

# Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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March 2, 2015

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 2nd day of March 2015, at the Barton County Courthouse.

## *Members present:*

Kenny Schremmer, Commissioner, 1st District, Chairman

Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner, 2nd District

Don Davis, Commissioner, 3rd District

Alicia Straub, 4th District

Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner, 5th District (Chairman Pro-Tem)

Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator

## **I. OPENING BUSINESS:**

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

Commissioner Straub moved to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

The minutes of the February 23, 2015 Regular Meeting were not available.

## **II. OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business.

## **III. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **A. NATIONAL PARK SERVICE: Chisholm and Great Western National Historic Trails:**

-The proposed Chisholm and Great Western National Historic Trail commemorates the routes followed by upwards of ten million cattle as they traveled northbound from southern Texas to Kansas and adjacent destinations between 1867 and the 1880s. Ellinwood citizens are interested in moving the designation forward as it may positively impact the City of Ellinwood.

Lloyd Kurtz, Ellinwood, requested the Commission approve a Letter of Support and noted it includes the Cox Trail, which ran along the East side of Ellinwood. Letters of support have been drafted by both the City of Ellinwood and the City of Great Bend. Kurtz said there was a cattle drive that went down the Cox Trail four or five years ago.

Commissioner Davis moved to approve a Letter of Support to the National Park Service for the Chisholm and the Great Western National Historic Trails.

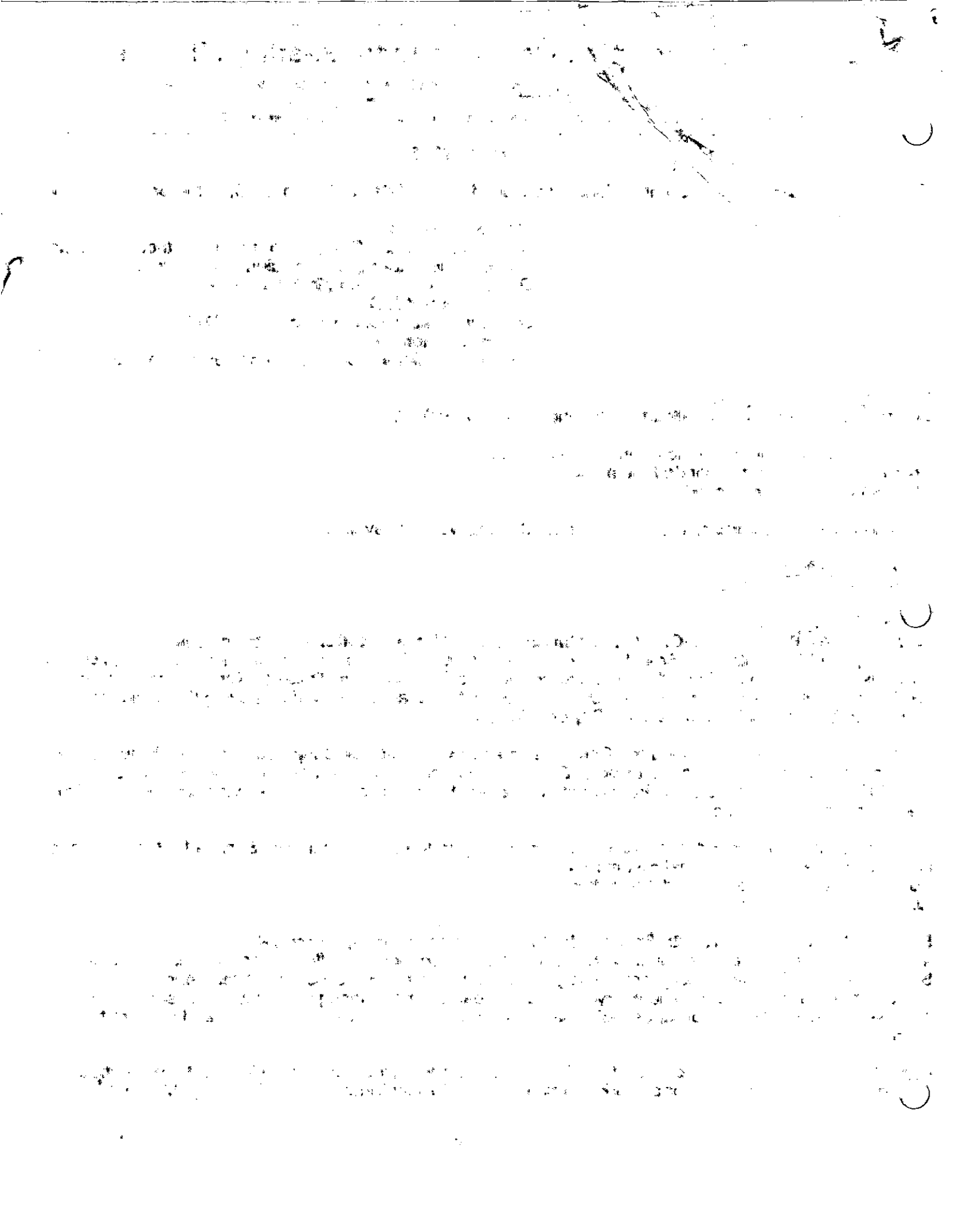
Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

