

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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September 28, 2021

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 28th day of September 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

NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PROGRAM PUBLIC HEARING 9:00 a.m.

-This Public Hearing is being held to receive comments on the Barton County Neighborhood Revitalization Plan. This plan is intended as a cooperative effort with area taxing districts to promote the revitalization and development of Barton County by stimulating new construction, rehabilitation, conservation, or redevelopment within Barton County.

Wendy Prosser, County Appraiser, said the cities of Great Bend, Ellinwood, Hoisington and Claflin currently have programs that are due to expire December 31, 2021. The cities worked with the county to develop a county-wide plan that would cover the areas outside of the cities as well. Prosser explained the program is a tax rebate on properties that qualify based on eligibility. Prosser said for residential and agricultural property, a minimum of \$10,000 must be invested and must improve the property's overall assessed value by 5%. Commercial properties require a minimum investment of \$20,000 and must increase the assessed value by 10%.

Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor, said the taxpayer gets a rebate on property taxes and noted potentially all taxing entities could participate. Hoffman said they will attempt to talk to all taxing entities about participating. The county will be the first entity to adopt the plan. The county-wide plan will expire in 10 years.

Prosser said the goal is to encourage new construction, rehabilitate, and redevelop areas. The taxing entities will not be giving away tax dollars that are already there but delaying new taxes from new or improved properties. If the plan is adopted, the plan will need to be approved by the Kansas Attorney General.

Commissioner Schartz asked if the plan will be uniform across the county. Prosser said there are four target areas. Target Area 1 covers all of Barton County except certain areas and is a 10-year rebate. Target Area 2 is the west part of Great Bend with a 5-year rebate. Target Area 3 covers Hoisington with a 10-year plan and Target 4 covers Claflin with an 8-year rebate. The intent is for the plan to be in effect January 1, 2022.

Kendal Francis, Great Bend City Administrator, asked if the plan would go to the state for approval prior to presenting to the other taxing entities. Hoffman said they would get the interlocal agreements in place prior to submitting to the Attorney General. Hoffman estimated it would take 60 days. Prosser said the Attorney General has been known to make the plan retroactive.

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Commissioner Krier asked if someone owns a lot and builds a house on it, is the lot included in the rebate. Prosser said no, the rebate is only calculated on the new construction or rehabilitation of existing property.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked what the procedure is if we get kick back from the state. Hoffman said we would adjust the plan and re-submit. Prosser said she would like to go ahead and take applications, if there was an issue then when approved they would be able to move forward with the rebate.

At 9:18 A.M. Commissioner Esfeld moved to close the Neighborhood Revitalization Program Public Hearing.

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

Commissioner Daily called the meeting to order at 9:18 A.M.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Krier moved to consider the minutes of the September 14, 2021, Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Minutes of September 21, 2021, Regular Meeting were not available.

II. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:

-An Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of September 14, 2021 and ending September 28, 2021.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to approve the appropriations for the period of September 14, 2021, to September 28, 2021 and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF EMPLOYMENT: Gary Demel, Road and Bridge Foreman:

-Gary Demel, Shop Foreman, has worked at the Barton County Road and Bridge Department since 1971. Before being promoted to that position in 1988, he served as a driver, mechanic, and welder. Darren Williams, County Works Director, will ask that the Commission recognize Gary Demel for faithfully serving County citizens for 50 years.

Darren Williams, County Works Director, said Gary Demel has worked for Road and Bridge since 1971 and to put this in perspective, a new house cost \$25,200, the average income was \$10,600, a new car was \$3,500, gas was 40 cents a gallon, a stamp was 8 cents, and a loaf of bread was 25 cents. Williams said when Demel started on September 8, 1971, he was making about \$935 a month or \$5.85 per hour and noted they currently hire temporary summer help at \$12.50 per hour.

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Commissioner Krier said Demel is an amazing individual and very well respected.
Commissioner Esfeld said she heard he also served our country.

Gary Demel, Road and Bridge Foreman said he was drafted in 1972 and because he had previously worked for the county, he returned after six years of military service. Demel said he stays because every day is an adventure, and he gets to fix the problems.

Commissioner Esfeld asked Demel's advice for staying in a job for that long. Demel said after his fourth child was born, he almost went to work for a company that went bankrupt. The county raised his wages, so he was able to stay. Demel said he is looking forward to a very good retirement but is still here because it's fun. More fun now that he is past 65. Problems don't seem to be as big now.

Commissioner Daily said 50 years of dedication is something you don't see often. Demel said he is fortunate he has very good health. Demel suggested people should surround themselves with young people. They make you feel young.

Commissioner Krier moved to recognize Gary Demel, Road and Bridge Foreman, for 50 years of employment with Barton County.

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. PROCLAMATION 2021-15: National 4-H Week:

-4-H, as delivered by area Cooperative Extension agencies, has helped thousands of youth become confident, independent, resilient, and compassionate leaders. By declaring October 3 – 9, 2021, as National 4-H Week, the Commission will encourage all citizens to recognize 4-H for the significant impact it makes by empowering youth with the skills they need to lead for a lifetime. Michelle Beran, Cottonwood Extension District – Barton County, will be joined by area youth in presenting the proposed Proclamation.

Michelle Beran, Cottonwood Extension District – Barton County, presented a Clover packet to the Commission. Beran said during this past year, they held a successful drive-up barbeque fundraiser, a virtual 4-H Achievement banquet and a club day. Fourteen youth and six counselors attend the Rock Springs camp. Although this is about half of the general attendance, it was good to have them there. Appreciates the work the Barton County Fair Association as well as the city and county crews do to help to put this show on. Invited the commission to their annual 4-H barbeque on October 10th at the 4-H Fair Grounds with both dine-in and drive-thru.

Commissioner Schartz moved to adopt Proclamation 2021-15, National 4-H Week.

Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

C. JOINT PROCLAMATION 2021-16: A Proclamation in Support of Manufacturing (MFG) Day:

-Manufacturing Day (MFG Day) is held on the first Friday in October in order to provide students, parents, and the public with information on modern manufacturing. This year, there is a strong emphasis on engaging digital and virtual events throughout the country as manufacturing careers are at the heart of some of the most impactful work being done in response to the pandemic. Megan Barfield, President / CEO, Great Bend Chamber of Commerce, will ask that the Commission join the City of Great Bend in adopting a Proclamation in support of Manufacturing (MFG) Day.

Megan Barfield, Great Bend Chamber of Commerce President/CEO, said she wanted to thank Karen Winkelman for reaching out to her while her 19-year-old son had COVID. Barfield said Karen encouraged her to get him reevaluated. They did and learned her son had COVID pneumonia.

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Barfield said this is the third year for Manufacturing Day and noted Mark Chalfant from Fuller Brush brought this to them. The whole idea is to invite communities to celebrate the backbone of our communities. Barfield said this is an effort to connect people with manufacturing jobs. We are partnering initially with USD 428 and the college to help bridge that gap. There are ten participating manufacturers. Coordinating tours every Wednesday in October for participants. Utilizing smaller groups due to COVID and also because smaller groups help facilitate questions. First year took JAGS students to Great Bend Industries, Fuller Brush, and Eldridge Fencing. Wally Eldridge said they ended up having two high-school students come out and apply for jobs.

The ten participating manufacturers are:

- Primus Sterilizer
- Sunflower Diversified Services
- Fuller Industries
- T&C Manufacturing
- Eldridge Fencing
- Dry Lake Brewing
- Superior Essex
- South Bend Industrial Hemp
- K & W Loaders
- Doonan Specialized Trailer

Sponsors include:

- Kansas Manufacturing Solutions
- Hutton
- Landmark National Bank

Barfield said Kansas WorkforceONE and the Great Bend Economic Development are also partnering. They will take photos and videos of each plant to let people know what it would be like to work at each of the facilities. Asking the county and city to do a joint proclamation. Barfield said the event will culminate at the Building Bridges Event on November 3rd.

Commissioner Esfeld moved to adopt Proclamation 2021-16, A Proclamation in Support of Manufacturing (MFG) Day.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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.

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, said there is a total of \$600,000 allocated to this program with \$400,325.62 remaining. Boots Wine Bar LLC is located at their newly purchased building at 2022 Forest Avenue. The total project expenditures are over \$100,000 and are requesting \$20,000 in funding for awnings, windows, and a lot of other work. The contractor is Kustom Floor Designs.

Commissioner Hutchinson said this is in our consumption district. Cooper said there will also be a new doorway added for entry to the six new suites that are planned on the upper level.

Commissioner Schartz said to have six projects in such a small area is huge. Cooper said the commission wanted to create a visual impact and saturating this area will help accomplish that.

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Commissioner Krier moved to approve the Façade Improvement Grant for **Boots Wine Bar, LLC** 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 second application is for Hammond, Inc. at 1205 Main Street. The project cost is roughly \$51,000 and requesting \$20,000. 1205 Main is left of A440 Music. Will include windows on the top level, more windows below, an awning, and doors. This is a 61.3% match.

Commissioner Hutchinson said it could be part of the open-air courtyard.

Commissioner Krier moved to approve the Façade Improvement Grant for **Hammond, Inc.** 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 third property is at 1213 Main Street for Hammond Inc. This project includes windows, doors, lighting, and a complete façade improvement. Cooper said there are several structural issues that must be addressed. The cost is \$70,000 and are requesting \$20,000 which is a 71.5% match.

Commissioner Schartz said the 1205 Main application will be a new business with multiple food service areas on the main level and guest room suites on the upper level. The 1213 Main project will have food vendors, retail clothing and guest hotel suites.

Commissioner Krier moved to approve the Façade Improvement Grant for **Hammond, Inc** 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 the fourth applicant is Hoisington Community Development Company Inc. located at 157 S. Main Street in Hoisington. The total project cost is \$18,500 and requesting \$13,875 which is a 25% match. Cooper said patrons might recognize it as the Mule Barn.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked if we wanted to give Jonathan Mitchell time to reach out to the neighboring owner. Cooper said those conversations are still in the works. Commissioner Hutchinson said they are asking them to redo their awning and potentially some signage for a little more visual impact.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to table the façade improvement grant for Hoisington Community Development Company Inc. for 30 days, anytime between now and 30 days if they come back.

Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Sue Cooper, Grant Coordinator, said the next application is from JJJM Investments, LLC located at 1318 Kansas Avenue. The total project cost is \$31,473.69 and are requesting \$20,000. Cooper said the building is occupied by Mizumi's. The project includes signage, backlighting, removal of the awning, painting, siding and the doors will be replaced with aluminum store front doors. Mpire is the contractor.

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Commissioner Hutchinson moved to approve the Façade Improvement Grant for **JJJM Investments, LLC** 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 sixth applicant is Kirmer Electric located at 214 Main Street in Claflin. They are replacing doors and windows. Total project cost is \$7,750.40 and requesting \$5,812.80.

Commissioner Hutchinson said project seven will tie in with project six and will give all of them a good facelift.

Commissioner Krier moved to approve the Façade Improvement Grant for **Kirmer Electric, LLC** for an award of \$5,812.80 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 project is Musgrove Petroleum, LLC located at 212 Main Street in Claflin and has two buildings on one parcel. Project cost is \$9,358.38 and requesting \$7,018.78, which is a 25% match. The project includes paint, entry door and awnings.

Commissioner Esfeld moved to approve the Façade Improvement Grant for **James C. Musgrove** for an award of \$7,018.78 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.

E. PREMIUM PAY FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES:

-In light of economic uncertainty for and increased risk to Barton County staff due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Commissioners discussed ways to fairly compensate affected employees. This retroactive premium pay schedule, heavily weighted toward lower income workers, includes non-elected, KPERS covered positions for persons employed with Barton County as of January 1, 2021. The proposed schedule includes a monthly proration factor for employees hired later in the year. If approved, it is anticipated that premium pay would be provided in December 2021.

Matt Patzner, Human Resources / Finance Director said these essential workers in critical infrastructure sectors who regularly perform in person work, interact with others at work or physically handle items handled by others. The proposed retroactive premium pay schedule is designed to be more heavily weighted towards lower income workers who may be more susceptible to the effects of the current economic climate. Patzner said they will calculate a monthly proration factor to workers hired after the first of the year.

Commissioner Krier said we need to retain the employees we have as it is very hard to find labor. We must make sure our employees are benefited and that we keep them.

Commissioner Schartz said not only is it difficult to find employees, but it is also costly to train them. This money has been put in place specifically for employees who have had difficulties due to the pandemic.

Commissioner Daily said we aren't paying our employees well enough. We have made a considerable step forward in increasing pay, but we are still behind. Although this is a one-time payment, hopefully this will help.

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Commissioner Krier said the commission is trying to bring the lower wage earners up. We know the people on the higher end work just as hard but are trying to keep the lower wage earners here.

Commissioner Hutchinson said what Commissioner Krier is saying is we are trying to keep the lower wage earners who are most likely to leave and could potentially make more elsewhere.

Commissioner Esfeld moved to approve the lump sum, retroactive premium pay and related KPERS employer contributions and payroll taxes for all Barton County, KPERS covered employees, excluding elected officials, in accordance with the schedule listed and prorated monthly for those employees hired after January 2021 and my motion is option 1 and would you like me to read those amounts.

Commissioner Daily said no.

OPTION 1

KPERS Covered Positions at least 40 hours per week	
<\$15.45 per hour	\$2,080.00
>\$15.45, <\$22.50 per hour	\$1,560.00
>\$22.50 per hour	\$1,040.00

KPERS Covered Positions less than 40 hours per week	
<\$15.45 per hour	\$1,040.00
>\$15.45, <\$22.50 per hour	\$780.00
>\$22.50 per hour	\$520.00

Cost not to exceed \$320,000 to be paid out of the ARPA Fund 906 if all American Rescue Plan Act approved expense criteria are met. Cost to be paid out of the General Fund 001 if any American Rescue Plan Act approved expense criteria are not met. These expenditures may be supported, in whole or in part by, the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, awarded to Barton County by the United States Department of the Treasury.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Esfeld exited the meeting.

F. RESOLUTION 2021-23: A Resolution Adopting the Barton County Neighborhood Revitalization Plan Effective January 1, 2022:

-The Commission received public comments on its cooperative effort with area taxing districts to promote the revitalization and development of Barton County by stimulating new construction, rehabilitation, conservation, or redevelopment through a Neighborhood Revitalization Plan. At this time, Wendy Prosser and Patrick Hoffman will ask that the Commission consider adoption of the Plan under Resolution 2021-23. If adopted, it would then be submitted to area taxing districts for review and approval.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to adopt Resolution 2021-23, A Resolution Adopting the Barton County Neighborhood Revitalization Plan Effective January 1, 2022.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

Commissioner Daily said we have a plan that encompasses everyone. Great Bend, Hoisington, Ellinwood and Claflin has a plan. What they are going to try to do is ratify their plan inside of ours correct.

Patrick Hoffman said there is a master plan that includes them.

Commissioner Daily asked can their plan work within the master plan.

Prosser said correct, we held a meeting to work through their needs.

Commissioner Daily said it clarifies for the folks living in those communities that their plan will function within the master plan.

Prosser said that was correct.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked if it would ever be possible that everyone could have the exact same plan.

Hoffman said it is possible, but the needs of the other communities differ. Some cities wanted things that are more aggressive than other cities.

It voted aye. Motion 4 - 0.

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U. BARTON COUNTY NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLAN: Interlocal Agreement:

-Should the Commission adopt Resolution 2021-23, it is suggested that an Interlocal Agreement be adopted joining Barton County to area taxing districts under the Plan. Suggested taxing districts include area cities, school districts, recreation commissions, townships, Barton Community College as well as fire, cemetery, hospital, extension, watershed, and library districts. Under the agreement, identified districts would be given the option to join.

Commissioner Schartz moved to adopt the Barton County Neighborhood Revitalization Plan Interlocal Agreement.

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion 4 - 0.

H. ROAD AND BRIDGE: Request for Proposal – Vibratory Roller:

-The Road and Bridge Department accepted proposals for one Vibratory Roller until September 8, 2021. Minimum specifications included (1) padded vibratory quick attach roller that is compatible with a Bobcat T76 track loader 74HP. Bobcat of Salina submitted the only bid at \$7,973.92. Monies are available in the Road and Bridge Fund for this purchase.

Darren Williams, County Works Director, said they received one quote for a vibratory roller. The dirt crew will utilize it when doing crossover culverts, backfilling bridges, and driveways where compaction is needed. The asphalt crew will also use it to pack the asphalt base.

Commissioner Krier moved to approve the purchase of a Vibratory Roller from the Bobcat of Salina for \$7,973.92. The cost to be paid from the Road and Bridge Fund, Equipment – Operate and Construction Line, 002-92-6190.

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion 4 - 0.

V. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Commissioners suggested Darren Williams purchase a plaque for Gary Demel from Identifications.
- Wendy Prosser: There is a 5, 10, 15+ year employee recognition program. There is not anything in place for retirees.
- Comm Krier: Marcia Sauber retired with 47 years and had the longest service prior to this.
- Comm Krier: Jim Blackwell, Clara Barton Hospital may come to visit at 10:30 this morning.

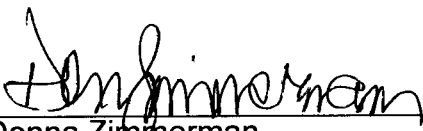
VII. ADJOURN.

Commissioner Schartz moved to adjourn at 10:34 A.M.

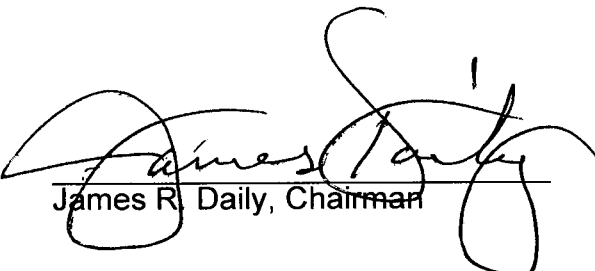
Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion 4 - 0.

ATTEST:



Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk



James R. Daily, Chairman

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EXECUTIVE SESSION: (Held during study session)

At 11:18 A.M. Commissioner Krier moved to go into Executive Session with the Commissioners; Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor; Barry McManaman, Interim County Administrator; Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk; Jim Blackwell and Mandy Hoffman of Clara Barton; for fifteen (15) minutes to discuss employee matters.

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion 4 - 0.

At 11:34 A.M. Commissioner Schartz moved to come out of executive session.

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion 4 - 0.

Commissioner Daily stated no action was taken.

At 11:41 A.M. Commissioner Krier moved to go back into Executive Session with the Commissioners; Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor; Barry McManaman, Interim County Administrator; Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk; Jim Blackwell and Mandy Hoffman of Clara Barton; Karen Winkelman, Health Director; and Lindsey Ensley, Nursing Supervisor; for fifteen (15) minutes to discuss employee matters.

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion.

Commissioner Krier withdrew his motion.

Commissioner Hutchinson withdrew his second.

PROCLAMATION 2021-15

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

WHEREAS, 4-H is America's largest youth development organization, having supported almost six million youth across the country thus far; and

WHEREAS, 4-H has helped youth in Kansas and across the United States to become confident, independent, resilient and compassionate leaders; and

WHEREAS, 4-H is delivered by Cooperative Extension – a community of more than 100 public universities across the nation that provides experiences where young people learn by doing in hands-on projects in areas including health, science, agriculture and citizenship; and

WHEREAS, National 4-H Week showcases the incredible experiences that 4-H offers young people, and highlights the remarkable 4-H youth in Kansas and throughout America who work each day to make a positive impact on those around them; and

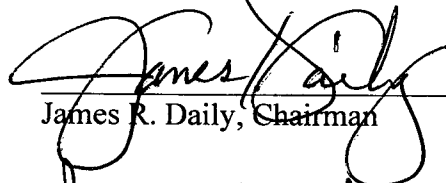
WHEREAS, 4-H's network of 600,000 volunteers and 3,500 professionals provides caring and supportive mentoring to all 4-H'ers, helping them to grow into true leaders, entrepreneurs and visionaries.

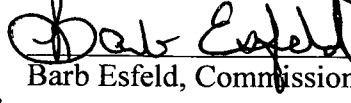
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, that proclaim October 3 – 9, 2021, is hereby known as NATIONAL 4-H WEEK throughout Barton County; and

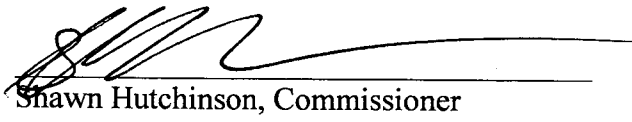
FURTHER, that the Commission encourages all of citizens to recognize 4-H for the significant impact it has made and continues to make by empowering youth with the skills they need to lead for a lifetime.

ADOPTED this 28st day of September, 2021.

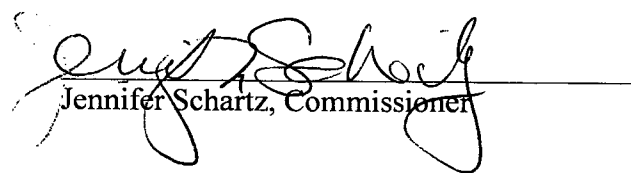
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


James R. Daily, Chairman

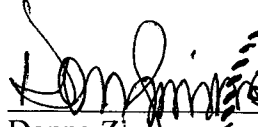

Barb Esfeld, Commissioner


Shawn Hutchinson, Commissioner


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Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Donna Zimmerman
County Clerk



JOINT PROCLAMATION 2021-16
BARTON COUNTY AND THE CITY OF GREAT BEND, KANSAS
A PROCLAMATION IN SUPPORT OF MANUFACTURING (MFG) DAY

WHEREAS, each year, Manufacturing Day (MFG Day) is held on the first Friday in October in order to provide students, parents, and the public with information on modern manufacturing; and

WHEREAS, events continue throughout the month, showing the reality of modern manufacturing careers by encouraging thousands of companies and educational institutions around the nation to open their doors to students, parents, teachers and community leaders; and

WHEREAS, as manufacturers seek to fill four million high-skill, high-tech and high-paying jobs over the next decade, MFG Day empowers manufacturers to address their collective challenges so they can lead their communities and future generations to a thriving economy.

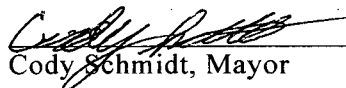
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the City of Great Bend, Kansas, and the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, that Friday, October 1, 2021, is proclaimed as MFG Day; and

FURTHER, that 2021 includes a strong emphasis on engaging digital and virtual events throughout the country as manufacturing careers are at the heart of some of the most impactful work being done in response to the pandemic; and

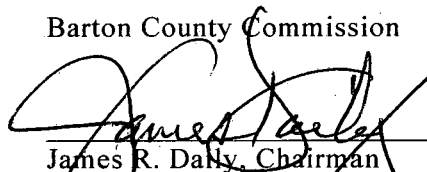
FURTHER, that our local municipal leaders challenge our schools and businesses to inspire, educate and empower a new generation of creators in the United States today.


Adopted this 28th day of September, 2021.

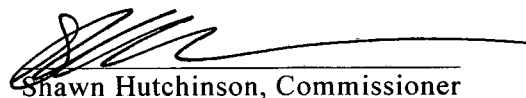
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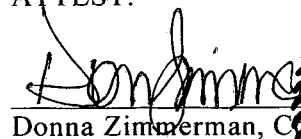

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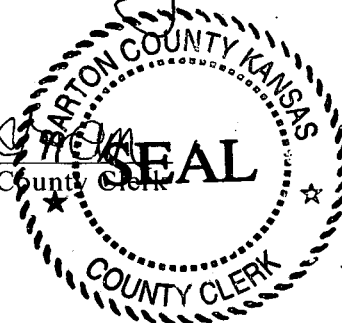

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Kirby Krier, Commissioner


Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk



RESOLUTION 2021-23

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BARTON COUNTY NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLAN EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022

WHEREAS, the Barton County Neighborhood Revitalization Plan is intended to promote the revitalization and development of Barton County by stimulating new construction and the rehabilitation, conservation, or redevelopment of the area to protect public health, safety, or welfare of the county residents, while promoting and improving the overall quality of life in the County; and

WHEREAS, this plan will stabilize neighborhoods by rehabilitating older homes; provide incentives for affordable housing to persons with limited resources; encourage property owners to improve existing or construct new commercial buildings or residential homes; encourage the improvement of rental properties; all of which will lead to the overall increase in the County tax base.

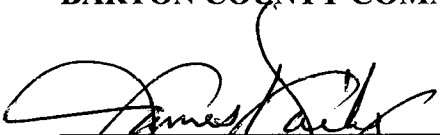
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 12-17,114 et seq., the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, have held such public hearings and considered the existing conditions and alternatives with respect to the designated area, the criteria and standards for a tax rebate and hereby adopt the Barton County Neighborhood Revitalization Plan, effective January 1, 2022; and

FURTHER, the Commissioners have carefully reviewed, evaluated, and determined that the target areas described in the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan meet one or more of the conditions to be designated as a "neighborhood revitalization area/dilapidated structure;" and

FURTHER, that the Barton County Neighborhood Revitalization Plan, attached as "Plan" is hereby incorporated to this Resolution as if set out in full herein.

Adopted this 28th day of September, 2021.

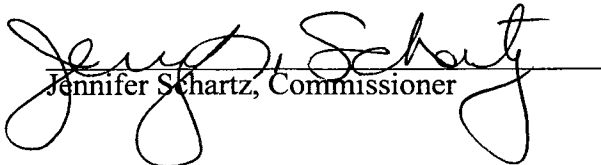
BARTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


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County Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Patrick Hoffman,
County Counselor