

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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March 5, 2018

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 5th day of March 2018, 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
Alicia Straub, Commissioner, 4th District
Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner, 5th District, Chairman
Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk
Phil Hathcock, Operations Director
Carey Hipp, County Counselor

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

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

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

Commissioner Davis moved to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2018, Regular Meeting.
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 February 20, 2018, and ending March 5, 2018.

Commissioner Davis moved to approve the appropriations for the period of February 20, 2018, to March 5, 2018 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:

A. PROCLAMATION 2018-02: Colon Cancer Awareness Month, March, 2018:

-Every year, more than 140,000 Americans are diagnosed with colorectal cancer. It is the third leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States. This month, remembering the loved ones lost and encouraging those who continue to fight, Americans are urged to come together to save lives by raising awareness and taking measures to prevent colon cancer. Under the proposed Proclamation, which recognizes March, 2018, as Colon Cancer Awareness Month, citizens are encouraged to get age-appropriate screenings for colon cancer regularly, be physically active, maintain a healthy weight, limit alcohol consumption and refrain from smoking.

Sheriff Brian Bellendir said colon cancer is the 2nd most deadly cancer in the United States and also the easiest to treat if caught early. Bellendir encouraged everyone to get tested regularly.

Commissioner Schartz said she lost her 30 year old son to colon cancer after a valiant 4 year battle.

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Commissioner Schremmer moved to adopt Proclamation 2018-02, Colon Cancer Awareness Month, March, 2018.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. PROCLAMATION 2018-03: Severe Weather Awareness Week, March 5 – 9, 2018:

-Severe Weather Awareness Week, March 5-9, 2018, is a cooperative effort of the National Weather Services and the Kansas Emergency Management Association. Barton County Emergency Management would like to remind everyone to be prepared for the spring severe weather season. The proposed Proclamation encourages individuals, businesses and communities to plan and prepare for an emergency.

Amy Miller, Emergency Manager, said Barton County is under an extreme grassland fire danger warning. Miller encouraged everyone to be prepared for severe weather by having a go-bag prepared with things such as a whistle, flashlight, change of clothing and medications. Miller also said it is also recommended you have your tetanus shots up to date and don't forget about pets. Miller said the county will exercise the annual tornado drill on Tuesday, March 3rd at 3:30 P.M. The 2018 Kansas Statewide Tornado Safety Drill, scheduled for March 6, 2018 at 10 A.M. serves as an opportunity for all citizens to test their personal severe weather safety plans or be reminded to develop one.

Commissioner Davis suggested everyone know how to shut off their gas and electricity in case of an emergency.

Commissioner Straub moved to adopt Proclamation 2018-03, Severe Weather Awareness Week, March 5 - 9, 2018.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

C. APPRAISER'S OFFICE: Valuation Update:

-By March 1 of each year, the Appraiser's Office is to have completed valuation of property and mailed notices to the public. Barb Esfeld, County Appraiser, has successfully met that obligation. At this time, Ms. Esfeld will review valuation trends with the Commission.

Wendy Prosser, Deputy Appraiser, said Esfeld was at a Senate Meeting in Topeka representing the Kansas County Appraisers Association regarding legislation of commercial properties. Prosser reported value notices have been mailed. The 2018 market analysis for Barton County as a whole indicated a 3.8% inflationary trend. Ag values are increasing an average of 7%, which is down from 10% and 14% the last 2 years. Prosser said anyone with CRP ground where their program expired in 2017, need to notify the Appraiser's Office. Prosser also noted personal property worksheets must be submitted back to the Appraiser on or before March 15th and Oil and gas renditions which are generally due on or before April 1st are due by March 30th this year since April 1st is on a Sunday.

Information Only. No Action Required.

D. COUNTY ENGINEER: KDOT – Request to Exchange Federal Funds:

-On February 12, 2018, the Commission approved a supplemental agreement to the 2016 Federal-Aid Exchange Master Agreement with the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT). Under the supplemental agreement, KDOT will no longer bank funds and the exchange rate is established annually. KDOT has since notified the County that exchange rate for 2018 is 75%. The County has the option of using the full \$263,288.56 in Federal funds on projects that would be designed using all federal requirements and restrictions or accepting 75% of that amount, \$197,466.42, and having the freedom to use the money on Road and Bridge work at the County's discretion without following Federal requirements.

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Barry McManaman, County Engineer, presented details and recommended the exchange of Federal funds.

