

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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July 27, 2022

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 27th day of July 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 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 with the addition of Items E and F. Item E would be Housing Opportunities Inc. for more discussion and Item F is out of state excursions by the Health Department.

Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Minutes of the July 13, 2022, and July 20, 2022, Regular Meetings were not available.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no Old Business.

III. 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.

BATCH #10	VALUES	ESCAPED TAXES	ADDED / ABATED	REFUNDS
Gas				
Oil	(196,984)			
Personal Property	24,918			
Real Estate				
16/20 M Trucks	34,801			
State Assessed Utilities				
Special Assessments				
Grand Totals	(137,265)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Taxes	\$0.00			
Total Records Selected	80			

Bev Schmeidler, County Clerk, presented details.

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Commissioner Esfeld 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.

ITEM TABLED

B. CITY OF ELLINWOOD: Water and Wastewater Improvements:

-Chris Komarek, Ellinwood City Administrator, will provide details. For some time, the City of Ellinwood has worked to develop a water and wastewater improvement project. Included in the project are both the new hospital and new housing area. As quotes are currently being accepted for needed materials, the City will ask that the County provide financial assistance.

Commissioner Krier moved to table for a future time.

Commissioner Schartz asked Chris Komarek if this was going to slow down your project at all.

Komarek said no, this would not affect anything at all, might even be a little better actually.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

C. COMMUNICATIONS: Agreements Transferring Radio Repeaters to the Cities of Claflin and Ellinwood:

-Dena Popp, 911 Director, will provide details. As Barton County Communications continues its transition to 800 megahertz, the Claflin and Ellinwood repeaters are no longer needed. It is suggested that the UHF TAC 11 and 18 be transferred to the Cities for their utility and public works departments. Under the proposed agreements, the Cities would be responsible for the transfer of the repeaters and utilities, if any, and assume all licensing, maintenance and other costs.

Dena Popp, 911 Director, said in March, Claflin Fire Chief Doug Hubbard and former Ellinwood Fire Chief Chris Komarek expressed interest in the towers. In Claflin, the repeater is on the water tower and utilities are \$45.00 per month. It is believed that it would cost more to remove than the items could be sold for. Asked the commissioners to sign these repeaters over to the cities for their use.

Commissioner Schartz said with the agreements, those entities would then own the equipment and any maintenance, and such would be their responsibility. Popp said the agreements state they would assume all maintenance and utility costs, property taxes if applicable and they would relicense in their names.

Chris Komarek, Ellinwood City Administrator, said this was a great opportunity for them as their repeaters are very old. This one has a battery backup which would be helpful in power outages with crews out working. He appreciated the consideration.

Casey Hubbard, Claflin City Council, echoed Komarek's comments.

Doug Hubbard, Claflin Fire Chief, said TAC 18 will be used for the city maintenance crews. Hubbard said he spoke to the mayor and it can be shut off in it ever became a burden.

Commissioner Krier moved to approve the Agreements Transferring Radio Repeaters to the Cities of Claflin and Ellinwood. Direct Ms. Popp to finalize the agreements with each City.

Commissioner Prescott seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Popp said it was recommended the Commission Chair sign the agreements.

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Commissioner Krier moved upon the agreement transferring radio repeaters to the cities of Claflin and Ellinwood, I also have it where the Commission Chair sign off on these agreements.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

D. EMERGENCY VEHICLE PERMIT: Roger Krier, Operating a 2000 Ford Excursion:

-Matt Patzner, Director of Operations, will provide details. Kansas statutes allow the Commission to designate an authorized emergency vehicle. Roger Krier, a reserve officer with the Sheriff's Office, completed an application for a 2000 Ford Excursion to be used for assisting the Sheriff's Office with haz-mat calls within Barton County when business equipment is in use. Sheriff Brian Bellendir recommends that the Commission approve the permit for a five-year period.

Commissioner Krier recused himself from discussion and voting of the matter because of relation.

Matt Patzner, Director of Operations, presented details.

Commissioner Schartz asked Sheriff Bellendir if other individuals had been granted such permits. Bellendir said there were currently two, one of them being Haz-Mat Inc. Privately owned vehicles requesting a permit would come before the commission for approval. Bellendir said he approved this one because they are having difficulties getting heavy wreckers into the county when needed. When dealing with truck wrecks, they have had to turn to companies with heavy equipment to help clear the highways. Roger Krier works in conjunction with Haz-Mat Inc. and he could respond to assess the situation as to what equipment was needed.

Commissioner Esfeld asked whose insurance would cover when he responds. Bellendir believed the individual's insurance would cover them.

Commissioner Schartz asked how the commissioners would know that a person requesting this permit was an upstanding individual and not going to use their permit for bad things. Bellendir said he could always check their backgrounds.

Patzner said the application includes agreement to provide their own liability insurance.

