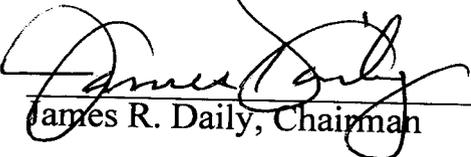
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, finds that Wendy Prosser is a Kansas Registered Mass Appraiser, and being qualified as such, is hereby appointed as the Barton County Appraiser for a term commencing July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2025.

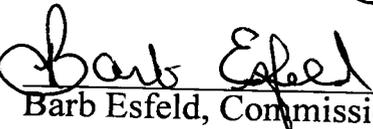
FURTHER, said appointed County Appraiser shall perform the duties of the office of County Appraiser in keeping with K.S.A. Chapter 19, Article 4 and K.S.A. Chapter 79, Article 14, and any subsequent revisions of these statutes.

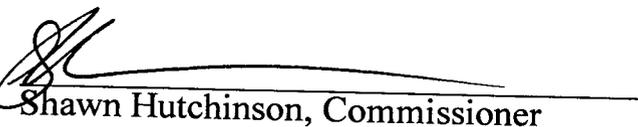
FURTHER, said appointed County Appraiser shall comply with the provisions of the Barton County Employees Handbook as approved by the Commission.

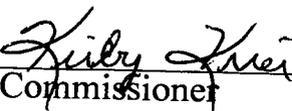
Dated this 10th day of May, 2021.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
BARTON COUNTY, KANSAS**


James R. Daily, Chairman

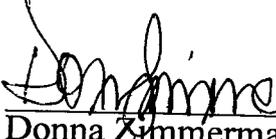

Barb Esfeld, Commissioner


Shawn Hutchinson, Commissioner


Kirby Krier, Commissioner


Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor