

# Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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April 13, 2022

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 13th day of April 2022, at the Barton County Courthouse.

## *Members present:*

Kirby Krier, Commissioner, 1<sup>st</sup> District  
Barb Esfeld, Commissioner, 2<sup>nd</sup> District, *(Chairman Pro-Tem)*  
Shawn Hutchinson, Commissioner, 3<sup>rd</sup> District, Chairman  
Jon Prescott, Commissioner, 4<sup>th</sup> District  
Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner, 5<sup>th</sup> District  
Bev Schmeidler, County Clerk  
Matt Patzner, Director of Operations  
Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor

## **I. OPENING BUSINESS:**

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

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

Commissioner Krier moved to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2022, Regular Meeting.  
Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:**

-An Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of March 30, 2022, and ending April 13, 2022.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve appropriations for the period of March 30, 2022, to April 13, 2022. Authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.  
Commissioner Prescott seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **III. OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business at this time.

## **IV. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **A. COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE: Cereal Malt Beverage License Renewals:**

-Bev Schmeidler, County Clerk, will provide details. Per K.S.A. 41-2702, no retailer shall sell any cereal malt beverage without having secured a license for that business. When a business is located in the unincorporated portion of the County, that application shall be made to the Board of County Commissioners. Heath Ney and Afton Ney, dba Small Town Service and Repair, LLC, 652 South Main, Hoisington, Kansas, have applied for two separate licenses, one for "Consumption on the Premises" and one for "Sale in Original and Unopened Containers".

Bev Schmeidler, County Clerk, presented details.

Commissioner Krier moved to approve the 2022 Cereal Malt Beverage Licenses for Heath Ney and Afton Ney, dba Small Town Service and Repair, LLC, 652 South Main, Hoisington, Kansas.

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

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## **B. PROCLAMATION 2022-09: National Public Health Week:**

-Lindsey Ensley, Public Health Nurse Supervisor, will present details. Public health professionals help communities prevent, prepare for, withstand and recover from the impact of a full range of health threats. In recognition of Public Health Week, the Commission will be asked to adopt a Proclamation commending staff and partners who work to help citizens better understand preventive habits to live longer, healthier lives.

Lindsey Ensley, Public Health Nurse Supervisor, said Public Health professionals help communities prevent, prepare for, withstand, and recover from the impact of a full range of health threats. National Public Health Week was April 4 – 10.

Commissioner Schartz said this demonstrates how selfless nurses are, the commission was not made aware of National Public Health Week until it was almost over.

Commissioner Prescott moved to adopt Proclamation 2022-09, National Public Health Week.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **C. PUBLIC HEALTH: AETNA BAM (Being a Mom) Program:**

-Lindsey Ensley will present details. The Health Department is in the process of establishing the Becoming a Mom (BAM) program. This prenatal program, presented by trained facilitators, offers a holistic approach, pairing education and clinical prenatal care to increase healthy pregnancies. AETNA has awarded the Health Department \$1,655.00 for program incentives. If accepted, the funds would need to be expended by December 31, 2022.

Lindsey Ensley, Public Health Nurse Supervisor, said it will be six 2-hour sessions.

Commissioner Prescott asked where the training would be held. Ensley said they would be held at the Health Department.

Commissioner Schartz to accept the \$1,655.00 in AETNA funding for the BAM (Being a Mom) Program. Funds, required to be expended by December 31, 2022, are to be deposited in the Health Fund, Grant Funds Received Line, 006-00-4730.

Commissioner Prescott seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **D. PUBLIC HEALTH: Memorandum of Understanding – Stepping Stones to Recovery, Fatherhood Initiative, Strong Dads Make Strong Kids program:**

-Lindsey Ensley will present details. Barton County has been provided the Overdose Data to Action (OD2A) Peer Navigation Incentive, Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between DCCCA, Inc. and the Health Department. Under the proposed agreement, Barton County will collaborate with Stepping Stones to Recovery with the goal of increasing care through the Fatherhood Initiative: Strong Dads Make Strong Kids program. The proposed MOU details the responsibilities of all parties and outlines the reporting and other requirements. The award amount is \$3,195.00 and funding is to be expended by August 31, 2022.

Lindsey Ensley, Public Health Nurse Supervisor, said this mini grant will help support activities.

Commissioner Esfeld moved to accept the \$3,195.00 in funding and approve the Overdose Data to Action (OD2A) Peer Navigation Incentive, Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between DCCCA, Inc. and the Barton County Health Department. Program funds, which shall be expended by August 31, 2022, shall be deposited in the Health Fund, OD2A Peer Navigation Incentive Line, 006-00-4804. The program is

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ending in full or in part by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, The Center for Disease Control and DCCCA Inc.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion if she would repeat it.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **E. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: RFP – Backup Server Upgrade Project:**

-Dereck Hollingshead, Information Technology Director, will provide details. Barton County released an RFP to upgrade an existing backup server. Bids were accepted until 1:00 p.m., March 29, 2022. Four bids, meeting the bid requirements, were received.

Dereck Hollingshead, Information Technology Director, said in reviewing the invoice from CIC, it was discovered backups cost the county approximately \$7,200.00 per year. After discussion, it was found that IT could perform the backups and save that expense. A server would need to be purchased to perform those backups. Went out for bids and received a bid from Central Plains Computer Service for \$6,850.00.

Commissioner Esfeld asked when the contract with CIC terms. Matt Patzner, Director of Operations, said the contract runs from March to February so it would take effect immediately. The county did not pay for backups this year.

Hollingshead said IT had been doing backups since CIC was compromised. He took on doing backups when they identified that their systems were down and they were not performing them.

Pam Wornkey, Register of Deeds, asked how her office would be affected since she has a separate CIC account that covers backups. Hollingshead said Wornkey's invoice did not include backups. Wornkey asked if CIC would still have access to the server to retrieve her records. Hollingshead said yes, they would. Hollingshead added that he would have 3 copies: live data, the cloud and a backup.

Wornkey asked Hollingshead if her contract would change. Hollingshead said no, because her contract did not include the backup, that was part of the county's contract.

Commissioner Hutchinson said his concern was that all records would be stored in the courthouse at one site. Hollingshead said the live server would be in the courthouse, the backup server at Communications and backup to the cloud. He was following a high-level standard.

Commissioner Krier moved to approve the \$6,850.00 bid from Central Plains Computer Service. Bid cost to be paid from the Equipment Replacement Fund, General Line, 072-00-6380.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **F. SOLID WASTE: Foley Industries – Repair of Caterpillar D7 Dozer:**

-Phil Hathcock, Solid Waste Director, will present details. The Barton County Landfill operates a Caterpillar D7 Dozer that is used to build roads, push waste and for other essential tasks. In January, the engine, which had over 10,000 hours, failed and was replaced. In conjunction with the engine replacement, Foley Industries replaced the undercarriage components.

Phil Hathcock, Solid Waste Director, presented details about the repairs and asked for approval.

Commissioner Krier said it was money well spent and the machine would probably last another 10,000 hours.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked how many years does that equal. Hathcock said approximately nine or ten years.

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Commissioner Krier moved to approve the \$127,546.70 repair bill from Foley Industries for the Caterpillar D7 Dozer. Payment to be made from the Solid Waste Fund, Maintenance of Equipment Line, 140-68-5460.

Commissioner Prescott seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **G. ENGINEERING: Agreement – KDOT Cost Share Project No. 5 C-5185-01 – Resurface SW 40 Avenue (Airport Road):**

-Barry McManaman, County Engineer, will provide details. On April 4, 2022, the Great Bend City Council approved an agreement with Barton County to equally share the local cost of Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) Project No. 5 C-5185-01. The County Commission is now asked to consider the agreement. In addition to detailing the County's responsibilities, it outlines the City's financial obligations to the resurfacing of SW 40 Avenue (Airport Road).

Barry McManaman, County Engineer, asked for approval of the agreement between Barton County and the City of Great Bend for sharing the cost of resurfacing Airport Road.

Commissioner Krier said Commissioner Schartz had worked diligently on this project for many years.

Commissioner Schartz said it had been a long time coming and it was nice to work together with the City of Great Bend.

Commissioner Prescott asked McManaman if he thought the cap would be exceeded. McManaman said he would not be surprised with the increase in cost of materials.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the Agreement between the City of Great Bend and Barton County for sharing the local costs on KDOT Cost Share Project No. 5 C-5185-01 – Resurface SW 40 Avenue which is also known as Airport Road.