### **B. PROCLAMATION 2015-02: Severe Weather Awareness Week, March 2-6, 2015:**

-Severe Weather Awareness Week, March 2-6, 2015, is a cooperative effort of the National Weather Services and the Kansas Emergency Management Association. Barton County Emergency Management would like to remind everyone to be prepared for the spring severe weather season. The proposed Proclamation encourages individuals, businesses and communities to plan and prepare for an emergency.

Amy Miller, Emergency Manager, said it is the time of year to encourage people to start thinking about they will shelter at home or at work and noted the statewide tornado drill is Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>.



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Chance Hays, National Weather Service, will participate in "Storm Fury on the Plains" weather spotter training. Miller said the sessions will be held at the Crest Theatre at 3:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Commissioner Kruckenberg moved to adopt Proclamation 2015-02, Severe Weather Awareness Week. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.

## C. SHERIFF'S OFFICE: Prisoner Holding Fees – City of Great Bend:

-Kansas law provides that cities committing prisoners to the County jail "shall provide for the payment of such compensation upon receipt of statement from the Sheriff of such County as to the amount due from such city". Under a 1972 agreement and revisions thereto, the City of Great Bend provides an annual fee of \$37,000.00. Other municipalities within the County are charged \$17.50 a day per inmate, plus any medical expenses. The reduced rate is given to County municipalities as citizens already pay Barton County taxes. After a review of current costs and in the interest of fairness to all the citizens of the County, effective June 30, 2015, the Sheriff's Office will begin billing the City of Great Bend \$17.50 per day, per inmate, plus medical expenses.

Sheriff Brian Bellendir said in 1972, the City of Great Bend closed their municipal jail. Bellendir said, by statute, the Sheriff has to take city's prisoners and since the early 1970's, the City of Great Bend has paid a set amount per year to the County for housing of prisoners. State statute allows the Sheriff to charge municipalities the actual cost to house the inmate, which is approximately \$80/day. Bellendir said the "going rate" around the state is \$35, which is what Barton County currently charges. Bellendir said they charge half that rate for in-county municipalities since they are already paying County taxes. If the sentencing trend continues as it is, effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, the department could see an additional \$30,000 to \$50,000 in revenue.

Information Only. No Action Required.

## D. COUNTY CLERK'S / ELECTION OFFICE: Office Remodeling:

-Barton County solicited proposals to remodel the County Clerk's office, to include building shelves on the north, south and east walls of the office. In addition, sound proofing and lighting will also be addressed. Bids were accepted until February 25, 2015. Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk, recommends that a \$19,229.00 bid from Thomas Quality Homes be approved. Monies are available in the Capital Improvement Fund for the suggested remodeling.

Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk, presented the following details:

Cabinets and tops	\$14,330.00
Soundproofing insulation	\$ 201.00
Lighting, Donna's Office	\$ 862.00
Main Office T-12 fixtures	\$ 1,831.00
Voting Room, T-8 fixtures	\$ 312.00
Advanced Voting and Equipment Room Lighting	\$ 1,693.00

Zimmerman said this will be the second time the office has been remodeled in the past 30+ years. She noted the last remodel was in 2005 as a result of needed improvements for electronic voting and the Help America Vote Act legislation making voting more handicap accessible.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve a \$19,229.00 bid from Thomas Quality Homes to build shelving, install sound proofing insulation and lighting in the County Clerk's Office. Project cost to be paid from the Capital Improvement Fund, General Use Line, 071-00-6305.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.



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- Commissioner Schremmer moved Item F in front of Item E.

