

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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October 31, 2023

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 31st day of October 2023, at the 1500 Kansas location.

Members present:

Duane Reif, Commissioner, 1st District
Barb Esfeld, Commissioner, 2nd District, (Chairman Pro-Tem)
Shawn Hutchinson, Commissioner, 3rd District, Chairman
Tricia Schlessiger, Commissioner, 4th District
Donna Zimmerman, Commissioner, 5th 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 Esfeld moved to approve the agenda.
Commissioner Schlessiger seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Zimmerman moved to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2023, Regular Meeting.
Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

-There was no Old Business.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

A. PROCLAMATION 2023-14: National Author's Day:

-Elizabeth Danielle Coles, Druschel LLC Media, has asked that the Commission adopt a Proclamation recognizing National Author's Day. Celebrated each November 1st, this is a day to honor and appreciate the contributions of authors, both past and present, who have enriched lives through their creative works.

Elizabeth Danielle Coles, Druschel LLC Media, said E.D. Coles was her pen name. Coles read a poem that she wrote for the commissioners titled "First Frost". She spoke about the importance of authors in everyone's lives. Since man had put handprints on cave walls, we have had the need to pass on our knowledge to others and we do that by writing. Coles recognized Dale Hogg and Mike Courson for putting their hearts and souls out there for all of us to read. Coles also recognized some author friends who were not able to be present, Timothy Pennington and Rhea Grandon. Coles acknowledged Diana Watson for writing the proclamation. She read the proclamation and invited some authors present at the meeting to speak.

Becky Gillette said she had been writing with a newspaper for quite some time. She finds it an exciting and exhilarating profession. She writes a column for the Ellinwood Leader and decided to turn it into a book called Jessie's Corner. The term author encompasses a vast array of people who write. There was just something about putting yourself on paper.

Dorian Howton said books, she liked them all. She started reading at three and a half years of age and had not stopped since. Reading not only opened her imagination but her compassion as well, crying when Charlotte the spider died in Charlotte's Web or going on adventures in A Wrinkle In Time. She

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easily reads a book a week and none of that would be possible without authors. Howton has her own website for the development and tourism of Ellinwood, Kansas.

Gene Manweiler, former owner of Manweiler Chevrolet in Hoisington, said he never considered himself much of an author but three years ago yesterday, was the last time he walked through Manweiler Chevrolet and locked the door. He thought what better way to preserve that than to write a book. Manweiler said writing the book helped to preserve his family's history. It tells how they made it through the depression, the bankruptcy of General Motors, stressful lives of being a dealer. He was the fourth-generation owner, had the fifth-generation set up to take over and things changed. The sixth-generation worked for him for two summers and then decided they wanted to go a different route. I was then sold to Micah Ehler. Manweiler said he wrote the book for his family more than anything. He thanked E.D. Coles.

Coles thanked the commissioners for their consideration.

Commissioner Zimmerman moved to adopt Proclamation 2023-14, National Author's Day.

Commissioner Schlessiger seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Reif said he had two signed copies of Manweiler's book.

B. COUNTY ENGINEER: Consideration of Bids for NE 130 Avenue RCB Extensions:

-Barry McManaman, County Engineer, will present details. Bids were opened on October 20, 2023, for this project which widens an existing Reinforced Concrete Box (RCB) on NE 130 Avenue just north of NE 130 Road. L&M Contractors, Inc. submitted the only bid in the amount of \$73,745.00. The Commission is asked to consider approval of the bid.

Barry McManaman, County Engineer, said the project was one and a half miles north of Claflin. This was primarily a safety improvement and would add six feet on each side. L&M Contractors was the only bid received for the amount of \$73,745.00. If awarded the bid, they would like to start possibly mid-November and could be completed by the end of the year.

Commissioner Hutchinson said they covered this in study session.

Commissioner Zimmerman said it was a good price.

Commissioner Reif said there was a lot of oilfield and agricultural traffic and that road, widening the road would make it much safer.

Commissioner Esfeld moved to accept the \$73,745.00 bid from L&M Contractors, Inc. for the NE 130 Avenue RCB Extensions. Cost to be paid from the Special Bridge Fund, Construction Related Items Line, 003-92-6191-02. Direct the Commission Chairman to sign the Notice of Award and the Agreement between the County and L&M Contractors, Inc.

Commissioner Reif seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

C. EMERGENCY ROOF REPAIR: Barton County Sheriff's Office:

-Matt Patzner, County Administrator, will present details. In July of this year, certain County buildings sustained damage as a result of the hailstorm. Included therein is the roof on the Sheriff's Office Administrative Building. After insurance adjusters inspected the roofs, it was suggested that repairs be made. The Commission will consider authorizing Summit Roofing to repair the roof, provided that the work can be completed within the calendar year.

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Matt Patzner, County Administrator, presented details and asked for authorization to have Summit Roofing do the repairs provided the work be completed within the calendar year.

Commissioner Hutchinson said if the work could not be completed in this calendar year, they would open it up for bids next year as it would no longer be an emergency repair.

Commissioner Schlessiger moved to authorize Summit Roofing to repair the roof at the Sheriff's Office Administrative Building. Said authorization based on the work being completed prior to December 31, 2023. Cost of the work by Summit Roofing and Exteriors, \$23,578.13, to be paid from the Capital Improvement Fund, Building and Fixed Equipment – General Line, 071-00-6305, with reimbursement to be made through the County's insurance. Should the work not be completed, the authorization will be withdrawn and the County will let a bid for the work.

Commissioner Reif seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

No Executive Session Held

D. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

-Chairman Shawn 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 Esfeld – commended Sheriff Brian Bellendir, Undersheriff Steve Billinger, Lieutenant David Paden and Linda Francis for the way they handled the incident at the Sheriff's Office when a gentleman walked in with a gun.

Commissioner Hutchinson – cool heads prevailed.

Commissioner Schlessiger – she attended Snow Day Training at Road & Bridge Department. They also had a chili cookoff and she was the honorary judge. Alan Baxter won, and Jacob Hayes took second place. They do safety training, equipment training and run the routes in preparation for storms.

Commissioner Schlessiger – attended CKCC Advisory Board meeting where they went over the updated sanctions.

Commissioner Schlessiger – working on a joint meeting with the City of Ellinwood. They would tour the new hospital, have dinner with Ellinwood City Council and a meeting on November 14, 2023.

Commissioner Hutchinson – asked Commissioner Reif about the status of a joint meeting with Hoisington.

Commissioner Reif – he was waiting to hear back from Hoisington City Administrator, he would touch base today.

Matt Patzner – he spoke to Jonathan Mitchell and the tentative date was November 27, 2023.

Commissioner Hutchinson – he would like to also meet with Pawnee County Commissioners, he would work on that.

Commissioner Reif – he would check with Claflin to see when they could meet.

Bev Schmeidler – slow but steady turnout for early voting. Early voting ends November 6th at noon.

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VI. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Zimmerman made a motion to adjourn at 9:30 A.M.

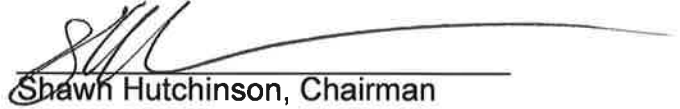
Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Bev Schmeidler
Barton County Clerk



Shawn Hutchinson, Chairman