

# Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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January 19, 2016

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 19th day of January 2016, at the Barton County Courthouse.

## *Members present:*

Kenny Schremmer, Commissioner, 1st District (Chairman Pro-Tem)

Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner, 2nd District

Don Davis, Commissioner, 3rd District, Chairman

Alicia Straub, Commissioner, 4th District

Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner, 5th District

Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator

## **I. OPENING BUSINESS:**

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

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the agenda with one addition to add before letter A, County Owned Land Lease Agreement, Wildlife Habitat Development.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Kruckenberg noted changes to the January 11, 2016 Minutes. The word verb needs to be changed to verve.

Commissioner Kruckenberg moved to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2016 and the January 11, 2016 Regular Meetings with the change.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **II. OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business.

## **III. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **ADDED ITEM: County Owned Land Lease Agreement, Wildlife Habitat Development:**

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, said the County acquired three parcels of land in South Hoisington from FEMA following the 2001 Hoisington tornado and noted there are restrictions as to what could be done with the land. Boeckman said the County entered into an agreement with Terry Nech three years ago to lease the land at no cost to develop the land as a wildlife habitat. Boeckman said he prepared an agreement extending the lease for an additional three years.

Terry Nech said there are two very nice signs that identify the area and commended Dale Phillips for the signage and noted there will be a bird feeder put up very soon.

Commissioner Straub moved to extend the lease agreement for the wildlife habitat development with Mr. Terry Nech for another three years with the condition that he work closely with our Road & Bridge Department.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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**A. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION: Service Awards:**

-Barton County employees are recognized for continuous service for five, ten, fifteen and twenty years. The County Commission, with the assistance of Richard Boeckman, County Counselor / Administrator and Wendy Birzer, Employee Relations Committee President, will recognize employees for their service.

Wendy Birzer, Employee Relations Committee, and Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, presented the following employees with awards:

EMPLOYEE	OFFICE
<b>FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE</b>	
Tim McQuade	Communications/911
Steven Miller	Road & Bridge
Linda Francis	Sheriff
Amy Mellor	County Attorney
Sue Pfeifer	Administrator/Facilities
<b>TEN YEARS OF SERVICE</b>	
Jennifer Schartz	Commissioner
Stanley Behrends	Road & Bridge
Renee Mater	Treasurer
Ryan Gardner	Juvenile Services
Guy Disney	Sheriff
Donna Williams	Communications/911
Jerald Loesch	Road & Bridge
<b>FIFTEEN YEARS OF SERVICE</b>	
Kurtis Schaub	Juvenile Services
Michael Daniel	Juvenile Services
<b>TWENTY YEARS OF SERVICE</b>	
Douglas Matthews	County Attorney
Dena Popp	Communications/911
Connie Miller	Health
<b>TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE</b>	
Bettejane Wooding	Administrator/Mapping
Kathryn Thompson	Noxious Weed
Sharon Wondra	Sheriff
Bev Schmeidler	County Clerk
<b>THIRTY YEARS OF SERVICE</b>	
Brad Patzner	Sheriff

All employees receiving a recognition were present except Tim McQuade and Kathryn Thompson.

Commissioner Schartz moved to recognize those employees with 5, 10, 15, 20 and other years of service.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

**B. RESOLUTION 2016-03: 2016 Tax Sale:**

-Resolution 2016-03 authorizes certain tracts of real estate be sold for back taxes. This money is then distributed to the various taxing entities in the County. The Resolution also authorizes abstract work to be performed in preparation for the tax sale.

Kevin Wondra, County Treasurer, said it seems we just finished work on the last tax sale and are starting the next one. Wondra said there are 185 properties at this time and noted at this point last year we had a little over 200 on the list.

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Commissioner Schartz moved to Adopt Resolution 2016-03, the 2016 Tax Sale.  
Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **C. 2016 TAX SALE: First American Title Company:**

-As there are no other abstract companies in Barton County, Mr. Boeckman took the liberty of contacting First American Title Company reference abstracting services for the 2016 Tax Sale. First American Title Company is willing to provide the needed services at \$70.00 per parcel.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, said the price remains at \$70.00 per parcel, the same as last year and explained Kevin Wondra will be sending letters to taxpayers soon.

Kevin Wondra, County Treasurer, said the properties on the tax sale are those that have not paid the taxes in full since 2012 and noted if the 2012 taxes are paid by February 5th, they can be removed from the list and would avoid the \$70 abstract fee.