Commissioner Prescott moved to approve the Emergency Vehicle Permit for Roger Krier for a 2000 Ford Excursion for a Five-Year Period. Said period to end December 31, 2027.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

Motion passed 4-0, Commissioner Krier abstained from voting.

ADDED ITEM

F. HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES INCORPORATED: Subdivision:

-Kirby Krier, County Commissioner, will provide details.

Kirby Krier, County Commissioner, wanted to discuss the subdivision that recently was before the Great Bend City Council. Commissioner Krier wanted to clarify the responsibilities of the Barton County Commission in relation to the matter. He asked Barry McManaman, County Engineer, if the only thing the commission would do would be to sign off on a plat for a subdivision.

McManaman said he was asked to look at what the county had done in the past. Three years ago, a subdivision was created just west of Patton Road, Martin Meadows. Since it was within the three-mile radius of Great Bend city limits, it goes through the city planning commission for approval by the city council. Following approval by the city council, Judy Goreham, Environmental Manager, would handle

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Water wells or septic systems. McManaman, as Floodplain Manager, would be asked to sign off on a subdivision. He added that in the case of the Brentwood Subdivision, there is no floodplain issue. Ultimately, it would come to the commission for approval of the subdivision. For the Martin Meadows subdivision, there was a resolution done because those were going to be dirt roads and fall under the township. That subdivision has not been constructed yet.

Judy Goreham, Environmental Manager, said the subdivision west of Patton Road had parcels that were all at least 3.0 acres or larger. The intent was that each would have private water and private sewer. This way she was able to sign off that they all met Barton County Environmental Code requirements. The difference with the Brentwood subdivision was that no parcel would be 3.0 acres. If it remains in the unincorporated part of the county, no water well could ever be constructed for irrigation. If the city were to annex it in, Goreham would work with individuals to find a suitable place for a water well.

Commissioner Schartz asked Goreham if the city sewer system was not able to handle more, could septic systems be used instead. Goreham said not the way it was designed, there was not enough land.

Commissioner Prescott asked if in discussions with Eddie, were there plans for water wells as they develop the area. Goreham said not through any communication she had. Logan Burns, City Inspector, wanted feedback from Goreham and McManaman about the process.

Commissioner Krier said it seemed to get out of hand as to what the county's responsibilities were for the subdivision. Goreham added that the commissioners signing off was the very last step.

Commissioner Hutchinson said this was still a city decision and if the city annexed it, the commission would not be involved.

Commissioner Prescott said this could be a housing solution for the community.

ADDED ITEM

E. HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Out of State Travel – Midwest Region Child Passenger Safety Conference:

-Karen Winkelman, Health Director, will provide details. The Health Department has been invited to attend the Midwest Regional Child Passenger Safety Conference in Rogers, Arkansas. Mini grants have been provided by DCCCA for mileage, hotel, and conference registration fees. Under Resolution 2022-18, Clarification of County Travel Policies, the Commission will be asked to grant authorization for Christina Delgadillo, RN, and Sarahi Prieto, WIC Clerk/Interpreter, to attend the training.

Karen Winkelman, Health Director, presented details. They would be reimbursed for all costs other than meals outside of the conference. There are three certified technicians in Barton County and two of those are Health Department employees. Winkelman said they try to take the car seat knowledge to events they participate in, whether they educate people or check car seats in vehicles. They also have car seats to give away but there are eligibility requirements. This conference will also recertify Delgadillo and Prieto. They are required to obtain recertification hours each year.

Commissioner Esfeld said this was a very valuable service to the county.

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Commissioner Krier moved to allow Director Karen Winkelman and who else. Winkelman said it is actually for Christina Delgadillo, RN, and Sarahi Prieto, WIC Clerk. Commissioner Krier continued to go to the Child Safety meeting in Rogers, Arkansas, at what date. Winkelman said they would be leaving this afternoon at 1:00 if this is approved. Commissioner Krier said leaving today. Commissioner Esfeld asked if she could amend it further so they do not have to eat at McDonalds. I would like to add to exactly what Kirby said with mileage, hotel and conference registration being reimbursed by a DCCCA grant and direct the Chairman to sign off on travel requests. Commissioner Hutchinson said are you good with amending your agenda to what she just said. Commissioner Krier said he was going to take away his motion and let her make it. Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.

IV. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

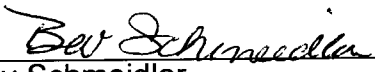
V. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Commissioner Krier – asked Commissioner Prescott to expand upon the grant projects listed in his bio regarding the road improvement project south of Ellinwood.
- Commissioner Prescott – Barton County Feeders needed a better road, so he was working with the township on improvements and researching grants.
- Commissioner Krier – said grants had been applied for in the past and had been turned down for those. The township will pay for the road.

VI. ADJOURN.

Commissioner Schartz moved to adjourn at 9:43 A.M.
Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:


Bev Schmeidler
Barton County Clerk


Shawn Hutchinson, Chairman