

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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November 21, 2016

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

Members present:

Kenny Schremmer, Commissioner, 1st District (Chairman Pro-Term)
Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner, 2nd District
Don Davis, Commissioner, 3rd District, Chairman
Alicia Straub, Commissioner, 4th District
Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner, 5th District
Bev Schmeidler, Asst. Deputy County Clerk

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 from October 17, 2016, October 21, 2016, October 24, 2016 and October 31, 2016.
Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

Minutes of the November 7, 2016 Regular Meeting were not available.

II. RATIFY APPROPRIATIONS:

-An Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of October 31, 2016, and ending November 14, 2016.

Commissioner Schartz moved to ratify the appropriations for the period of October 31, 2016, to November 14, 2016 and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.
Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

(Wendy Birzer was not yet present, therefore, Item B was heard before Item A.)

B. COUNTY ENGINEER: Kansas Department of Transportation – Local Road Safety Plan, Authority to Award Contract and Commitment of County Funds:

-In January, 2016, the Commission signed an agreement with the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) for a Local Road Safety Plan that identifies potential safety improvements on County roads and develops a list of priority locations. KDOT has accepted bids for the project that will involve four counties – Barton, Stafford, McPherson and Butler. Each County is asked to approve the award of the contract to TranSystems Corporation and to submit payment for its share of the cost. It is noted that federal funds will cover ninety percent of the project cost with the remaining ten percent to be split between the four counties. Barton County's share is \$5,106.00.

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Barry McManaman, County Engineer, said the Federal Funds will cover 90% of the project cost with the remaining 10% being divided between the 4 counties.

Commissioner Straub asked McManaman to provide details about the project. McManaman said the consultant will look at things that may contribute to accidents and may recommend low cost improvements, such as signage; pavement markings; edge drop offs and limited sight distance. The top ten priorities will be identified in each county which will assist in future HRRR funding for projects. McManaman said selections can be made from this study when applying for future projects.

Commissioner Straub moved to approve the Authority to Award Contract and Commitment of County Funds for KDOT Project 106 C-4790-01, the Local Road Safety Plan. Barton County's share of the project is \$5,106.00, to be paid to KDOT from the Finance General Account of the General Fund, Miscellaneous Contractual, 001-26-5755.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

A. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARD: Bj Wooding, Cartographer, Mapping Division, Employee of the Quarter:

-The Employee Relations Committee (ERC) recommends outstanding individuals for the "Employee Recognition Award". At this time, the Commission will be asked to recognize Bj Wooding, the County's Cartographer. Wooding was nominated for not only the excellent work she does with her regular duties, but also the manner in which services are provided. Her meticulous attention to details and ability to work on multiple projects at once is well known in the Courthouse.

Wendy Birzer, ERC President, presented the award and read the nomination letter written by Tera Tiemeyer.

Commissioner Schartz moved to join the ERC in presenting Bj Wooding with the Employee Recognition Award.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

C. KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES: Annual Meeting Report:

-The Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) held its Annual Meeting beginning November 15, 2016, in Overland Park. One item of note determined at the Meeting was the Legislative Policy Statement for 2017. It is anticipated that the attendees will join in providing a public report.

Commissioner Davis said he was disappointed in the location of the conference this year. Davis said it was held in Kansas City and noted many from western Kansas did not make the long trip. There were fewer vendors because of the distance required to travel.

Commissioner Schartz said the opportunity to meet with so many different County Officials was very helpful, especially in this transitional time for Barton County. Schartz said it was a good time to network with counties who work without an administrator.

Commissioner Straub said she attended a couple of good sessions on the first day and noted one was "The Graying of America" regarding the aging population and the implications this has on the work force and health care systems. The other session was "Employment Law". There was a lot of great information about the FLSA changes that may or may not take effect. Straub took the opportunity to visit with every county possible that works without an administrator and said she feels that the department heads are very knowledgeable and the employees are very capable to make things work. Straub said the County can save money and become a better organization.

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Commissioner Kruckenberg said he feels we can get along without an administrator, but believes it will cost more and be more work.

Commissioner Schremmer said he was also able to visit with a number of other counties and said he was particularly interested in a presentation regarding equipment and vehicle replacement schedules.

Barb Esfeld, County Appraiser, said KAC sent someone from the Executive Board to the Appraiser's Affiliate Meeting to get input about what was working and what was not. The Appraisers asked to have breakout sessions in the different regions for networking in the future. Esfeld said the Tax Lid class focused mainly on the flaws and what we need to talk to the legislators about.

Commissioner Schremmer added he enjoyed former Governor Graves speech. Schremmer said, with no administrator, we need to pick up on things we haven't been doing thus far and said he was glad that he attended the conference.

Dale Phillips, Road & Bridge/Noxious Weed Director, said there was positive input for the future of government. Phillips said he learned about Wyandotte Unified Government, and the how and why it was formed.

Barry McManaman, County Engineer, said he thought it was an interesting conference and noted it was the first one he had attended. McManaman said there was a very good railroad presentation and noted he also liked former Governor Graves speech and a presenter from Wyandotte County.

Information Only. No Action Required.

D. COUNTY SERVICES: Informational Update:

-Chairman Don Davis 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.

Commissioner Straub read the update.

Information Only. No Action Required.

V. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Comm Scharz: Announced County Attorney Elect Amy Mellor would speak to the Commission that afternoon.


VII. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Straub made a motion to adjourn at 9:47 A.M.

Commissioner Scharz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk



Don Davis, Chairman