

# Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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March 7, 2016

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 7th day of March 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 Straub moved to approve the agenda.  
Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2016 Regular Meeting.  
Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

The minutes of the February 29, 2016 Regular Meeting were not available.

## **II. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:**

-An Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of February 22, 2016, and ending March 7, 2016.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve appropriations for the period of February 22, 2016, to March 7, 2016 and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.  
Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **III. OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business.

## **IV. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **A. GOLDEN BELT VETERANS' MEMORIAL: Anonymous / Golden Belt Community Foundation – Donation:**

-An Anonymous donor, through the Golden Belt Community Foundation (GBCF), has donated \$1,000.00 to the Golden Belt Veterans' Memorial. The monies are to be used to assist veterans who do not have the financial resources to pay for engravings on the Memorial, located in Golden Belt Memorial Park.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, said two weeks ago he stated the Great Bend Tribune had very graciously donated money for the Veterans' Memorial and reported that money was almost gone. The Great Bend Tribune then ran a news article which resulted in another donation.

Christy Tustin, GBCF Executive Director, said the day of the Tribune article, she received a call from a donor advisor who wished to help. The donors wish to remain anonymous

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Boeckman prepared a letter of thanks on behalf of the Commissioners.

Commissioner Schartz moved to accept the \$1,000.00 donation from the Anonymous / Golden Belt Community Foundation to assist veterans who do not have the financial resources to pay for engravings on the Golden Belt Veterans Memorial, located at Golden Belt Memorial Park and to sign a Letter of Appreciation.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **B. ACTIVE BARTON: A Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan for Barton County, Kansas:**

-The Golden Belt Community Foundation received a Healthy Communities Initiative grant from the Kansas Health Foundation almost four years ago. The coalition, Be Well Barton County, was formed and operates under Central Kansas Partnership. In 2015, Be Well Barton County developed a County-wide bicycle and pedestrian master plan. That plan – the Barton County Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan – is now complete, creating a cohesive vision that may be used by local governments as a tool for planning and development. Janel Rose, Barton County Health Educator and Coalition Member, will provide information about the health impact of active transportation and the general goals of the plan. Mr. Boeckman and Sue Cooper, Program Officer, will join in the discussion.

Janel Rose, Health Department Educator and Coalition Member, provided details and the goals of the master plan.

- Active transportation
- Need better connectivity between communities
- Considered a central park area with Cheyenne Bottoms being within reach for all Barton County residents
- Scenic byway corridors
- Little new capital improvements will be required
- More signage is needed, safety reminders

Sue Cooper, Program Officer, was also present.

Commissioner Schartz moved to endorse Chapter 7 of the Active Barton, A Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan for Barton County, Kansas.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **C. RESOLUTION 2016-07: Resolution Transferring and Carrying Over 2015 Unexpended Funds to the Capital Improvement and Equipment Replacement Funds and Rescinding Resolution 2016-05, Same, Adopted February 29, 2016:**

-During last week's agenda meeting, the Commission, via Resolution, approved the transfer of 2015 unexpended funds to Capital Improvement and Equipment Replacement. After the Resolution's adoption, it was discovered that the monies available for transfer for Road and Bridge did not include all 2015 accruals. As a result, the monies available for transfer have changed. This results in the need for corrective action.

Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk, said, in her haste to finalize end-of-year transfers, failed to consider the payroll accruals and the payables in the end-of-year cash balances. The old accounting system booked the 13<sup>th</sup> month payables to cash, whereas the new accounting system does not. She asked the resolution be rescinded and the transfer from Road and Bridge be reduced by \$50,000.

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## Capital Improvement

	End 2015	Transfer In	Begin 2016
General, Buildings	\$ 1,902,492.07	\$ 140,000.00	\$ 2,042,492.07
General, Not Buildings	\$ 24,278.11		\$ 24,278.11
Noxious Weed, Buildings	\$ 69,225.76		\$ 69,225.76
Noxious Weed, Not Buildings	\$ 16,236.21		\$ 16,236.21
Health, Buildings	\$ 183,713.26		\$ 183,713.26
Health, Not Buildings	\$ 24,392.82		\$ 24,392.82
Road and Bridge, Buildings	\$ 118,768.95	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 318,768.95
Road and Bridge, Bridges	\$ 162,000.00		\$ 162,000.00
Cemetery Improvements	\$ 28,010.90	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 43,010.90
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,529,118.08</b>	<b>\$ 355,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,884,118.08</b>