## **F. NOXIOUS WEED: Purchase of Replacement Copier:**

-The copier currently used by Noxious Weed, purchased nine years ago, is experiencing maintenance issues. As a result, Noxious Weed personnel contacted Office Products Inc. and requested information on like copiers. After a review of machines, it is suggested that the Cannon Image Runner Advance C5235A be purchased from OPI. With a trade of the current copier, the cost comes to \$8,375.00. Monies are available in the Equipment Replacement Fund for this purchase.

Dale Phillips, Road and Bridge / Noxious Weed / Memorial Parks Director, said the existing copier is nine years old and has maintenance issues due to its age and continued use and noted the cost of their new copier nine years ago was \$5,990.

Commissioner Schartz moved to purchase a Cannon Image Runner Advance C5235A from OPI for the price of \$8,375.00, to include the trading in of the existing Cannon Image Runner C2620 copier. The cost to be paid from the Equipment Replacement Fund, Noxious Weed line, 072-00-6480.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **E. ROAD AND BRIDGE: Replacement of the Heating and Air Conditioning System:**

-The Road and Bridge Department accepted bids for the replacement of the heating and air conditioning system at the Road and Bridge Shop until 2:00 p.m., February 5, 2015. The project included the replacement of shop heaters and the installation of a HVAC system for selected work areas. A&F Enterprises, Comfort Pros, Moeder and Rube's all bid the project. Monies are available in the Capital Improvement Fund for this purpose.

Dale Phillips, Road and Bridge Director, said the overhead system currently in use was installed in 1957 and said it was recently discovered that there are cracks in two of the heat exchangers. Phillips said they received 4 bids from local vendors. All vendors were invited to the study session last week. Rube's was the only vendor present. Phillips said Rube's stated at the study session that they felt their bid "meets or exceeds" the specifications as allowed for in the bid documents.

Commissioner Kruckenberg said that there is quite a difference in the bids and wondered what the rationale was for the difference. Commissioner Schremmer said the traditional system with ductwork requires concrete work, etc. which creates a larger expense for installation.

Commissioner Schremmer asked Phillips how the specifications were developed. Phillips said a local vendor (*CoMFort Pros*) helped draft specifications and were paid separately for that work.

Commissioner Kruckenberg asked if the specifications were met with the low bid. Phillips said yes.

Commissioner Schremmer asked Phillips when he said specifications were met, did he mean BTU, area of coverage, or what, does the system work through chilled water or refrigeration? Phillips said refrigeration, but deferred to Rube's for clarification. Brian Pedigo, Rube's, Inc., said the proposed units are a Mitsubishi ductless system. It has inside air handlers with outside condensers that are controlled by remote. He bid 3 units in the crew room, 1 in the bathroom, 1 in the kitchen and 2 in the office. Efficiency rating is 19-21 SEER. Pedigo said there is a seven year warranty on the compressor and parts. There would also be 2 overhead units in the shop area.

Commissioner Straub asked Pedigo to explain the energy efficiency ratings. Pedigo said it is "energy" rated.

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Mike Harmon, A & F Enterprises, said he received the certified letter about last week's meeting, after the meeting had already passed, so felt he was not given the opportunity to explain his bid. Harmon said all companies should be bidding "apples for apples" and said every one of them can do a ductless system, but that wasn't in the specifications. Harmon said the bidding should be opened back up again so everyone has a chance to bid on the same thing. Harmon said they wasted their time and noted it was their company that discovered the beam that caused there to be an addendum to the bid specifications.

Pedigo said since the letter said "meets or exceeds", he bid the ductless system.

Commissioner Davis said maybe they ought to re-bid so other contractors have a chance to bid ductless.

Commissioner Schremmer said that he probably would have submitted bids for both systems.

Alan Moeder, Moeder Plumbing, Heating & Air, asked Pedigo if he bid heat pumps and if there is back up heat. Pedigo said they are heat pumps and no, there is no back up heat. The heat pumps are hyper heat.

Moeder said the specs gave a brand name. He said with his history of mini-splits, he would never put them in without back up electric heat. With these systems, as the outside temperature drops, so does the efficiency. At a temperature of 4-5 degrees below zero, the units shut off and will not come back on until the temperature comes up. Moeder said he would never install mini-split in this application. He said it is alright for room additions, small offices and such. Rube's bid should be thrown out. The system he bid has a 5 year warranty, which is the industry standard for commercial units.

Pedigo said that the Mitsubishi is designed for up to 15 below.

Moeder said, on the heat side, it said 95% efficient and said Pedigo admitted that when it gets colder, it is less efficient.

Commissioner Straub asked the vendors what unit they would put in their own shop. Moeder said his shop has a 95% efficient unit and a tube heater in the back end.

