

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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August 17, 2022

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 17th day of August 2022, at the Barton County Courthouse.

Members present:

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

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

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

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Minutes of the July 13, 2022, July 20, 2022, and July 27, 2022, August 3, 2022, and the August 10, 2022, Regular Meetings were not available.

II. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:

Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of August 3, 2022, and ending August 17, 2022.

Commissioner Prescott moved to approve appropriations for the period of August 3, 2022, to August 17, 2022. Authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.

Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no Old Business.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

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

-Bev Schmeidler, 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, County Clerk, said a lot were title eliminations applications.

Wendy Prosser, County Appraiser, said there had been a lot of title eliminations for manufactured homes. They were on as personal property but would now be on real estate. They had been filed in the Register of Deeds and the Appraiser's Office was unaware of it, these were corrections.

Commissioner Krier asked if this would increase or decrease taxes. Prosser said it would be the same except the penalties would no longer be there.

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FCH #11	VALUES	ESCAPED TAXES	ADDED / ABATED	REFUNDS
Gas				
Oil	(34,911)			
Personal Property	(131,252)		(\$22,549.62)	\$21,168.58
Real Estate	12,347		\$477.40	
16/20 M Trucks	530			
State Assessed Utilities				
Special Assessments				
Grand Totals	(153,286)	\$0.00	(\$22,072.22)	\$21,168.58
Total Taxes	(\$22,072.22)			
Total Records Selected	78			

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 Prescott seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. COMMUNITY ANTI-DRUG COALITIONS OF AMERICA: Mid-Year Training Institute Recap:

-Katelyn Sigler, Health Educator, will provide details. Through a collaborative effort of the Barton County Health Department and 20th Judicial District Juvenile Services, Ms. Sigler and Jasmine Figueroa, Youth Crew member, attended the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) Mid-Year Training Institute in July. While at the conference, they were able to learn from Coalition and youth leaders from all over the world. Ms. Sigler will present details of that training.

Katelyn Sigler, Health Educator, said there were 25,000 attendees with 400 of those being youth. There were 22 countries represented at the training. They shared a slideshow of their experiences.

Jasmine Figueroa talked about drug goggles and some of the tools that could be used locally.

Sigler said they had the opportunity to meet General Price, CEO and President of CADCA. He offered encouraging words for their mission. Figueroa shared details of her presentation.

Commissioner Schartz congratulated Jasmine Figueroa, said she was very poised and well spoken, an amazing person.

Item Tabled

C. RURAL WATER DISTRICT NO. 1: Infrastructure Improvement Assistance:

-Mary Anne Stoskopf, Secretary/Treasurer, Barton County Rural Water District No. 1, will provide details. Russell County Rural Water District No. 3 has proposed acquiring Rural Water District No. 1. In addition to providing Barton County residents with an option for an improved water system, the consolidated Water Districts would be poised for a planned project that involves purchasing water from the City of Hoisington to sell in bulk to the City of Bunker Hill. Ms. Stoskopf will ask that the Commission contribute funding to improve infrastructure.

Commissioner Krier moved to table this until next week.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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COUNTY ENGINEER: Approval of Change Order No. 1 for KDOT Cost Share Program

Agreement No. 50-22 for the Resurfacing of SW 40 Avenue (Airport Road):

-Barry McManaman, County Engineer, will provide details. On March 16, 2022, the Commission approved an agreement with the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) for Cost Share Program funding to resurface SW 40 Avenue (Airport Road) from the US-56 intersection north to the West Barton County Road intersection. Venture Corporation completed this project on July 19, 2022. The \$858,934.74 final total cost includes an overrun from the original contract price of \$857,855.34. The \$1,079.40 overrun reflects normal variations in the quantities of materials used. After the County pays Venture Corporation the full amount, KDOT will reimburse the County \$600,000. Per the agreement between Barton County and the City of Great Bend, the City will reimburse the County for its \$129,467.37 share of the project.

Barry McManaman, County Engineer, presented details and asked for approval of the change order.

Commissioner Schartz said it had been a long time coming with a successful resolution.

Commissioner Krier said that Commissioner Schartz had advocated for this project for several years.

Commissioner Krier moved to approve Change Order No. 1 for KDOT Cost Share Program Agreement No. 50-22. Authorize the Director of Operations to encumbered \$1,079.40 for the overrun. That cost to be paid from the Capital Improvement Fund, Improvements Not Buildings, General Line, 071-00-6310. Commissioner Prescott seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

E. COUNTY ENGINEER: Out of State Travel – MINK Conference:

McManaman will provide details. The Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas (MINK) Conference will be held in St. Joseph, Missouri, on September 28 – 29, 2022. Program topics include maintenance, administration, safety and funding for local road programs. Under Resolution 2022-18, Clarification of County Travel Policies, the Commission will be asked to grant authorization for Mr. McManaman to attend this conference.

Barry McManaman, County Engineer, said he had attended the conference every year he had been with the county and asked for approval to attend this year.

Commissioner Schartz appreciated McManaman's willingness to attend and bring information back to the county.

Commissioner Esfeld moved to approve out of state travel for Mr. McManaman to attend the MINK Conference in St. Joseph, Missouri, on September 28 – 29, 2022. Associated costs to be paid through the County Engineer's Account of the General Fund. Direct the Commission Chair to sign said Travel Request.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

V. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Commissioner Krier – would like to have Commissioner for a Day. Government teachers would recommend 5 students to participate. Diana Watson would implement.
- Commissioner Esfeld – open to all school districts in Barton County.
- Commissioner Schartz – include home schooled students.
- Commissioner Krier – asked Schmeidler about the recount process taking place.

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- Schmeidler – notified by Secretary of State Office Saturday that Barton County would be recounting 2 contests, State Treasurer – Republican contest and Constitutional Amendment question. Monday afternoon told to only recount State Treasurer – Republican contest. Staff came in Saturday to call independent board workers; they were still counting at this time.
- William Farris – spoke to the commissioners about the rules regarding baling the ditches in the county. He did not agree with the permit regulations.
- Commissioner Schartz – there had been issues in the past that caused the rules to be made.
- Darren Williams – Farris cuts the ditch but does not get it baled and removed in a timely manner. They have 385 miles to take care of, cannot come back and clean up after him.
- Flora Sanchez – Community Health Worker, and Jasmine Figueroa's mother, wanted to give recognition to the 20th Judicial District Juvenile Services, Marissa Woodmansee, Katelyn Sigler and Karen Winkelman and thank them for being good role models for her daughter and the opportunity for her to attend the conference.

VII. ADJOURN.

Commissioner Schartz moved to adjourn at 9:48 A.M.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Bev Schmeidler
Barton County Clerk



Shawn Hutchinson, Chairman