

# Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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April 28, 2023

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened for a Special Agenda Meeting this 28th day of April 2023, at the Barton County Courthouse.

*Members present:*

Duane Reif, Commissioner, 1<sup>st</sup> District  
Shawn Hutchinson, Commissioner, 3<sup>rd</sup> District, Chairman  
Tricia Schlessiger, Commissioner, 4<sup>th</sup> District  
Donna Zimmerman, Commissioner, 5<sup>th</sup> District  
Bev Schmeidler, County Clerk  
Matt Patzner, County Administrator  
Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor

*Members attending via Teams®:*

Barb Efeld, Commissioner, 2<sup>nd</sup> District, (Chairman Pro-Tem)

## **I. OPENING BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Hutchinson called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

Commissioner Schlessiger moved to amend the agenda to add Item C for Central Kansas Community Corrections board appointment.

Commissioner Zimmerman seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **II. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **A. JUVENILE SERVICES: Presentation of Fiscal Year 2024 Budgets:**

-Marissa Woodmansee, Juvenile Services Director, will provide details. The 20th Judicial District Juvenile Services is funded by Kansas Department of Corrections – Juvenile Services grant. Programs must improve outcomes for youth, families and communities and follow evidence-based practices. Included in today's information is the \$33,157.82 budget for Prevention, \$806,697.12 for Graduated Sanctions and \$320,782.38 for Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board programming. Also included \$256,626.00 in Reinvestment Funds. This two-year grant funding must be used specifically for Family Engagement and Advocacy programming.

Marissa Woodmansee, Juvenile Services Director, said it could be overwhelming to people to understand everything Juvenile Services does. They were trying to educate the public as well as their stakeholders and partners they work with. They work with youth from 0 – 23 years of age. It was broken into three areas of funding with the first funding source being from their Reinvestment Grant. With that grant, they do family engagement and advocacy as well as the parent project curriculum. They are on the 17<sup>th</sup> class of the parent project since receiving the funding from the state. Out of all of those classes, only one was court ordered. Otherwise, these are parents who want to learn, want to do better and want to get the right skills and tools to help their children. The second source was JCAB funding which comes from a report Woodmansee provided to the legislators every October. That report specifically looks at the gaps in helping youth be successful. Kansas Department of Corrections Juvenile Services Division quantifies that once a youth received 175 program hours, that would help with rehabilitation. They also have Day School for the youth under their programs. If that youth gets suspended or expelled, they attend Day School at Juvenile Services so they are still getting their work done and were accountable. They had seven in the current school year, all of those being from Barton County. The last component was the State Block Grant. They were statutorily required to run intake and assessment, immediate intervention or diversion, prevention and intensive supervised probation and case management. Her goals were to streamline

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training for staff and training for law enforcement partners. The goal with the diversion program was to keep the juveniles from escalating in the justice system.

Commissioner Zimmerman said she appreciated the parent program, bringing the parents onboard.

Woodmansee said they do have bilingual employees to help get the information out to everyone.

Commissioner Schlessiger the program was evolving to meet the needs of the youth in the community.

Commissioner Hutchinson noted the funds were not property tax levied funds. Woodmansee said the funds come from Evidence Based Strategies Fund. The funds previously paying for the offenders to be housed in group homes, shelters and detention. It had cost the state \$50,000.00 a month for each person.

Commissioner Zimmerman moved to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 budget for Prevention, Graduated Sanctions, Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board and Reinvestment Funds for a total of \$1,417,263.32. Direct the Commission Chairman to sign documentation as required. Direct Ms. Woodmansee to submit required documentation to the Kansas Department of Correction – Juvenile Services as required.

Commissioner Reif seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **B. CENTRAL KANSAS COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS: Fiscal Year 2024 Comprehensive Plan Submission:**

-Amy Boxberger, CKCC Director, will provide details. The Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC) requires the submission of a Comprehensive Plan (grant application) each year. These documents require the review and approval of the Barton County Commissioners, as the Administrative County for the District to which the plan pertains.