Phillips said the bid process can be changed in the future if needed.

Commissioner Davis asked Phillips if his staff currently does heating and air maintenance. Phillips said no, there is currently no heating and air equipment to maintain other than a window air conditioning filter.

Commissioner Davis asked what it would cost to have maintenance performed by the vendor. Pedigo said he could bid it.

## *Members absent:*

Commissioner Kruckenberg - Left to attend a funeral

Mary Hoisington, Great Bend Tribune, said she understands the advantage of being able to regulate different units, but wondered if it will be as efficient to run 7 units as it would be to run 1 unit. Pedigo said yes.

Harmon said they go to the feed lot to clean the units once a month.

Gary Demel, Road & Bridge Shop Foreman, said when the bid specs were drawn up, the existing conditions at Road & Bridge were taken into consideration. Demel asked about the servicing of the units due to the high amount of dust and soot present.





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Commissioner Schremmer said if the bid process was reopened, we would have bids that have already been exposed.

Commissioner Schartz asked Phillips what was his opinion, what he recommended. Phillips said that they will live with whatever decision is made.

Pedigo said he would not have bid that way if he didn't think it would work.

Commissioner Davis said, due to the circumstances in the bidding that was let and with what everybody assumed to be the way to go, I move to approve the bid of \$54,592.00 from Moeder Plumbing for the HVAC, electrical improvements, installing overhead heaters and other improvements. The cost to be paid from the Capital Improvement Fund, Road and Bridge line, 071-00-6335.  
Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

Commissioner Straub said it is not her money being spent and wants everything to be fair for everyone. Straub said she still didn't feel like she knew what was needed in this building. Would like to have an engineer come in and look.

Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Schremmer voted aye.  
Commissioner Schartz and Commissioner Straub voted nay.  
TIE VOTE. Motion failed.

Boeckman suggested the item be tabled until all 5 commissioners are present.

Commissioner Schartz moved to table until next week.  
Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

Becky Wornkey asked, when the temperature gets 15 below, do the unit shuts off? Pedigo said the efficiency does go down.

## **G. COUNTY SERVICES: Informational Update:**

-Richard Boeckman, County Counselor / Administrator, will provide the informational report of work completed during the last period. The report, which will be made available to the media, will serve as a public reminder of the services provided by the County on a regular basis.  
**(ITEM TABLED)**

Commissioner Schartz made a motion to table until next week.  
Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.  
All four present voted aye. Motion passed.

## **IV. ENDING BUSINESS:**

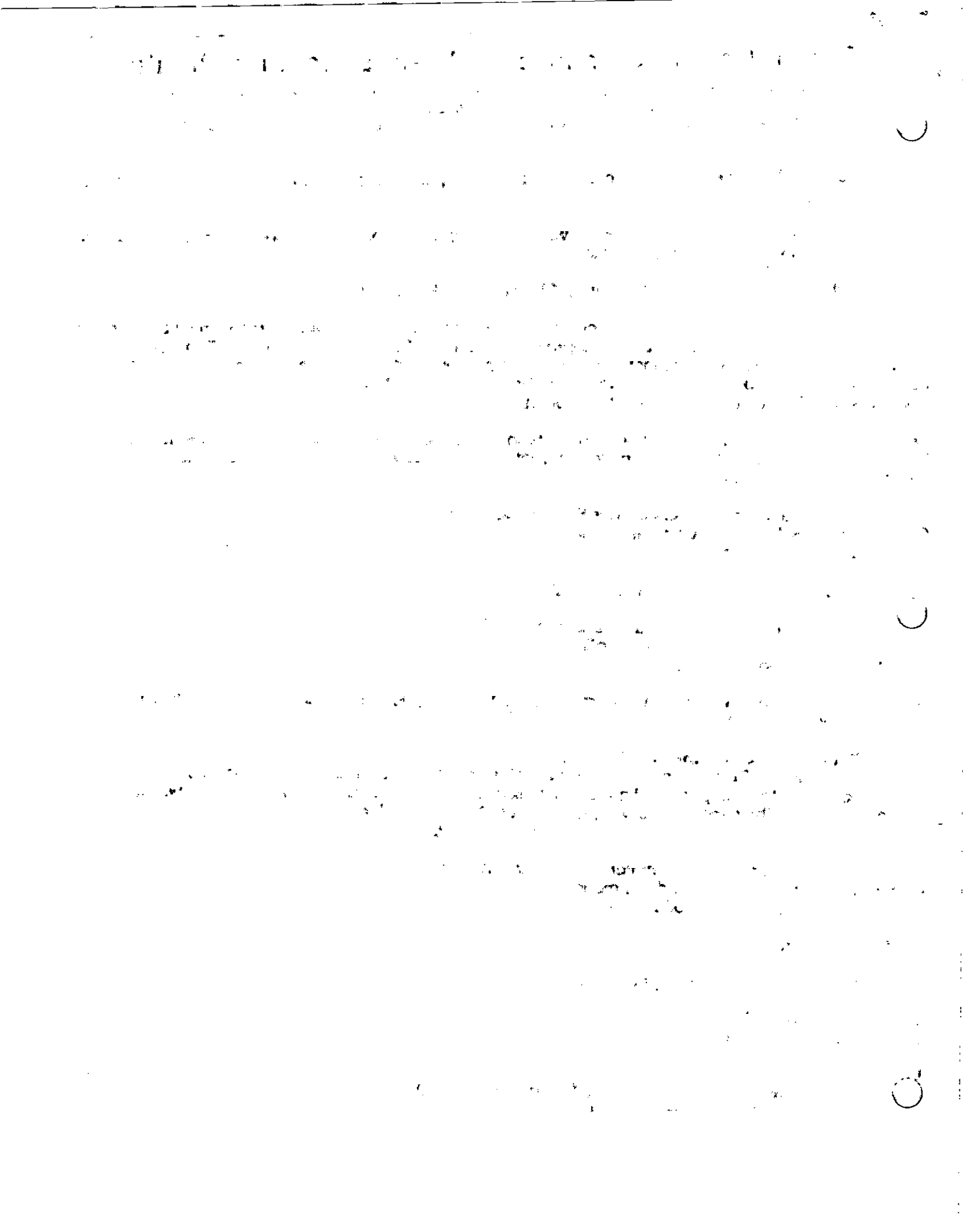
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## **V. OTHER BUSINESS:**

