

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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January 4, 2022

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 4th day of January 2022, at the Barton County Courthouse.

Members present:

Barb Esfeld, Commissioner, 2nd District
Shawn Hutchinson, Commissioner, 3rd District (*Chairman Pro-Tem*)
James R. Daily, Commissioner, 4th District, Chairman
Jennifer Scharz, Commissioner, 5th District
Bev Schmeidler, County Clerk
Matt Patzner, Director of Operations
Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor

Members attending VIA phone/Teams:

Kirby Krier, Commissioner, 1st District

PUBLIC HEARING – SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

At 9:00 A.M. Commissioner Scharz moved to open the Public Hearing for the Solid Waste Management Plan.

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING: Solid Waste Management Plan:

The Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, held a Public Hearing for the purpose of evaluating the Solid Waste Management Plan for Barton County, Kansas, on November 30, 2021. Due to a clerical error, the statutory requirements for the hearing were not met. A notice of hearing was placed in the Great Bend Tribune on December 17, 2021. By holding this hearing, all requirements are now met and the process can move forward. Phillip Hathcock, Solid Waste Director, will present details.

Phil Hathcock, Solid Waste Director, said this had to be done every 5 years by statute. KDHE advised Hathcock to hold another Public Hearing and the notice was published on December 17th, 2021.

At 9:03 A.M. Commissioner Scharz moved to close the Public Hearing for the Solid Waste Management Plan.

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

Commissioner Daily called the meeting to order at 9:03 A.M.

Commissioner Scharz moved to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Scharz moved to approve the minutes of the December 28, 2021, Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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II. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

A. RESOLUTION 2022-01: A Resolution Establishing a Regular Meeting Schedule for the County Commission and Rescinding Resolution 2021-15, Same, adopted August 9, 2021:

-KSA 19-206 authorizes the Commission to meet in regular session on such days and at such times each month as may be determined. Said meeting schedule is to be established through the adoption of a Resolution. At this time, Chairman James R. Daily will lead a discussion to determine if the Commission wishes to change meeting dates from Tuesday to another day of the week.

Commissioner Daily said that the meetings were changed from Mondays to Tuesdays in August 2021. This was to make it easier for Department Heads and the public to attend meetings. It has been suggested to change the meeting day to Wednesday at this time, still beginning at 9:00 A.M.

Commissioner Esfeld said she did not mind Wednesday but she would like to break for lunch so she could attend Kiwanis meetings. She had spoke with Dale Hogg and Ken Carpenter to be sure the change would work for them.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked that the change not take effect until January 19th as he has conflicts January 12th.

Dale Hogg, Great Bend Tribune, asked why the change for the meeting day.

Commissioner Daily said Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor, has a conflict on Tuesdays.

Hoffman thanked the commissioners for considering the change. He has an opportunity and felt it would benefit Barton County if he was able to do it.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked Hoffman if he was at liberty to give more information.

Hoffman said another county was considering him as their county counselor as well. He would change the focus of his practice to be more devoted to county counseling.

Commissioner Hutchinson said Hoffman had mentioned he would be more available to Barton County. Hoffman said yes, he will be restructuring to working with just the two counties.

Commissioner Schartz said they had all agreed that they value Hoffman enough to make a change.

Commissioner Krier asked Hoffman when the transition would take place. Hoffman said if the other county acts on it next week as indicated, it would be immediately.

Commissioner Esfeld moved to adopt Resolution 2022-01, A Resolution Establishing a Regular Meeting Schedule for the County Commission and Rescinding Resolution 2021-15, Same, adopted August 9, 2021 and I would add to that motion that the regular meeting start on January 19th.

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

P COMMISSION: Barton County Façade Improvement Grants:

Send two 2021 Façade Improvement Grant awards. The scope and development of both projects will remain intact. Sue Cooper, Grant and Compliance Manager, will provide details.

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Cooper, Grant and Compliance Manager, said two of the awards in 2021 had requested to amend their W-9's, changing the grantee names. They were not changing the scope of their work or projects, making the changes for legal purposes only.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to rescind the September 7th, 2021 Façade Improvement Grant award to Andrew D. Mingenback for the property located at 2105 Forest Avenue in Great Bend for \$20,000 and move to approve the Façade Improvement Grant award to The Landing, LLC for the property located at 2105 Forest Avenue, Great Bend, for \$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.