## Equipment Replacement

	End 2015	Transfer In	Begin 2016
General	\$ 1,788,553.13	\$ 210,000.00	\$ 1,998,553.13
Health	\$ 181,011.43		\$ 181,011.43
Noxious Weed	\$ 226,324.12	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 261,324.12
Road and Bridge	\$ (134,556.78)	\$ 440,000.00	\$ 305,443.22
Cemetery Improvements	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 5,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,066,331.90</b>	<b>\$ 685,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,751,331.90</b>

Commissioner Straub moved to adopt Resolution 2016-07, A Resolution Transferring and Carrying Over 2015 Unexpended Funds to the Capital Improvement and Equipment Replacement Funds and Rescinding Resolution 2016-05, the Same, Adopted February 29, 2016.  
 Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.  
 All voted aye. Motion passed.

### D. COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE: Request for Approval – Added / Abated / Escaped / Refunded Taxes – Batch 8:

-Ms. Zimmerman will present a listing of Added / Abated / Escaped / Refunded Taxes. Orders for these actions are kept on file in the County Clerk's Office. These are used to correct assessments and are requested by the County Appraiser's Office or the County Clerk's Office.

Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk, presented the following tax roll adjustments:

BATCH #8				
Property Types	Values	Escaped Taxes	Added / Abated	Refunds
Gas				
Oil				
Personal Property				
Real Estate	-6,029		-\$984.72	\$966.66
16/20 M Trucks				
State Assessed Utilities				
Special Assessments				

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Grand Totals	-6,029		-\$984.72	\$966.66
Total Taxes	-\$984.72			
Total Records Selected	3			

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve the Listing of Added / Abated / Escaped / Refunded Taxes as reviewed by the County Appraiser and presented by the County Clerk.  
 Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.  
 All voted aye. Motion passed.

**E. COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE: Request for Approval – Added / Abated / Escaped / Refunded Taxes – Batch 9:**

-Ms. Zimmerman will present a listing of Added / Abated / Escaped / Refunded Taxes. Orders for these actions are kept on file in the County Clerk's Office. These are used to correct assessments and are requested by the County Appraiser's Office or the County Clerk's Office.

Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk, presented the following tax roll adjustment on one of the parcels tied to the demolition of the old opera house.

BATCH #9				
Property Types	Values	Escaped Taxes	Added / Abated	Refunds
Gas				
Oil				
Personal Property				
Real Estate				
16/20 M Trucks				
State Assessed Utilities				
Special Assessments			-\$92,270.00	
Grand Totals				
Total Taxes	-\$92,270.00			
Total Records Selected	1			

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the Listing of Added / Abated / Escaped / Refunded Taxes as reviewed by the County Appraiser and presented by the County Clerk and direct the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.  
 Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.  
 All voted aye. Motion passed.

**F. NOXIOUS WEED DEPARTMENT: 2015 Annual Report:**

-The Kansas Department of Agriculture, Weed and Pesticide Division, requires that each County's Noxious Weed Department submit an annual report of their activities for the previous year.

Dale Phillips, Road and Bridge/Noxious Weed/Memorial Parks Director, said the annual report is very similar to past years except that the mill levy in 2015 was less than the last 6 years combined. Phillips noted equipment replacement will be a huge item for Noxious Weed in the years to come with high tech equipment costs. Bindweed and must thistle are major issues in noxious weeds in Barton County with Johnson grass coming in third. Phillips said there is noxious weed legislation being proposed.

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Commissioner Schartz read a portion of a letter from Rob Andrews, Gray County, regarding the noxious weed legislation. Commissioner Schartz said it appears the Governor would like control of the fund to raid and use as he wants. Phillips said he was told that was not the case by the person running the Noxious Weed Program at the Department of Agriculture.

Commissioner Schartz moved to ask Richard to pen a letter addressing the problems that we see with the proposed changes to the weed law.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Schartz moved to amend the previous motion to authorize the chair to sign the letter on behalf of the commission.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Information Only. No Action Required.

## **G. COW CREEK WASTERSHED WORKING GROUP: Project Update:**

-The Cow Creek Flood Mapping project is underway. The Working Group representing Barton County met with the Division of Water Resources officials and other interested persons in late February 23, 2016. Topics included accomplishments to date and future plans.