Amy Boxberger, CKCC Director, asked for signature of approval of the 2024 Comprehensive Plan to submit to KDOC. The grant requested was in the amount of \$680,724.15. The money that they vie for comes from the State of Kansas Department of Corrections. Boxberger said her office provides intensive supervision services for felony offenders in the 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial District which included Barton, Ellsworth, Russell, Rice and Stafford counties. Her office employed eight people: herself, six officers and a secretary. Boxberger said the advisory board and commissioners in the other counties had all approved of the submission. They evaluate how they were doing with evidence based principles, where the gaps were and what funding or services they need to do to effectuate positive self-change for that long term change to make the community safer. They also evaluate the last closed fiscal year, which was FY2022, covering July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022. 178 people closed from the program at that time with 150 of those not going to prison. 28 people went to prison for a 15.7% rate. They also effectuated change through cognitive behavioral classes and will continue those classes in the next year. She had requested additional funds for classes to help provide long-term change. They rely on local stakeholders to address high risk domains. They had talked a lot about the matrix which was part of what they submit in their plan. The matrix was important as it gives discretion to the officers to individualize responses for people. The state goal for closures was 75% completion rate. Boxberger's office achieved that last year and were right at 75% again this year. The state had wanted a 3% increase.

Commissioner Hutchinson said he had asked Boxberger for a recommendation from the advisory board on the current matrix and if there were any changes before they considered it. Boxberger said she took a roll call vote and said a motion that no changes were necessary with the matrix was made on April 25<sup>th</sup> which meant a "yes" vote supported the current matrix and a "no" vote did not support it. The motion passed 7-1 at the meeting. Boxberger received a "no" vote by email and 4 other "no" votes. One person who had just been appointed to the board abstained from voting and another person had missed the

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meetings concerning the matter and did not feel he had enough information to vote. She also had 2 nonresponses.

Commissioner Zimmerman asked Boxberger if Judge Johnson was a member of the advisory board. Boxberger said he was the appointing person for the board and appointed himself for that meeting. She added that it was normally Judge Carrie Hipp. Judge Johnson had done a good job addressing that if there were political issues on getting tough on crime, it was really a Topeka issue.

Commissioner Schlessiger said she voted via the link and there had been three nay votes, but now were only two. What happened to the other nay vote. Boxberger said she sent the poll out prior to the meeting, and it contained a different motion, that was why they had to vote again.

Commissioner Schlessiger asked that they receive more monthly reports as a commission. She continued that the commission might look more at outcomes, quality assurance, rather than the matrix as much.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked Boxberger how many people were on Community Corrections. Boxberger said 275 for the five counties. Commissioner Hutchinson asked how many there were in Barton County. Boxberger said 210.

Commissioner Hutchinson said the advisory board was comprised of two District Court Judges, a County Attorney, County Commissioners, a Sheriff, a Police Captain, former KDOC Investigator, County Administrator among others.

Commissioner Zimmerman said it was a diverse board.

Boxberger said it was discussed on April 12<sup>th</sup> that there was no one with behavioral health service expertise. They did receive an application from Shionta Gray. Boxberger said there was also an open position in Ellsworth County.

Matt Patzner gave a recap of what led to these actions.

Commissioner Schlessiger said she felt there needed to be communication across the board between law enforcement and Community Corrections. They must be able to depend on each other going forward.

Commissioner Esfeld said it was a good advisory board. John Fletcher was a sheriff for many years and his wife was an ISO, now an attorney. He would be a great asset when he joins the board.

Commissioner Schlessiger moved to approve the Community Corrections Comprehensive Plan and Behavioral Health Request for Fiscal Year 2024 for Central Kansas Community Corrections and approve its submission to the Kansas Department of Corrections.

Commissioner Reif seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **ADDED ITEM**

### **C. CENTRAL KANSAS COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS: Board Appointment:**

Commissioner Schlessiger moved to appoint Sharon Wondra to the CKCC Advisory Board for the general open position, uncompensated term to end March, 2025.

Commissioner Hutchinson said thank you. It has been moved for Sharon Wondra. Is there any other nominations? If not, I would accept a second.

Commissioner Zimmerman seconded the motion.

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Commissioner Hutchinson said Sharon Wondra was an outstanding individual in our community with years of law enforcement experience.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

### III. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

### IV. OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business.

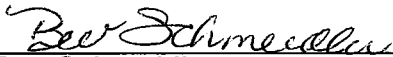
### V. ADJOURN.

Commissioner Zimmerman moved to adjourn at 9:48 A.M.

Commissioner Schlessiger seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

  
Bev Schmeidler  
Barton County Clerk

  
Shawn Hutchinson, Chairman