

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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May 25, 2022

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 25th day of May 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 Prescott seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Krier moved to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2022, Regular Agenda Meeting.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

II. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:

Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of May 11, 2022, and ending May 25, 2022.

Commissioner Esfeld moved to approve appropriations for the period of May 11, 2022, to May 25, 2022.

Authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no Old Business at this time.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. JUVENILE SERVICES: All Stars Graduation – Riley Elementary (USD 428):

-Michelle Daniel, Riley Elementary All Stars Facilitator, will be joined by Marissa Woodmansee, Juvenile Services Director, and Blakelee Cooper, Case Manager, to introduce sixth grade students who have just graduated from the All Stars program. The program is designed to change lives by helping young people build bright futures. Beginning in the upper grades of elementary school and continuing through high school, All Stars provides consistent and integrated tools for preventing substance misuse, fighting, bullying and the initiation of sexual activity.

Marissa Woodmansee, Juvenile Services Director, said her heart and passion had always been with the prevention and intervention work. Glad that Michelle Daniel and her students came today as Riley was the school they started the program in about seven years ago before the district took it on. The program was now in USD 428, USD 431, and USD 112 with plans to expand. Parochial Schools, Central Kansas Christian Academy and Holy Family, also participate.

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Kelee Cooper, Case Manager, facilitated the program at Holy Family this year. She and the students talked about reputations and what behaviors to avoid. She had worksheets for the students to take home and have discussions with their parents. Cooper shared comments from the student's worksheets. Cooper said she had some very deep discussions with the students.

Michelle Daniel, Riley Elementary All Stars Facilitator, said she had been a Social Worker at Riley Elementary for 24 years and taught All-Stars for 7 years. Daniel said All-Stars expands the D.A.R.E. program. Daniel brought two students to share what they learned.

Gracelynn Dale, All-Star, said they learned about supporting classmates and their commitments. Dale said she knows she has to study to achieve her goal of being a veterinarian.

Xali Arias, All-Star, said they talked about working towards their future and reputations. They also discussed how the choices you make can affect your reputation and future. They made commitments to achieve their goals for the careers they want to pursue.

Woodmansee said they are training up young leaders to remain true to their commitments and reputations, so it carries forward to middle school and high school. Students take the Kansas Communities That Care Survey in 6th, 8th, 10th and 12th. The data from the survey shows the critical times are in middle school.

Commissioner Krier asked Cooper and the students if bullying was mainly at school or on social media. Cooper said both at school and on social media in middle school and high school. Not as many 6th graders have social media so it would be more likely at school.

Commissioner Prescott asked if they use role play to learn how to say no. Daniel said All-Stars does not teach them to say no, but rather to reach their goals, they need to avoid drugs and alcohol so they can get good grades and reach their goals and commitments.

Cooper said she did practice saying no with her classes. She told them no was an answer and they do not owe anyone anything other than that. Cooper said she also told them that they would be asked to participate in things they did not want to, and it would be easier to say no with a buddy.

Commissioner Hutchinson said he learned later in life to accept no as an answer.

Cooper said she told her students if someone says no, you do not get to ask why.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked how many of the schools they go to have a single access point to enter. Woodmansee said they have to be buzzed in to every single building.

Commissioner Prescott thanked them for investing in the youth, the future of our community and our country.

B. SOLID WASTE: Diesel Fuel Quote 2022:

-Jennifer Hamby, Interim Solid Waste Director, will provide details. The Barton County Landfill accepted quotes to purchase 25,000 gallons of diesel fuel. The quote requested a price per gallon, with the fuel price extending through June 1, 2023, or the 25,000 gallon mark is exceeded. Great Bend CO-OP provided the only bid at \$3.79 per gallon.

Jennifer Hamby, Interim Solid Waste Director, said they only received one bid and asked for acceptance of the bid.

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Commissioner Krier moved to approve the \$3.79 price per gallon for up to 25,000 gallons of diesel fuel. Cost to be paid from the Solid Waste Fund, Heavy Equipment Fuel Line, 140-68-5415. Commissioner Prescott seconded the motion.

Commissioner Hutchinson said that is a good, smart thing to do because now we can budget off of that number.

Commissioner Krier said, one question, if we do not use 25,000 gallons, or how does that, we just do not have to, what is the deal there, do we have to accept all 25,000.

Hamby said I did not ask that but I can find out.

Commissioner Krier said that would not be a problem. At \$3.79, there will be a lot of people looking to buy that.

Commissioner Schartz said do we have tanks out at the landfill.

Hamby said yes.

Commissioner Schartz said they will deliver at that price.

Hamby said yes ma'am.

Commissioner Schartz said that is great.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked how much do we have in tanks out there.

Hamby said 1,000 gallons.

Commissioner Hutchinson said all in.

Hamby said yes.

Commissioner Hutchinson said okay.

Commissioner Krier said some of these distributors, and COOP may be one of them, they will actually bring another tank out with a pump. It is theirs, but if you buy the fuel from them they will supply a tank.

Commissioner Hutchinson said or rent it to you at a low cost like a propane tank.

Commissioner Krier said they just sell it, they are not that bad yet, well they are not cheap.

Commissioner Hutchinson said take two deliveries a month. Is that what you take generally.

Hamby said they normally just top us off every other week, is what we have been doing.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

C. TAX SALE UPDATE:

-Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor, will provide an update on the 2022 tax sale.

Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor, said they filed in May and served summons for 158 properties. Some people have already reached out and were making arrangements to pay the taxes. The Tax Sale will be Tuesday, October 11th at the Great Bend Events Center with Sheriff Brian Bellendir providing auctioneer services.

Commissioner Krier asked Jim Jordan, Barton County Treasurer, about the penalties and interest. Jordan said interest was applied daily. Penalties are court costs, abstract fees and publication fees.

Commissioner Krier asked when the deadline was for taxpayers to pay and get their property off the tax sale. Jordan said October 7th at noon.

Commissioner Prescott asked the percentage of people that pay the taxes at the last minute. Jordan said approximately 60%.

Commissioner Prescott asked how many were repeat offenders. Jordan said probably 20%.

Hoffman said the goal is not to sell any properties at tax sale but to get properties that were not being cared for into the hands of someone who would take care of the property and put it into productive use.

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ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements

2. Appointments

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Commissioner Krier – good to hear about single point of entry at local schools
- Commissioner Hutchinson – worth looking into cost of armed guards at schools
- Commissioner Prescott – looked forward to discussing Solid Waste fees and update on Pawnee Rock presentation


VII. ADJOURN.

Commissioner Schartz moved to adjourn at 9:41 A.M.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:


Bev Schmeidler
Barton County Clerk


Shawn Hutchinson, Chairman

Executive Session Notes from Director of Operations – County Clerk not present

5/25/2022 – 3:50 pm

Kirby moves to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel until 4:00 pm.

Shawn second

All in favor – aye from all.

Barb makes motion to come out of executive session with no action taken.

Shawn second

All in favor – aye from all.

Kirby moves to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel until 4:15 pm.

Barb Second

All in favor – aye from all.

Barb makes motion to come out of executive session with no action taken.

Krier Seconded

All in favor – aye from all.