Commissioner Hutchinson said thank you for making that motion and thank you for your hard work all these years to make this happen.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **H. COMMISSION MEETING DATE: April 27, 2022:**

-Chairman Shawn Hutchinson will provide details. The Commission is invited to attend the Kansas County Commissioners Association meeting in Salina on April 26 – 28, 2022. This will result in a conflict and, possibly, a lack of quorum. As such, it is suggested that the April 27, 2022, Barton County Commission meeting be cancelled.

Shawn Hutchinson, Commission Chair, said a majority of the commissioners would be attending the Kansas County Commissioners Association meeting so the regular agenda meeting would not be held April 27, 2022.

Commissioner Schartz noted that should an emergency arise, the commissioners could convene to handle a situation.

Commissioner Krier moved to cancel the April 27, 2022, meeting of the Barton County Commission at this time.

Commissioner Prescott seconded the motion.

Commissioner Esfeld said this meeting is very good. I got to go to my first one in Liberal last year and we will learn a lot. Jennifer knows that from years in the past, Kirby as well.

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Commissioner Hutchinson said I dedicate Wednesday, all day, to this job every week and many more hours throughout the week so if I am not here, I will be there.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **I. BOARD OF HEALTH MEETINGS:**

-Chairman Hutchinson will provide details. For some time, the Commission has met as the Board of Health the first Monday of the month. Given that the pandemic is moving to an endemic state, the Commission will discontinue that practice. In addition, the May 4, 2022, Board of Health meeting, as was previously announced, is cancelled.

Shawn Hutchinson, Commission Chair, presented details.

## **J. SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COMMISSIONERS AND ENGINEERS:**

-Commissioner Barb Esfeld will provide details. After attending the South Central Kansas Association of Commissioners and Engineers (SCKACE) meeting last week, Commissioner Esfeld will lead a discussion on information presented.

Barb Esfeld, Commissioner, said she attended her first meeting and gained knowledge on numerous subjects including CDL's and grant writing. SB13 Complaint Process had changed, a person must be the property owner or a representative. NACO saw to it that ARPA funds went directly to the counties instead of being funneled through the state.

Darren Williams, County Works Director, said of the counties in District 5, Barton County ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> in total paved miles and 4<sup>th</sup> overall in the state of paved county roads. Sealing oil went up 25% and mixing oil up 30%. May have to be frugal with the rest of the budget but will do the best they can to keep the roads paved and overlaid.

Commissioner Esfeld said Butler County had fewer miles of paved county roads, but they have twice as many Road & Bridge Department employees.

Commissioner Krier said Barton County was number one in District 5 for miles per employee, number one in chip and seal miles and number three in overlay miles.

Commissioner Schartz said she realized the importance of asphalt roads in the county years ago. Good roads are important in positioning ourselves as a regional leader. In the county's best interest to fund Road & Bridge and keep the roads up.

Williams said they discussed CDL requirements in a breakout session. Pawnee County has employees sign an agreement regarding the CDL. If they leave employment within three years, they have to repay the county.

Barry McManaman said that Barton County had a very good utility policy in place regarding pipelines and others in public right of way.

Commissioner Krier said there was also a policy requiring \$2 million liability insurance.

Commissioner Prescott said the agricultural industry was important to Kansas and Barton County. The quality of the paved roads is vital to the farmers.

Commissioner Krier said Bartlett Grain was expanding their business and they pay a significant amount in property taxes.

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Commissioner Hutchinson moved to recognize Barb Esfeld and her tireless commitment to her role as County Commissioner and how wonderful of a job; she is always there, always volunteering, and always at these different meetings. Thank you so much.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## V. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

## VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

Commissioner Krier – Department of Homeland Security is giving away phones. County employees could possibly get these phones and a year subscription.

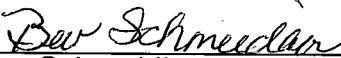
## VII. ADJOURN.

Commissioner Schartz moved to adjourn at 9:52 A.M.

Commissioner Prescott seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

  
Bev Schmeidler  
Barton County Clerk

  
Shawn Hutchinson, Chairman