

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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October 5, 2022

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 5th day of October 2022, at the Barton County Courthouse.

Members present:

Kirby Krier, Commissioner, 1st District
Barb Efeld, Commissioner, 2nd District, (Chairman Pro-Tem)
Shawn Hutchinson, Commissioner, 3rd District, Chairman
Jon Prescott, Commissioner, 4th District
Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner, 5th District
Bev Schmeidler, Deputy 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 Prescott moved to approve the agenda.
Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

Minutes of the September 28, 2022, Regular Meeting were not available.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION: A Resolution Concerning the Involvement of Sitting Barton County Commissioners on Area Boards and Committees:

-Commissioner Kirby Krier will provide details. This item has been tabled throughout the month of September, 2022. Commissioner Krier proposed Resolution guidelines for Commissioners when dealing with area boards and committees.

Commissioner Krier said commissioners could be involved in any discussions regarding the committees they were on but would need to recuse themselves from voting on financial matters.

Commissioner Schartz said she appreciated the commission waiting until she was present. She was pleased with the outcome of the resolution.

Commissioner Krier moved to adopt Resolution 2022-23, A Resolution Concerning the Involvement of Sitting Barton County Commissioners on Area Boards and Committees.

Commissioner Prescott seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

A. PROCLAMATION 2022-16: A Proclamation in Support of Manufacturing (MFG) Day:

-Megan Barfield, President / CEO, Great Bend Chamber of Commerce, will ask that the Commission adopt a Proclamation in support of Manufacturing (MFG) Day. Manufacturing Day (MFG Day) is held on the first Friday in October in order to provide students, parents and the public with information on modern manufacturing. Emphasis continues on engaging digital and virtual events throughout the country as a means to inspire the next generation to start careers in modern manufacturing.

Megan Barfield, President / CEO, Great Bend Chamber of Commerce, introduced new staff member, John Solorzano. Solorzano, a Great Bend native, is bilingual, this would help increase their reach to the Hispanic business community. Barfield said this was the 4th year for the Chamber of Commerce to hold

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Manufacturing Day. They plan to have more student tours this year as well as adding working adult tours. The college, high school and a class from Lincoln Elementary will tour. Tours will start the week of October 24th. Barfield said they will be doing a ribbon cutting and Chamber coffee for Barton Community College October 13th. They will be announcing new programs. Pints and Politics will be November 14th from 4:30 – 6:30.

Commissioner Prescott asked Barfield what manufacturing companies would be toured. Barfield said she had surveys out now for the companies to sign up.

Commissioner Prescott moved to adopt Proclamation 2022-16, A Proclamation in Support of Manufacturing (MFG) Day.

Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: Request for Extended Deadline – Andrew Mingenback, The Landing:

-Mark Mingenback will provide details. In September, 2021, Andrew Mingenback was awarded a \$20,000.00 Façade Improvement Grant allocation for the property located at 2105 Forest, Great Bend. Since its inception, there have been supply line issues and historical considerations affected the project. The Commission will be asked to extend the deadline to June 30, 2023.

Mark Mingenback thanked the commissioners for establishing the program, the relationships created were very significant. Mingenback said they had challenges and delays with their project. There were significant changes to the façade from the original plan. They have submitted a historical tax credit application. Part 1 was being reviewed by the State Historical Society. The new illustration was designed

Robert McLaughlin, the State Historical Architect, to reflect what the building looked like when it was built in 1922. The original application for the Façade Improvement Grant was for 2105 Forest but would be incorporating 2107 Forest as well. In the event that the commission decided to do another round of Façade Improvement Grants, they would like to apply again for 2107 Forest.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked Mingenback if these were 2 separately taxed properties. Mingenback said they were separate at this time.

Mark Mingenback said they must have specific windows that are historically accurate. Andy Mingenback said that had also caused delays waiting for 6 or 7 people to approve them. Andy Mingenback said the tax credits would help out with the loft apartments and such.

Commissioner Krier asked about the wall of the chiropractor building. Andy Mingenback said they were designing the area with the park and the buildings for more murals and creating somewhat of an art district.

Commissioner Esfeld asked if there would be a restaurant. Andy Mingenback said there would be an area to accommodate a restaurant or possible an event space. Their intent was not to own a restaurant but possibly lease space for one.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked if they had qualified for the loft grant. Mark Mingenback said they had not yet applied but would qualify for them.

Commissioner Krier moved to extend the deadline for Andrew Mingenback, The Landing, 2105 Forest, Great Bend, Kansas, to June 30, 2023.

Commissioner Prescott seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: Request for Extended Deadline – Chelsea Morris, Chelsea Properties LLC:

-Matt Patzner, Director of Operations, will provide details. In September, 2021, Chelsea Morris, Chelsea Properties LLC, was awarded a \$20,000.00 Façade Improvement Grant allocation for the property located at 1401 Main, Great Bend, Kansas. There have been vendor, supply line issues and historical considerations affecting the project. The Commission will be asked to extend the deadline to June 30, 2023.

Matt Patzner, Director of Operations, said Morris was unable to be present and presented details.

Commissioner Krier to extend the deadline for Chelsea Morris, Chelsea Properties LLC, 1401 Main, Great Bend, Kansas, to June 30, 2023.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

IV. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

V. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Patrick Hoffman – Tax Sale Tuesday, October 11th, 9:00 A.M., at the Great Bend Event Center. Deadline to redeem properties Friday, October 7th at noon.
- Commissioner Krier – Thursday at 11:30, Commissioners meeting with Wheatland Electric and Paul Pack regarding solar panels for the courthouse and jail.
- Commissioner Esfeld - Humane Society held a Give Back Day a couple of weeks ago. They gave away dog food, collars, toys, etc.
- Commissioner Esfeld – updated commission on Behavior Health Advisory Council meeting she attended.
- Commissioner Krier – new and present commissioners need to notify County Clerk of any boards they serve on.
- Karen Winkelman – Health Department Mobile at Susank, Beaver, Odin and Claflin on Monday, October 10th. Will be in Galatia, Albert, Olmitz and Pawnee Rock on Friday, October 14th.

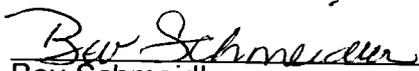
VI. ADJOURN:

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

Commissioner Prescott seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:


Bev Schmeidler
Barton County Clerk


Shawn Hutchinson, Chairman

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Notes provided by Director of Operations, County Clerk not present.

Shawn makes motion to go into executive session to discuss land acquisition until 11:40 with everyone currently in the room.

Perb seconds.

On favor aye.