Barry McManaman, County Engineer, said AMEC Foster Wheeler is conducting the study in Barton and Rice counties. The result of the study will be new flood plain insurance maps and explained the current map for Barton County was developed primarily in 1988. At this time, the cities of Lyons and Hoisington as well as Barton County have formed working groups to look at the draft maps as they are developed.

The cities of Great Bend and Ellinwood are not in the Cow Creek drainage area. The public will be given an opportunity to look at the draft maps at an open house event.

Commissioner Schartz asked if the new maps would change the flood plain and who would require flood insurance. McManaman said yes.

Commissioner Straub said she learned, at the meeting in Lyons, they were using Lidar to remap the areas and noted they are looking for public input in regards to where the water actually flows.

Information Only. No Action Required.

## **H. COMMISSION DISCUSSION: Oil and Gas Valuation Policy Committee:**

-The Kansas Legislative Policy Group is establishing an Oil and Gas Valuation Policy Committee. Its purpose is to provide KLPG member counties with a process to review and identify oil and gas valuation protest cases, filed for appeal with the Kansas Board of Tax Appeals, in which the issues are not supported by the Oil and Gas Guide and/or existing case law. The Committee will review cases which contain certain legal issues that could negatively impact KLPG member counties and are suitable for support and submit that recommendation to the KLPG Executive Committee. Commissioner Alicia Straub will lead a discussion on the Committee.

Richard Boeckman said there was no need to appoint someone to the committee. They only need to determine if the County wants to participate.

Commissioner Straub said KLPG wants to develop an Oil and Gas Valuation Policy Committee and explained that just because a county is a member of KLPG does not mean that they are willing to participate.

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Boeckman said Hamilton, Stanton, Scott and Ellis counties are part of the committee so far. Commissioner Schremmer said oil producers probably won't be in favor of those discussions. Commissioner Straub said that was not the sentiment, and noted it's about clear guidelines. Boeckman said BOTA has been inconsistent in the past.

Commissioner Schartz moved Barton County to be part of the KLPG Oil and Gas Valuation Policy Committee.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## V. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

## VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business.

## VII. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Schartz made a motion to adjourn at 10:02 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

**RESOLUTION 2016-07**

RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING AND CARRYING OVER 2015 UNEXPENDED FUNDS TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUNDS AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION 2016-05, SAME, ADOPTED FEBRUARY 29, 2016

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, in the adopted budget for 2015, approved budget transfers from various funds to the Capital Improvement and Equipment Replacement Funds.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, FIRST**, that the following funds, not to be exceeded by the amounts listed, be transferred to the Capital Improvement Fund as of the close of business for 2015:

<b>Transfer to Capital Improvement Fund</b>			
<b>Transfer From</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Transfer To Fund/Line</b>	
001 - General Fund	\$140,000.00	071-00-6305	General
002 - Road and Bridge	\$200,000.00	071-00-6335	Road and Bridge
004 - Cemetery	\$015,000.00	071-00-6360	Cemetery
Total Transfers	\$355,000.00		

**SECOND**, that the following funds, not to be exceeded by the amounts listed, be transferred to the Equipment Replacement Fund as of the close of business for 2015:

<b>Transfer to Equipment Replacement Fund</b>			
<b>Transfer From</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Transfer To Fund/Line</b>	
001 - General	\$210,000.00	072-00-6380	General
002 - Road and Bridge	\$440,000.00	072-00-6485	Road and Bridge
005 - Noxious Weed	\$ 35,000.00	072-00-6480	Noxious Weed
Total Transfers	\$685,000.00		

**THIRD**, that those funds remaining in both the Capital Improvement and the Equipment Replacement Fund, as of the close of business for 2015, be carried over into the same fund for 2016.


**FURTHER**, that Resolution 2016-05, Resolution Transferring and Carrying Over 2015 Unexpended Funds to the Capital Improvement and Equipment Replacement Funds, adopted February 29, 2016, is hereby rescinded.

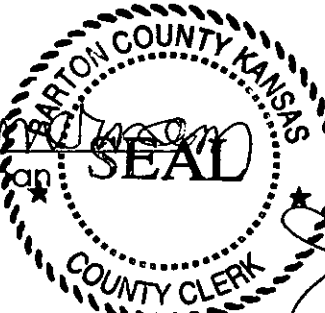
Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016.


BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

  
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Don Davis, Chair

ATTEST:


  
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Donna Zimmerman  
County Clerk



  
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Homer 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 Schremmer, Commissioner

  
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Alicia Straub, Commissioner