

# Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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August 29, 2023

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 29th day of August 2023, at the 1500 Kansas location.

## *Members present:*

Duane Reif, Commissioner, 1<sup>st</sup> District  
Barb Esfeld, Commissioner, 2<sup>nd</sup> District, (*Chairman Pro-Tem*)  
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

## **I. OPENING BUSINESS:**

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

Commissioner Schlessiger moved to approve the agenda.  
Commissioner Zimmerman seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Esfeld moved to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2023, Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting and the August 22, 2023, Regular Meeting.  
Commissioner Reif seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **II. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:**

-Bev Schmeidler, County Clerk, will present details. An Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of August 15, 2023, and ending August 29, 2023.

Bev Schmeidler, County Clerk, presented details.

Commissioner Zimmerman moved to approve appropriations for the period of August 15, 2023, to August 29, 2023. Authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.  
Commissioner Schlessiger seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **III. OLD BUSINESS:**

-There was no Old Business.

## **IV. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **A. REGISTER OF DEEDS: Recognizing Pam Wornkey upon Her Retirement:**

-Chairman Shawn Hutchinson will provide details. Pam Wornkey, Register of Deeds, has been employed with the County since February 14, 2008. Previously, she has served the County in both the Sheriff's Office and Central Kansas Community Corrections. After being appointed as the Deputy in 2009, she was elected as the Register of Deeds. Her first term began in 2013.

Shawn Hutchinson, Commission Chairman, said Pam Wornkey was hired as a dispatcher for the Sheriff's Office in 1980. She became Administrative Assistant to the Sheriff in 1989 and also worked in the Detention Center and at Community Corrections. She was hired in the Register of Deeds Office in 2008 and became Deputy in 2009. She began her first term as Register of Deeds in 2013.  
Commissioner Hutchinson read a letter the commissioners prepared to Wornkey.

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Darren Williams, Road & Bridge Director, thanked Wornkey for all her work with the county owned cemeteries and being instrumental in the county's software program for grave markings.

Commissioner Esfeld asked Wornkey which sheriff she worked under. Wornkey said Gene Marks, Jim Daily and Buck Causey.

Commissioner Zimmerman said it had been interesting to see all of the things Wornkey had been able to do with the Register of Deeds Office and that Glenda French had big shoes to fill.

Wornkey said the county had always been her home, she had really never wanted to do anything other than serve the citizens of Barton County. She had the opportunity to do that in several different positions. It had been great spending her adult work life with the county.

Commissioner Schlessiger congratulated Wornkey on her retirement.

Wornkey said it was bittersweet. She was excited, scared and sad but was ready to step into the world of retirement.

Commissioner Reif said congratulations and said someone working that long for Barton County should be recognized.

Jim Jordan, County Treasurer, said it had been a pleasure working with Wornkey.

Commissioner Zimmerman moved to recognize Pam Wornkey, Register of Deeds, upon her retirement from Barton County.

Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Hutchinson introduced Glenda French, the next Register of Deeds.

## **B. RESOLUTION 2023-22: Establishing Weight Limits for Certain Bridges Maintained by Barton County and Rescinding Resolution 2020-18, Same, Adopted October 26, 2020:**

-Barry McManaman, County Engineer, will present details. Engineering load ratings have been performed on certain County-maintained bridges as required by federal regulations. These regulations require that weight limit signs be installed at bridges that do not have enough capacity to safely support State of Kansas legal loads. Should the proposed Resolution be adopted, it would require that the described bridges be posted with weight limits until such time that said bridge is replaced or conditions are corrected.

Barry McManaman, County Engineer, said they were in the eighth year of the ten year federally mandated bridge load rating project that KDOT was carrying out. Out of 372 bridges in the county, 33 were looked at this year bringing it to 247 that had been looked at for load ratings. They found one more bridge, Off System Bridge No. 86, on NW 80 Ave just south of NW 20 Rd, crosses Dry Walnut Creek. We need to put up signage for emergency vehicles. An example of the signage was shown. There are currently 18 bridges that have emergency vehicle signage only. There were 4 bridges with both signs. McManaman said the resolution was a living document that gets updated as there were changes. The resolution today was adding one bridge.

Commissioner Zimmerman asked McManaman if emergency services would be notified when a bridge gets added. McManaman said they do notify them as they may need to know alternate routes.

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Commissioner Schlessiger moved to adopt Resolution 2023-22, Establishing Weight Limits for Certain Bridges Maintained by Barton County and Rescinding Resolution 2020-18, Same, Adopted October 26, 2020.

Commissioner Reif seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **C. CENTRAL KANSAS COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS: Fiscal Year 2024 Carry-over Reimbursement Plan Budget:**

-Amy Boxberger, CKCC Director, will provide details. The Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC) requires a budget submission of local program funding collected by Community Corrections agencies from program fees and reimbursements. These budgets 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, said every year they submit a comprehensive plan that outlines the grant for the state monies that come in. They also have a requirement to submit a plan about how they will spend their carry-over reimbursement budget. This comes from collections from clients for drug testing and such. FY23 started with \$51,985.01. They spent \$29,449.28 and collected \$30,824.90. They started the current year with \$53,360.62. These funds help fill in the gap for things such as travel, training, drug testing fees and replacement of one of the cars totaled in the recent storm.

Commissioner Esfeld asked Boxberger how much drug tests cost. Boxberger said they were approximately \$2.00 but there were also monetary sanctions for testing positive.

Commissioner Esfeld moved to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Carryover Reimbursement Budget in the amount of \$53,360.62. Authorize the Chair to sign any required documentation.

Commissioner Reif seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## ***No Executive Session Held***

## **D. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

-Chairman Hutchinson will present. Any Commissioner may make a motion for the board to recess to executive session at this time as allowed by K.S.A. 75-4319. Any motion must contain the justification for the executive session, the subject matter to be discussed, any individuals in addition to the board who will attend the executive session and the time at which the regular session shall resume.

## **IV. ENDING BUSINESS:**

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

## **V. OTHER BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Reif – invited everyone to attend the 127<sup>th</sup> Annual Labor Day Celebration in Hoisington beginning Friday with a barbecue. He also thanked Road & Bridge for mowing ditches in the area.

Amy Boxberger – CKCC Advisory Board Meeting Thursday, August 31, 2023, at noon.

Commissioner Schlessiger – spoke about the water impairment issue in Stafford County. Commissioners want to plan a joint meeting with Stafford County.

Matt Patzner – County offices closed Monday for Labor Day, suggested skipping Commission Meeting next week.

Commissioner Hutchinson – next meeting would be September 12<sup>th</sup>.

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## **VI. ADJOURN:**

Commissioner Zimmerman made a motion to adjourn at 9:26 A.M.

Commissioner Schlessiger seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Bev Schmeidler  
Barton County Clerk



Shawn Hutchinson, Chairman