Commissioner Schartz asked Cooper how many façade improvements had been completed. Cooper said she will provide an update in study session.

Commissioner Esfeld moved to rescind the October 5th, 2021 Façade Improvement Grant award to Beugelsdijk Chiropractic, PA, for the property located at 1309 Williams Street, in Great Bend, for \$20,000 and move to approve the Façade Improvement Grant award to SJLMJ, LLC, for the property located at 1309 Williams Street, Great Bend, for \$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 Hutchinson seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.

C. DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES FOR COUNTY FUNDS:

-A designation of Barton County financial institutions as official depositories comes before the Commission. Such institutions must meet the 100% pledged securities requirement for all County funds. According to County Resolution 2017-16, all depositories must provide to the County Treasurer and the Financial Officer proof of security for these funds whenever such information is requested. Jim Jordan, County Treasurer, will present details.

Jim Jordan, County Treasurer, said this was the yearly depository approvals.

Commissioner Schartz asked if there were any changes from last year. Jordan said just two banks that had name changes.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the following depositories for 2022:

- Bank of the West, Great Bend
- Central National Bank, Great Bend
- Equity Bank, Great Bend
- Farmers Bank and Trust, Albert / Great Bend
- First Kansas Bank, Great Bend / Hoisington / Claflin
- Landmark National Bank, Hoisington / Great Bend
- Peoples Bank & Trust, Great Bend / Ellinwood
- Plains State Bank, Great Bend
- Sunflower Bank, Ellinwood / Great Bend
- Wilson State Bank, Hoisington
- Municipal Investment Pool

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

D. KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES: 2022 Membership:

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The Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) has submitted a renewal notice for the 2022 membership. Based on a calculation that includes a base fee, population and valuation, the dues are \$6,103.30. The Association sponsors the annual KAC Conference, various educational meetings throughout the year and lobbies the State and Federal Legislature on behalf of Kansas Counties. Matt Patzner, Director of Operations, will provide details.

Matt Patzner, Director of Operations, asked for approval of the membership.

Commissioner Daily said we have been members for a long time and the dues are based on population.

Commissioner Esfeld said being a member of KAC had served Barton County well. This Wednesday they will be voting to include the Administrators Association.

Commissioner Esfeld moved to approve the 2022 KAC Membership Dues of \$6,103.30. Payment to be made from the Courthouse General Account of the General Fund, Dues, Memberships, Subscriptions Line, 001-18-5455.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

E. KANSAS LEGISLATIVE POLICY GROUP: 2022 Membership:

-The Kansas Legislative Policy Group (KLPG) is a bi-partisan coalition of western Kansas counties with the common interest in the preservation of the counties tax base and retention of local control. The KLPG serves as a policy and decision-making body establishing legislative priorities at its annual meeting and providing speakers to address KLPG members about the important topics of the day. At this time, the Commission will consider renewal of the membership, priced at \$5,112.13. Matt Patzner will provide details.

Matt Patzner, Director of Operations, asked for approval of membership.

Commissioner Schartz has been a member of this group and said they focus on western Kansas counties and supplements KAC very well. She said several years ago Barton County entered into a lawsuit with KLPG and was awarded over \$2 million.

Commissioner Esfeld is the current member and said they have special attorneys and look out for counties with like interests.

Commissioner Esfeld moved to approve the 2022 KLPG Membership Dues of \$5,112.13. Payment to be made from the Courthouse General Account of the General Fund, Dues, Memberships, Subscriptions Line, 001-18-5455.

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

IV. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

V. OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business.

VI. ADJOURN.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to adjourn at 9:28 A.M.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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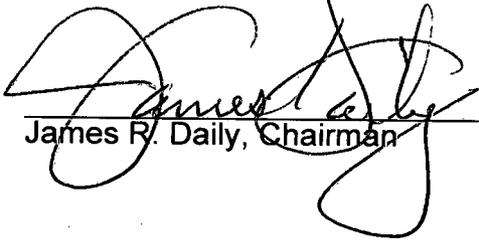
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ATTEST:


Bev Schmeidler
Barton County Clerk


James R. Daily, Chairman