

# Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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May 11, 2022

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 11th day of May 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  
Bev Schmeidler, County Clerk  
Matt Patzner, Director of Operations  
Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor

*Members absent:*

Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner, 5<sup>th</sup> District

## 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.

Minutes of the May 4, 2022, Regular Agenda Meeting were not available.

## II. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:

-An Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of April 27, 2022, and ending May 11, 2022.

Commissioner Esfeld moved to approve appropriations for the period of April 27, 2022, to May 11, 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. PROCLAMATION 2022-13: National Prevention Week 2022:

-Katelyn Sigler, Public Health Educator, will be joined by Central Kansas Partnership task force members and area teens to present this Proclamation. Substance use and mental health problems affect all communities nationwide. According to the 2022 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, an estimated 52.9 million Americans, ages 18 and older, experience a mental health or substance use challenge each year.

Katelyn Sigler, Public Health Educator, said she was the coordinator of the Central Kansas Partnership. Central Kansas Partnership started in 1991 as LEAD, Leadership Education Action Against Drugs. Chronic Disease Risk Reduction joined in 1994 and joining forces became Central Kansas Partnership in 2003. Currently, there are 6 task forces that all deal with prevention in different ways. They are: Rise Up Central Kansas, Be Well Barton County, Central Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition, Chronic Disease Risk Reduction, Suicide Prevention and Youth Crew. Sigler said some of the partners were present to read the proclamation.

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Ian Hernandez	Youth Crew
Keegan Roblyer	Youth Crew
Paige Trendel	Youth Crew
Mikayla Watts	Youth Crew
Rob Bolton	Suicide Prevention
Callie Lunquist	Rise Up
Melissa Slack	Rise Up
Daniel Bartonek	Rise Up
Megan Wells	Rise Up

These people read the proclamation.

Commissioner Krier asked Sigler which was more prevalent with youth in this area, drug abuse or alcohol abuse. Sigler thought it was even, possibly a little more alcohol.

Tyler Morton, Youth Crew, said from the prevention side, the data they have suggests alcohol was more prevalent.

Commissioner Prescott thanked the leaders, very impressive how they are leading the next generation in overcoming these challenges.

Commissioner Krier said he would like to see the commissioners bring back Commissioner for a Day. In the past, government teachers from the schools would choose 5 students who would conduct a mock commission meeting and learn about county government.

Commissioner Esfeld moved to adopt Proclamation 2022-13, National Prevention Week.

Commissioner Prescott seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **B. KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION: Federal Funds Exchange:**

-Barry McManaman, County Engineer, will provide details. The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) is offering to exchange the annual Federal Funds distribution for State funds at an exchange rate of ninety percent. The County has the option of using the full share of Federal funds in the amount of \$218,665.79 on a project that would be designed using all federal requirements and restrictions, or accepting ninety percent of that amount and having the freedom to use the money on road and bridge work at the County's discretion without following Federal requirements. If the exchange is accepted, the amount available to Barton County is \$196,799.21.

Barry McManaman, County Engineer, said Barton County started in the program in 2013.

Commissioner Krier moved to accept the KDOT federal funding exchange rate of ninety percent making the amount available to Barton County \$196,799.21. Authorize the County Engineer to submit the Request to Exchange Federal Funds to KDOT. Once received, said monies are to be deposited in the Road and Bridge Fund, State Funds Received Line, 002-00-4325.

Commissioner Prescott seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **C. COUNTY ENGINEER: Approval of Bid for KDOT Cost Share Project 5 C-5185-01 for the Resurfacing of SW 40 Avenue (Airport Road):**

-Mr. McManaman will provide details. Bids were accepted until May 3, 2022, for the resurfacing of SW 40 Avenue (Airport Road) from the US-56 intersection north to the West Barton County Road intersection.

Structure Corporation submitted the only bid in the amount of \$857,855.34.

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Curry McManaman, County Engineer, said the official name was Airport Road Resurfacing Project, SW 40 Avenue. KDOT approved Barton County for a cost share project. McManaman said it was advertised on Vendor Registry and in a newsletter for contractors however only one bid was received from Venture Corporation. KDOT would reimburse 75% or a maximum of \$600,000.00. The City of Great Bend has agreed to split the remaining \$257,855.34 with the county if approved by the commission for a net cost to the county of \$128,927.67.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked McManaman how long he had been working on the project. McManaman said 3 – 4 years.

Commissioner Krier said he would make the motion but wanted to make it as a proxy for Commissioner Schartz in response to her effort in getting this done.

Commissioner Krier moved to award the bid for the resurfacing of SW 40 Avenue (Airport Road) to Venture Corporation in the amount of \$857,855.34. Authorize the Director of Operations to encumber \$32,855.34 from the Capital Improvement Fund, Improvements Not Buildings, General Line, 071-00-6310, the remainder needed for the project. \$587,855.34 of the KDOT reimbursement to be deposited into the Capital Improvement Fund. The remaining portion of the anticipated \$600,000.00 reimbursement from KDOT, along with the cost share provided by the City of Great Bend, is to be deposited into the Road and Bridge Fund. Authorize the Commission Chairman to sign the Notice of Award and the Agreement with Venture Corporation and thank you Commissioner Schartz.

Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

McManaman said projected to start mid to late September.

Commissioner Hutchinson said there would be a brief recess.

Commissioner Hutchinson announced that Phil Hathcock, Solid Waste Director, was leaving Barton County to return to his hometown in Virginia where he will run a landfill.

Commissioner Hutchinson said Hathcock had always been the go-to guy and he always stepped up whenever needed.

Commissioner Prescott said he had worked with Hathcock for the last five years on recycling. Hathcock had taught him a great deal and Barton County was a leader in recycling. Thanked Hathcock for investing in him personally and teaching him what recycling was all about.

## **D. SOLID WASTE: Engineering Services – Barton County Landfill:**

-Phil Hathcock, Solid Waste Director, will present details. The Landfill operates under a permit issued by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). By statute, the permit requires certain tasks be performed by a Kansas licensed professional engineer and geologist. The County accepted proposals for the required services until May 3, 2022. SCS Engineers provided the only bid. SCS has provided engineering services under contract for several years.

Phil Hathcock, Solid Waste Director, said SCS Engineers had provided support and guidance for some time. They received only one bid from SCS Engineers for \$55,700.00 per year for a five-year contract. It does include \$5,000.00 in services for the next director. Hathcock introduced Jennifer Hamby, possible Interim Director. She has been employed at the landfill for almost thirteen years and had received her certifications.

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Commissioner Krier moved to award the Proposal for Annual Landfill Engineering Services to SCS Engineers for the period of 2023 – 2027. Annual cost, \$55,700.00, to be paid from the Solid Waste Fund, Professional Services Line, 140-68-5475.

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## V. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

## VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

Karen Winkelman, Health Director; Sheriff Brian Bellendir and Dena Popp, Communications Director; shared their memories and appreciations for Phil Hathcock.

Donna Zimmerman, former County Clerk and now private citizen, also offered her appreciation for Hathcock and his contributions to the County.

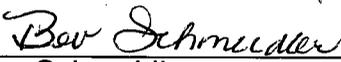
## VII. ADJOURN.

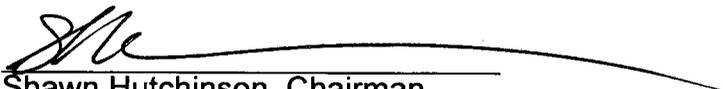
Commissioner Prescott moved to adjourn at 9:42 A.M.

Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

  
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Bev Schmeidler  
Barton County Clerk

  
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Shawn Hutchinson, Chairman