

# Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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April 11, 2016

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 11th day of April 2016, at the Barton County Courthouse.

*Members present:*

Kenny Schremmer, Commissioner, 1st District (Chairman Pro-Term)  
Don Davis, Commissioner, 3rd District, Chairman  
Alicia Straub, Commissioner, 4th District  
Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner, 5th District  
Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk

*Members absent:*

Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner, 2nd District  
Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator

## I. OPENING BUSINESS:

Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order at 9:02 A.M.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the agenda.  
Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

Minutes of the April 4, 2016 Regular Meeting were not available.

## OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

## III. NEW BUSINESS:

### **A. PROCLAMATION 2016-06: National Public Safety Communications Officers Week, April 10 – 16, 2016:**

-Dena Popp, 911 Deputy Director, has asked that the Commission consider the adoption of Proclamation 2016-06, National Public Safety Communications Officers Week. In part, the Proclamation honors Public Safety Communications Officers for their vital role in protecting the life and property of Barton County citizens.

Dena Popp, 911 Deputy Director, said the first line of getting help in an emergency is dispatch and said dispatchers are rarely recognized. Law enforcement is referred to as the thin blue line, fire is the thin red line and dispatch is the thin gold line that holds it all together. Popp asked the Commissioner to adopt the proclamation recognizing National Public Safety Communications Officers Week.

Commissioner Straub moved to adopt Proclamation 2016-06, as National Public Safety Telecommunications Week and thank you Ms. Popp for sharing.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

### **B. PROCLAMATION 2016-07: Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month – April, 2016:**

-The Family Crisis Center has requested that a Proclamation be adopted declaring April, 2016, as Child Abuse Prevention Month. The Proclamation states that child abuse and neglect can be reduced by making sure families have the support needed to raise children in a healthy environment and that there are dedicated individuals and organizations in Barton County working to counter these problems.

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Laura Patzner, Family Crisis Center Director, brought several individuals who work to prevent child abuse to the meeting. Patzner said CASA organized Gambino's Pizza Night to recognize and celebrate children in honor of Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month. The Pizza Night presents an opportunity to spend time with children and receive information. Patzner introduce the following individuals:

- Caitlyn Eakin, CASA
- Deb Higgins, Great Bend Regional Hospital
- Kasey Corbett, Family Advocacy Coordinator and Forensic Interview
- Rachel Angel, Child Advocacy Center Program Director

Commissioner Schartz moved to adopt Proclamation 2016-07, Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month – April, 2016.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **C. PROCLAMATION 2016-08: Sexual Assault Awareness Month – April, 2016:**

-April is designated as Sexual Assault Awareness Month to raise public awareness about sexual violence and to educate communities and individuals on how to prevent sexual violence. The Family Crisis Center provides services for sexual assault survivors at no charge and offers educational and professional training for community members and professionals.

Laura Patzner, Family Crisis Center Director, said they are doing something different instead of the "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" event held the last several years. Don McPherson, former NFL quarterback and now activist and educator, will be a guest speaker at the Crest Theater on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Patzner introduced the following employees:

- Becky Davis, Domestic and Sexual Violence Program Director
- Cheryl Clark, Shelter Coordinator

Patzner reported the Barton County Appraiser's and Treasurer's Offices will be sponsoring a bake sale in the courthouse on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Commissioner Straub moved to adopt Proclamation 2016-08, Sexual Assault Awareness Month – April, 2016.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **D. GREAT PLAINS DEVELOPMENT: Continuation of Membership:**

-Great Plains Development assists the County, and its Cities, with Small Business Administration loan applications, Community Development Block Grant writing, economic development revolving loans and community strategic planning. The Commission will be updated on recent programs, new CDBG information on the County and Cities, discussion about CDBG-Revolving Loan fund and possible future changes and new planning services (Strategic Doing) available from GPD. The Commission will be asked to approve the County's 2016 membership.

Bob Wetmore, Co-Director, Great Plains Development, said they cover the 28 counties of Southwest Kansas. Great Plains Development has four separate loan funds. Due to changes in the revolving loan program, the County can no longer partner with the City. Wetmore said they can, however, ask for separate rulings on larger projects. Currently, there is \$188,848.00 in the loan fund not being utilized. Wetmore also said that a new web-portal was made available through Network Kansas Grant and Richard Boeckman contribution as a director is much appreciated.

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2016 fees \$6,846.25  
2015 fees \$6,877.25

The reduction in fees is a result of a population decrease.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the 2016 Services Agreement with Great Plains Development. Contract price, \$6,846.25, to be paid from the Finance General Account of the General Fund, Great Plains Development line, 001-26-6890.  
Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

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

-Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk, 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.

Information Only. No Action Required.

## **IV. ENDING BUSINESS:**

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

## **V. OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Comm Davis: Welcomed Senator Mitch Holmes.

## **VI. ADJOURN:**

Commissioner Schartz made a motion to adjourn at 9:44 A.M.  
Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

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Donna Zimmerman  
Barton County Clerk

  
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Don Davis, Chairman

**PROCLAMATION 2016-06**

**National Public Safety Communications Officer Week  
April 10 - 16, 2016**

**WHEREAS**, emergencies can occur at any time that require police, fire or emergency medical services; and

**WHEREAS**, when an emergency occurs the prompt response of police officers, firefighters and paramedics is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and

**WHEREAS**, the safety of all emergency service personnel is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the Barton County Communications Center; and,

**WHEREAS**, Communications Officers are the first and most critical contact citizens have with emergency services; and,

**WHEREAS**, Communications Officers are the single vital link for emergency responders, monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information and insuring their safety; and,

**WHEREAS**, Barton County Communications Officers have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires and treatment of patients; and

**WHEREAS**, each dispatcher has exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, declares the week of April 10 through 16, 2016 to be National Public Safety Communications Officer Week in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our communities and citizens safe.

Signed this 11<sup>TH</sup> day of April, 2016.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
BARTON COUNTY, KANSAS

*Don Davis*

Don Davis, Chairman

ABSENT

Homer Kruckenberg, Member

*Jennifer Scharz*  
Jennifer Scharz, Member

*Kenny Schremmer*  
Kenny Schremmer, Member

*Alicia Straub*  
Alicia Straub, Member

ATTEST:

*Donna Zimmerman*  
Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk



PROCLAMATION 2016-07

Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month Proclamation – April, 2016

WHEREAS, preventing child abuse and neglect is a community problem that requires all citizens to be involved; and

WHEREAS, child maltreatment occurs when people find themselves in stressful situations without community resources and don't know how to cope; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect can be reduced by making sure families have the support needed to raise children in a healthy environment; and

WHEREAS, in Barton County, Kansas, there are dedicated individuals and organizations that work daily to counter the problem of child abuse and neglect and help parents obtain the assistance; and

WHEREAS, all children deserve freedom from verbal abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, and physical abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, all children deserve to have warm homes, loving hugs, tender care, parents and adults who listen and promote self-esteem, give quality time, provide necessary food shelter, clothing and attention; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies and the business community; and

WHEREAS, through partnerships and collaborations, the Dell Hayden Memorial Child Advocacy, Central Kansas Court Appointed Special Advocates, Department for Children and Families, St. Francis Community Services, Child Abuse Prevention and Education, Great Bend Regional Hospital's SANE Program, Juvenile Services and law enforcement officers work daily to address child abuse and neglect.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, that the month of April, 2016, is declared as Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month; and

FURTHER, that all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities and businesses are called upon to increase participation in efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the community.

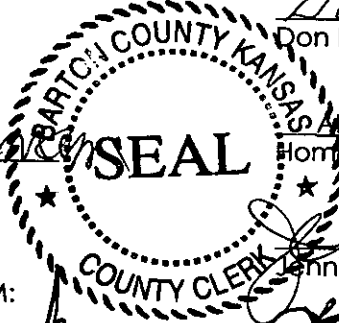
Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Don Davis  
Don Davis, Chair

ATTEST:

Donna Zimmerman  
Donna Zimmerman  
County Clerk



ABSENT  
Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner

Jennifer Schartz  
Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Richard A. Boeckman  
Richard A. Boeckman,  
County Counselor

Kenny Schremmer  
Kenny Schremmer, Commissioner

Alicia Straub  
Alicia Straub, Commissioner

**PROCLAMATION 2016-08**

Sexual Assault Awareness Month – April, 2016

**WHEREAS**, Sexual Assault Awareness Month calls attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every person in Barton County; and

**WHEREAS**, rape, sexual assault and sexual harassment harm communities as (statistics show) one in five women and one in 71 men will be raped at some point in their lives; and

**WHEREAS**, child sexual abuse prevention must be a priority to confront the reality that one in six boys and one in four girls will experience a sexual assault before age 18; and

**WHEREAS**, young people experience heightened rates of sexual violence and youth ages 12-17 are 2.5 times as likely to be victims of rape or sexual assault; and

**WHEREAS**, on campus, one in five women and one in 16 men are sexually assaulted during their time in college; and

**WHEREAS**, community members must be educated about sexual violence prevention, supporting survivors and speaking out against harmful attitudes and actions; and

**WHEREAS**, prevention is possible through increase education, awareness and community involvement; and

**WHEREAS**, Barton County strongly supports the efforts of the Family Crisis Center, Inc. along with national, state, and local partners, and of every citizen, to actively engage in public and private efforts to prevent sexual violence and create a safer environment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, that April, 2016, is declared as Sexual Assault Awareness Month; and

**FURTHER**, that all citizens are encouraged to learn more about prevention and to be proactive in creating a safer environment.

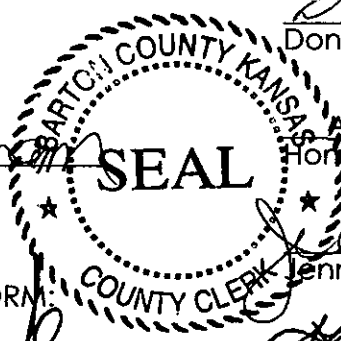
Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

  
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Don Davis, Chair

ATTEST:


  
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Donna Zimmerman  
County Clerk



ABSENT  
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Horner Kruckenberg, Commissioner

  
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Jennifer Scharz, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Richard A. Boeckman,  
County Counselor

  
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Kenny Schenmer, Commissioner

  
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Alicia Straub, Commissioner