Pam Curtis, First American Title Company, said the County's business is appreciated and noted the three offices work very well together.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve a \$70.00 per parcel price for abstracting work provided by First American Title Company for the 2016 Tax Sale.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **D. MATCHING FUND REQUEST: SouthWest Kansas Area Agency on Aging:**

SouthWest Kansas Area Agency on Aging (SWKAAA) is requesting matching funds from Barton County in the amount of \$1,500.00. These funds, which would be used as "Seed Dollars", are an equivalent match to the \$339,016.00 in services received by older residents and low income families from Barton County. The County has traditionally provided this match from the Finance General Account of the General Fund.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, provided details.

Commissioner Schartz moved to authorize 2016 funding to Southwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging in the amount of \$1,500.00. Payment to be made from the Finance General account of the General Fund, SWKAAA line, 001-26-6930.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **E. KANSAS LEGISLATIVE POLICY GROUP: 2016 Membership:**

-The Kansas Legislative Policy Group (KLPG) is a bi-partisan coalition of western Kansas counties with the common interest in the preservation of the counties tax base and retention of local control. Recognized among legislators as one of the most respected and influential organizations in the entire State, the KLPG serves as a policy and decision making body establishing legislative priorities at its annual meeting and providing excellent speakers to address KLPG members about the important topics of the day. At this time, the Commission will consider renewal of the membership, priced at \$4,358.70.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, said Barton County received \$1,800,000 in the last 3-4 years in Oil & Gas Depletion Trust Fund monies as a result of KLPG. The membership fee was \$550.60 in 2013; \$4,454.18 in 2014; and \$4,652.90 in 2105.

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Commissioner Straub said that she has attended a number of their meetings and have found them very informative.

Commissioner Straub moved to approve the 2016 KLPG Membership Dues of \$4,358.70, and that payment is to be made from the Courthouse General account of the General Fund, Membership line, 001-18-5455.

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

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

-Mr. Boeckman 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.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, said

Information Only. No Action Required.

## **IV. ENDING BUSINESS:**

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

## **V. OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Comm Kruckenberg: Asked about the suggested electrical outlet replacement with new ground fault receptacles. Richard Boeckman said the County had an OSHA related inspection by the State earlier in the year which requires the replacement of certain receptacles.

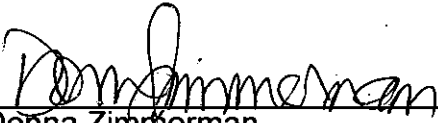
## **VI. ADJOURN:**

Commissioner Straub made a motion to adjourn at 9:41 A.M.

Commissioner Schartz 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

**RESOLUTION 2016-03**

**2016 TAX SALE**

**WHEREAS**, Barton County holds certain tracts where taxes remain unpaid for periods of three years or more;

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of the taxpayers of Barton County that delinquent property taxes be collected on these parcels.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, that the County Counselor \ Administrator is directed to institute an action in the District Court of Barton County, Kansas, in the name of the Commissioners, against the owners or supposed owners of the real estate and all persons having or claiming to have any interest therein or thereto; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the abstracting work associated with the sale be performed by First American Title Company; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, for the current Tax Sale, the actual cost of the abstract fee shall be assessed to the identified parcel; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Sheriff of Barton County, a member of his staff or another person designated by the Sheriff may bid on property at the tax foreclosure sale in the name of Barton County, but that the bid of Barton County may not exceed the amount of the judgment lien and interest thereon, as provided by law, plus the costs, charges and expenses of the proceedings and sale as set forth in the execution or order of sale; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of Barton County that the Sheriff of Barton County is authorized to retain the services of an auctioneer to assist in the sale of real estate at the forthcoming real estate tax foreclosure sale for compensation as the Sheriff of Barton County deems reasonable.

**Adopted** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

  
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Don Davis, Chairman

  
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Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner

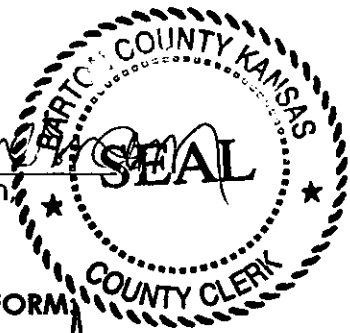
  
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Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner

  
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Kenny Schlemmer, Commissioner


  
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Alicia Straub, Commissioner

**ATTEST:**

  
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Donna Zimmerman,  
County Clerk



**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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Richard A. Boeckman,  
County Counselor