

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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March 21, 2016

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 21st day of March 2016, at the Barton County Courthouse.

Members present:

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

Members absent:

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

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

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

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

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2016 and the March 14, 2016 Regular Meetings.
Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

II. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:

-An Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of March 7, 2016, and ending March 21, 2016.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the appropriations for March 7th to March 21st and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.
Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. SOLID WASTE PLANNING COMMITTEE: Board Appointment:

-Per Kansas statutes, Barton County is required to maintain a Solid Waste Planning Committee to develop and perform an annual review of the Solid Waste Management Plan, which is then approved by the Commission. This committee is comprised of representatives of Cities, Counties and private industry served by the Barton County Landfill. Greg Vannoster has resigned from employment with the City of Great Bend and is no longer serving on the Solid Waste Planning Committee. Thomas Holmes has applied to be a representative of the City of Great Bend. It is suggested that Mr. Holmes be appointed to fill the remainder of the term.

Phil Hathcock, Solid Waste Director, recommended Thomas Holmes be appointed to represent the City of Great Bend for the remainder of the unexpired term.

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Commissioner Straub moved to appoint Thomas Holmes to the Barton County Solid Waste Planning Committee as a representative to the City of Great Bend. The uncompensated term will end February, 2017.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. SOLID WASTE: Purchase of a Replacement Truck:

-The Solid Waste Department operates a 1999 Ford F550 that has experienced an engine failure. With the engine replacement quoted at over \$11,000.00, Mr. Hathcock requested bids for a replacement vehicle. Specifications included (at a minimum) a half ton four wheel drive truck. Bids were accepted until 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 16, 2016. Marmies provided the low bid at \$25,914.00.

Phil Hathcock, Solid Waste Director, said the engine in the 1999 Ford truck they acquired from the Noxious Weed Department lost compression in three of its cylinders. Hathcock said although the truck has only 60,000 miles on it, the engine is in need of replacement and noted he got an \$11,692.97 quote to replace the engine with a factory Ford engine with a 3 year/100,000 mile warranty. Hathcock said he solicited bids for a new vehicle and reported Marmies submitted the lowest bid of \$25,914.00 for a Dodge Ram 2500 4 wheel drive pickup to replace the vehicle with a failed engine. The truck Marmies bid was a demo truck for pushing snow, however there wasn't much snow this year. Hathcock suggested the failed truck can be sold at auction or by sealed bid after necessary equipment is removed.

Commissioner Straub moved to approve the purchase of a Dodge Ram 2500 truck from Marmies at a price not to exceed \$25,914.00. The price is to be paid through the Solid Waste Budget, Vehicular Equipment Line, 140-68-6205.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

C. PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT: County Health Rankings:

-The County Health Rankings & Roadmaps program helps communities identify and implement solutions that make it easier for people to be healthy in their homes, schools, workplaces, and neighborhoods. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) collaborates with the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute (UWPHI) to bring this program to the public. Shelly Schneider, Health Director, will report on Barton County's outcome.

Shelly Schneider, Health Director, said Barton County's Health Ranking was 86 out of 105 counties last year and improved to 73 this year. Schneider provided the following details/statistics: Barton County saw 340 live births in 2015. Of the 340 pregnancies, three months prior to becoming pregnant, 80 mothers reported smoking. 68 mothers reported smoking in the first trimester, in the second trimester 56 mothers smoked and 54 smoked in the third trimester. The smoking rate during pregnancy is 19.5%. Out-of-wedlock pregnancies are rising rapidly in the Nation, however Kansas is still under the U.S average. Barton County reported 168 of the 340 live births were out-of-wedlock. Teen pregnancy rates are decreasing as well as abortion rates. There were only 3 infant deaths in Barton County in 2014. The marriage rate in Barton County is higher than that of our peer county groups and the divorce rate is lower than our peer group county groups. There were 192 marriages and 66 divorces in Barton County. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation added three new measures this year; one of particular interest was insufficient sleep. In Kansas and in Barton County, 33% of the population does not get sufficient sleep. Sufficient sleep is considered to be 7 hours or more a night. The worst thing in Barton County is premature death. Premature death is a death before the age of 75. For example, when a 50 year old dies, there is 25 years of life lost. The Kansas average of years of life lost is 6,800 and Barton County's average is 8,800. Rural counties tend to see an increase in premature death. Work still needs to be done to lower the numbers on adult smoking, adult obesity, teen births, un-insured population and injury

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deaths. Cancer deaths increased 9% since 1990. Barton County is ranked 46th in adolescent immunizations. Barton County is ranked 73rd primarily due to the premature death rates.

Commissioner Schartz asked where Barton County ranked prior to last year. Schneider said 68th, then 86 last year and 73rd this year.

Information Only. No Action Required.

V. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business.


VII. ADJOURN:

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

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk



Don Davis, Chairman