

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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November 9, 2022

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 9th day of November 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.

Minutes of the October 26, 2022, and November 2, 2022 Regular Meetings were not available.

II. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:

-An Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of October 26, 2022 ending November 9, 2022.

Commissioner Esfeld moved to approve appropriations for the period of October 26, 2022, to November 9, 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.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. BOARD APPOINTMENTS: Health Department Advisory Committee:

-Karen Winkelman, Public Health Director, will provide details. Barton County has continued to solicit applicants for the Health Department Advisory Committee. The Health Department Advisory Committee provides guidance, recommendation and assistance to the Barton County Health Department staff.

Karen Winkelman, Public Health Director, said she received an application for Health Department Advisory Committee. The committee is a group of no less than 5 and no more than 9 members. Emily Young had applied, RN for 15 years, background in psychology and came with great references.

Commissioner Prescott moved to appoint Emily Young to the Health Department Advisory Committee. The uncompensated position terms December 31, 2022.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

Commissioner Hutchinson said the position terms December 31, 2022. Winkelman said this was an unexpired term and she will encourage Young to reapply. Winkelman said there were also 2 other applicants and that she hoped to get applicants.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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EMPLOYEE BENEFITS: Longevity Pay:

-Matt Patzner, Operations Director, will request that the Commission authorize the 2022 payment of longevity. Longevity pay is a supplemental compensation benefit designed for the employee who has established a long-term commitment to public service with Barton County. Once a full-time employee has reached five years of continuous service, that employee will be rewarded longevity in the amount of \$3.00 for each month of service, with half that for part-time employees. Longevity payment, which is contingent on budgetary conditions, may be awarded in November of each year.

Matt Patzner, Operations Director, presented details and said the checks would be issued next week if approved. It came in under budget for full years of service and including every eligible employee. Estimated \$50,307.00 from the General Fund, \$8,828.88 from the Employee Benefit Fund and \$6,139.64 from non-levied funds. Asked for approval.

Commissioner Prescott asked how long this program had been in place. Patzner said he would have to check.

Commissioner Schartz said she was glad they had decided to issue a paper check for the longevity payment, employees are more aware of the extra money.

Commissioner Krier moved to award longevity payment for eligible employees in appreciation of the long-term commitment to public service with Barton County.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

Commissioner Hutchinson said a suggestion was received in the Commissioner suggestion box. It regarded courthouse employees parking close to the building. If employees could park further away, it would help the patrons. It had been requested in the past, but it did not seem that employees were applying.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

C. ADOPTION OF THE 2022 / 2023 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS LISTING:

-Mr. Patzner will provide details. The Commission last adopted the 2022 / 2023 Authorized Positions Listing in August of this year and updated the listing in October. At this time, the Commission will be asked to recategorize one temporary labor position to a regular part-time position for Road and Bridge.

Matt Patzner, Operations Director, said as discussed in study session last week, this item would update the authorized position chart for 2022-2023. Recategorizing a temporary position to a part time position at Road & Bridge Department.

Commissioner Prescott moved to approve the 2022 / 2023 Authorized Positions Listing.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

V. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

Commissioner Hutchinson congratulated the newly elected officials.

VII. ADJOURN.

Commissioner Schartz moved to adjourn at 9:20 A.M.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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TEST: *Bev Schmeidler*
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Barton County Clerk

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Shawn Hutchinson, Chairman