

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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March 23, 2022

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 23rd day of March 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 Schartz moved to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Krier moved to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2022, Regular Meeting. Minutes of the March 16, 2022, Regular Meeting were not available

Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

A. PROCLAMATION 2022-03: Central Plains Lady Oilers Basketball, Outstanding 2021 - 2022 Season:

-The Central Plains Lady Oilers Basketball team had another outstanding season. The Lady Oilers finished the season with a 24 – 1 record, taking their 8th consecutive state championship, winning a Kansas-record 25 consecutive state playoff games and holding a 227-5 record (since 2014). The proposed Proclamation acknowledges their efforts and recognizes the student athletes, coaching staff and school administration for their commitment to excellence as the Lady Oilers continue to make history. It also declares March 23, 2022, as Central Plains Lady Oilers Basketball Day.

Diana Watson, Administrative Assistant, read the proclamation.

Commissioner Krier presented Coach Pat Stiles with a plaque. Watson said Coach Stiles was just inducted into the Commissioners Hall of Fame as the first and founding member. Watson said Coach Stiles and the teams record consists of 8 consecutive State Championships, 2014 – 2022, Class 1A; perfect 25-0 state record; lost only 5 games since 2014; most consecutive wins; most consecutive postseason wins; most consecutive state wins; best state tournament record; most consecutive state titles; most undefeated seasons; most consecutive unbeaten seasons and many other records. Coach Stiles is probably the only high school coach in Kansas in the International Movie Database for playing himself in the Jackie Stiles Story.

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Commissioner Krier said the team had won 9 straight years. There has been one constant in all of those years, the coaches.

Commissioner Krier moved to adopt Proclamation 2022-03, Central Plains Lady Oilers Basketball, Outstanding 2021 – 2022 Season.

Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. 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, presented details.

BATCH #6	VALUES	ESCAPED TAXES	ADDED / ABATED	REFUNDS
Gas				
Oil	(33,971)		(\$5,302.70)	\$177.86
Personal Property	(2,696)	\$33.66	(\$552.26)	
Real Estate				
16/20 M Trucks	(594)		(\$89.18)	
State Assessed Utilities				
Special Assessments				
Grand Totals	(37,261)	\$33.66	(\$5,944.14)	\$177.86
Property Taxes	(\$5,910.48)			
Legal Records Selected	60			

Commissioner Esfeld 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 Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

C. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION: Service Awards:

-Commissioner Shawn Hutchinson will provide details. Barton County employees are recognized for continuous service for five, ten, fifteen, twenty and other years. The County Commission, with the assistance of Bailey Rankin, Employee Relations Committee, will recognize employees for their service.

Bailey Rankin, Employee Relations Committee, read the names and years of service.

Commissioner Krier moved to recognize those employees with 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 35 and 50 years of service.

Commissioner Prescott seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

D. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARD: Maternal and Child Health Program Personnel, Health Department:

-Bailey Rankin will provide details. The Employee Relations Committee (ERC) recommends outstanding individuals for the "Employees Recognition Award". At this time, the Commission will be asked to recognize Christina Delgadillo, Sarahi Delgado, Bev Frizell, Debra Higgins, Christy Huslig and Elgica Gonzalez, Barton County Health Department. The group represents one of five agencies across Kansas to have participated in the Communities Supporting Perinatal Behavioral Health Community

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laborative. Work includes screening for perinatal mood and anxiety disorders during pregnancy and the postpartum period and making referrals for treatment.

Bailey Rankin, Employee Relations Committee, presented details.

Commissioner Hutchinson presented certificates.

Karen Winkelman, Health Director, said the group were hardworking, have a passion for the work they do, and she was very proud of them.

Commissioner Esfeld moved to join the ERC in presenting Christina Delgadillo, Sarahi Delgado, Bev Frizell, Debra Higgins, Christy Huslig along with Elgica Ordonez, Barton County Health Department with the Employee Recognition Award and even though I butchered their names, they are wonderful ladies. Commissioner Prescott seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.

E. PROCLAMATION 2022-04: World Autism Acceptance Month:

-Ros Neeland, Chairman of the Autism Committee, Autism Workshop, Pilot Club, will provide details. World Autism Acceptance Day is recognized on April 2 by Presidential proclamation in the United States of America. Autism is a complex, lifelong developmental disability affecting over five million young people and adults. This Proclamation calls for knowledge and acceptance as it allows people to understand how to be more inclusive and build better, more supportive experiences.

Ros Neeland, Chairman of the Autism Committee, Autism Workshop, Pilot Club, said the spectrum is long and wide. There is more to autism than inadequate social interactions, lack of ability to regulate and communication issues. Some children with autism have intellectual disabilities while others have normal intelligence. Awareness brings understanding. Neeland read the proclamation.

Commissioner Esfeld asked Neeland about the upcoming Autism Workshop. Neeland said it will be on April 9th.

Commissioner Prescott moved to adopt Proclamation 2022-04, World Autism Acceptance Month and it is truly an honor to celebrate this month. Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.

F. REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL: 2022 Highway Striping Project:

-Barry McManaman, County Engineer, will provide details. Barton County accepted proposals for the 2022 Highway Striping Project until March 10, 2022. Work includes centerline and edge line striping on approximately 91 miles of County roadway. Straight-Line Striping, Inc. submitted bidding documents that provided for an estimated quantity of both white and yellow paint as well as the glass beads needed to stripe. The actual quantities of each material used by the contractor will be paid for at the unit prices submitted. There were no other bidders.

Barry McManaman, County Engineer, said only one bid was received from Straight-Line Striping, Inc. for \$93,524.35.

Commissioner Schartz said the county was responsible for a lot of different things. Doing regular business is costly.

Commissioner Hutchinson noted that Barton County maintains over 400 miles of blacktop roads.

McManaman said the work this year would be in the southeast quadrant of the county.

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Commissioner Esfeld – she along with Commissioner Prescott and Matt Patzner attended the Pawnee County Leadership Forum in Larned. Larned State Hospital serves 61 counties. Sheriffs and administrators from area counties shared some of the issues they face such as staffing problems.

Commissioner Hutchinson – there are 371 job openings with 160-170 of those having no qualifications for employment.

Commissioner Prescott – 5 community colleges in the area that could possibly provide specialized training.

Mike Johnson – Barton Community College Trustee, addressed comments made by Commissioner Krier regarding the creation of districts for Barton Community College Board of Trustees.

VI. ADJOURN.

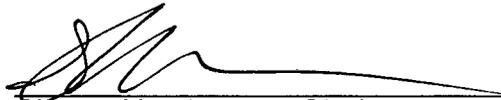
Commissioner Schartz moved to adjourn at 10:08 A.M.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:


Bev Schmeidler
Barton County Clerk


Shawn Hutchinson, Chairman

EXECUTIVE SESSION: (Done in Study Session)

Minutes from Director of Operations

Shawn Hutchinson – I move to enter into executive session until 4:00 for attorney-client privilege. I would like to invite Patrick, Matt and the four present Commissioners.

Kirby Krier – Second

All in favor – aye from all (Jon Prescott was not present at the time.)

Shawn Hutchinson - I move to come out of executive session with no action taken.

Kirby Krier – Second

All in favor – aye from all (Jon Prescott was not present at the time.)