

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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September 7, 2022

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 24th day of August 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 Krier moved to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Prescott seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Minutes of the August 31, 2022, RNR Hearing, Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting were not available.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no Old Business.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

A. RESOLUTION 2022-22: A Resolution Establishing a Temporary Burn Ban:

-Amy Miller, Emergency Risk Manager, will present details. Persistent dry weather conditions have created a fire hazard situation within Barton County. Local Fire Chiefs have asked that the Commission prohibit open burning in Barton County. At this time, the Commission will be asked to declare a temporary burn ban until conditions improve.

Amy Miller, Emergency Risk Manager, said she spoke with Luke McCormick, Great Bend Fire Chief, he said the Fire Chiefs wanted to withdraw their request for a resolution at this time.

Commissioner Schartz asked Miller about storm damage reports. Miller said all she heard about were the power lines and some tree damage.

B. SOLID WASTE: Appointment of Director:

-Matt Patzner, Director of Operations, will provide details. Earlier this year, the County advertised for the position of Solid Waste Director. Work generally includes management of Landfill operations to include budget development, staff management and operational control. After accepting applications and doing interviews, Jennifer Hamby, who has been serving in the position of Interim Director, was appointed to the position.

Matt Patzner, Director of Operations, asked that the commissioners recognized Jennifer Hamby as Landfill Director.

Commissioner Schartz said she credited Phil Hathcock for getting her training and Hamby's ability to take over the landfill.

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Commissioner Esfeld asked Hamby how long she had been at the landfill. Hamby said she had worked at the landfill for 13 years. Hamby said she appreciated the opportunity to serve in the role and looked forward to working with the commissioners to make the best possible decisions for the landfill.

Commissioner Prescott moved to announce the appointment of Jennifer Hamby as the Director of Barton County Solid Waste.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

C. FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: Extending the Grant Term – The Gallery:

-Loretta K. Miller, The Gallery, located at 2019 and 2021 Forest Avenue, Great Bend, will provide details. During the September 21, 2021, Commission Meeting, Miller was allocated a total of \$23,370.33 for two façade improvement projects. Contactor issues have caused the projects to be delayed. The Commission will be asked to extend the grant period to June 30, 2023.

Loretta K. Miller, The Gallery, said Matt Karlin had committed to paint and Mark Herrman had bricked in the old doorway. Miller said she had an estimate from Briseno Construction. It was higher than the estimate from the original contractor. They will not be able to keep the original windows due to safety issues. They are going to install paned windows with window boxes and planters. Hoping to start the project in November.

Commissioner Krier asked Miller if she needed an extension. Miller said she would need extended time as it involves tearing out the entire front of the building. She had been assured that it would be secured by the end of the day. Contractor said it should take 6 days to complete.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked Miller for the new total. Miller said Briseno Construction was \$24,855, she had paid Mark Herrman \$1,450, the awnings from Mark Guthrie were \$3,000 - \$4,000 and painting approximately \$3,000.

Commissioner Hutchinson noted this was two separate taxed properties.

Commissioner Krier moved to extend the contract period for Loretta K. Miller, The Gallery, located at 2019 and 2021 Forest Avenue, Great Bend, Kansas, to June 30, 2023.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion and said she really would like to say is that I know we will have more people come in, but I really appreciate hearing what is going on. It is very interesting. I mean, I am interested in what is going on in downtown Great Bend and all of the other communities too. It is nice to have an update and keep it in the forefront of people's minds that this is going on and we have not forgotten about it.

Commissioner Hutchinson said the rule of thumb set out was if someone needed an extension or more money, they need to come into the commissioners. Exceptions may be made if they were unable to attend a meeting.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

D. FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: Extending the Grant Term – B&H Development, LLC:

-Mr. Patzner will provide details. During the September 21, 2021, Commission Meeting, B&H Development, Great Bend Coffee and Yours Truly, 2015 and 2017 Lakin, Great Bend, was allocated a total of \$20,000.00 for a façade improvement project. Replacement of historic glass has caused the project to be delayed. The Commission will be asked to extend the grant period to June 30, 2023.

Matt Patzner, Director of Operations, presented details.

Commissioner Prescott moved to extend the contract period for B&H Development, Great Bend Coffee and Yours Truly, 2015 and 2017 Lakin, Great Bend, Kansas, and extend it to June 30, 2023.

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Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

E. FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: Request for Additional Funding – Twisted Fusion:

-Mr. Patzner will provide details. In November, 2021, Twisted Fusion, 167 S Main Street, Hoisington, Kansas, was awarded a \$19,162.27 Façade Improvement Grant allocation. The final accounting for the project indicates an overrun of \$539.06. The Commission will be asked to provide additional funding to Twisted Fusion.

Matt Patzner, Director of Operations, said the owner of Twisted Fusion, Raylene Guertin, said there were issues with the original contractor. She had to hire a different contractor and they corrected things that were not up to code. This was an expense corrected outside of the grant and she was requesting the overages. 100% of the overage was \$539.06. The original grant terms, 75%, would be \$404.30.

Commissioner Esfeld moved to award Twisted Fusion an additional amount of \$404.30 for a total of \$19,566.57 to offset the final overage of this project. The amount to be paid from the Capital Improvement Fund, Building and Fixed Equipment - General Line, 071-00-6305.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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

-Commissioner Kirby Krier will provide details. This proposed Resolution concerns guidelines for Commissioners when dealing with area boards and committees.

by Krier, Commissioner, said he had a multitude of options that he put on everyone's desks. Since they had not been able to discuss and look at them, he would like to table the item.

Commissioner Krier moved to put this on the agenda for next week.

Commissioner Prescott seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

IV. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

V. OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business.

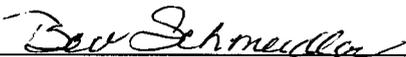
VI. ADJOURN.

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

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:


Bev Schmeidler
Barton County Clerk


Shawn Hutchinson, Chairman