There was no other business.

## **VI. ADJOURN:**

Commissioner Davis made a motion to adjourn at 10:43 A.M.  
Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.



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All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

  
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Donna Zimmerman  
Barton County Clerk

  
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Kenny Schremmer, Chairman

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**PROCLAMATION 2015-02**

**SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK  
March 2 - 6, 2015**



**WHEREAS**, all citizens are encouraged to "Be Aware and Be Prepared" for severe weather events and to take responsibility for their personal safety, listen for severe weather warnings, and develop Business and Family Safety Plans; and

**WHEREAS**, the preparedness of all Barton County citizens for severe weather events such as tornadoes, severe thunderstorms, drought, heat waves, large hail, damaging winds, lightning, and flash flooding, is vital to their continued safety; and

**WHEREAS**, Barton County citizens are reminded that severe weather information is provided by advisories, watches and warnings and provided to the public via text messages, radio, television, Internet, and NOAA Weather Radio; and

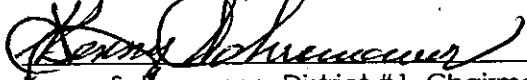
**WHEREAS**, all schools, businesses and citizens are encouraged to prepare and practice personal safety plans, and to participate in the afternoon Tornado Drill scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2015.

**WHEREAS**, in 2014 the state of Kansas experienced a total of 40 tornadoes and recorded one EF3 tornado on April 27 in Cherokee County which resulted in \$10 million in damages and 25 injuries; and

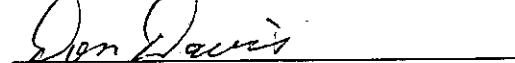
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, hereby declares the week of March 2 through 6, 2015, as Severe Weather Awareness Week to educate citizens about severe weather and to help them prepare for a life threatening severe weather event.


**ADOPTED** this 2nd day of March, 2015.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BARTON COUNTY, KANSAS**

  
Kenny Schremmer, District #1, Chairman

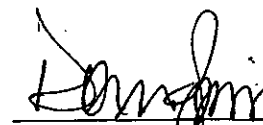
  
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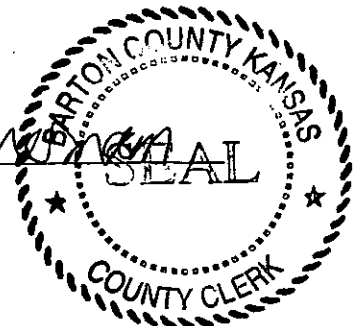
  
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ATTEST:

  
Donna Zimmerman  
County Clerk



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