Commissioner Straub moved to accept the exchange offer of Federal Funds in the amount of \$197,466.42 and direct the County Engineer to submit the completed Request to Exchange Federal Funds Documentation to the Kansas Department of Transportation. Received funding is to be deposited to the Road and Bridge Fund, State Funds received, Line 002-00-4325.
Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

E. COUNTY SERVICES: Informational Update:

-Phil Hathcock, Operations Director, 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.

V. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Comm Schremmer: A Girl Scout group of 7 - 12 year olds made \$100 selling cookies. They gave the money to the county for the Veterans Memorial last Thursday. The Girl Scouts will attend the Commission Meeting on March 19th.

• Lana Watson, Commission Assistant: There are 94 lines left on stone 3; 2 lines left on the front side of the Hoisington stone; and the back side is available to anyone.

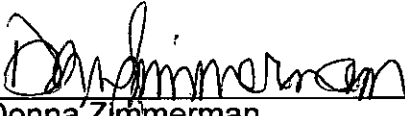
VII. ADJOURN:

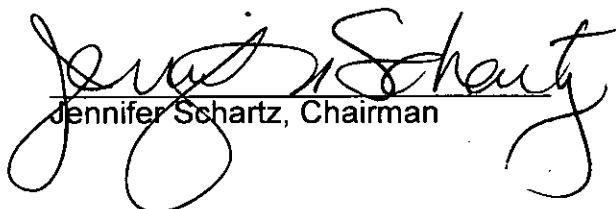
Commissioner Kruckenberg made a motion to adjourn at 9:34 A.M.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:


Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk


Jennifer Schartz, Chairman

PROCLAMATION 2018-02

**COLON CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
March, 2018**

WHEREAS, every year, more than 140,000 Americans are diagnosed with colorectal cancer. It is the third leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States. This month, remembering the loved ones lost and encouraging those who continue to fight, Americans are urged to come together to save lives by raising awareness and taking measures to prevent colon cancer; and

WHEREAS, although age, obesity, and certain genetic mutations can increase the risk of colon cancer, all Americans should be aware of the risk factors, which include being physically inactive, an unhealthy diet, smoking cigarettes and consuming alcohol in excess. While people of all ages should consult a physician about their susceptibility, individuals between the ages of 50 and 75 are encouraged to get regular screenings. Symptoms such as blood in stool, persistent stomach pains, and inexplicable weight loss can be present, but sometimes no symptoms occur, which is why early detection and treatment are key for battling colon cancer; and

WHEREAS, all people deserve to lead long, happy, and healthy lives, and nobody should be robbed of that promise due to the devastating impacts of colon cancer. During National Colon Cancer Awareness Month, all Americans are asked to honor the legacy of those lost to this cancer by sharing awareness of it.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, that Barton County joins in the observation of Colon Cancer Awareness Month, March, 2018; and

FURTHER, citizens are urged to be mindful of their health by observing safety practices and to bring their health concerns to their own medical care provider or the Barton County Health Department.

Dated this 5th day of March, 2018.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Jennifer Schartz, Chairman

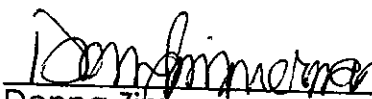

Don Davis, Commissioner


Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner


Kermy Schlemmer, Commissioner


Alicia Straub, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Donna Zimmerman,
County Clerk



PROCLAMATION 2018-03

SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK
March 5 - 9, 2018

WHEREAS, all citizens are encouraged to prepare themselves and their families for spring severe weather in Kansas by developing Family Emergency Plans and practicing them; and

WHEREAS, the awareness and preparedness for spring severe weather, which includes tornadoes, wildfires, drought, large hail, severe thunderstorms, lightning, flooding and flash floods, is vital for all residents of Barton County; and

WHEREAS, Barton County citizens are reminded that severe weather information is provided by advisories, watches and warnings and broadcast to the public on radio, television, Internet, NOAA Weather Radio, and various weather apps; and

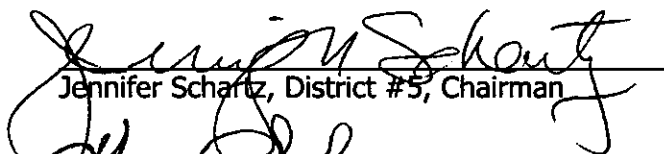
WHEREAS, everyone should Be Aware, Be Prepared, and Be Ready to Act for their personal safety and the personal safety of all Barton County citizens; and

WHEREAS, all schools, businesses and citizens are encouraged to prepared and practice personal safety plans, and to participate in the Tornado Drill scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 6, 2018.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, hereby declares the week of March 5 through 9, 2018, as Severe Weather Awareness Week to educate citizens about severe weather and to help them prepare for a life threatening severe weather event.

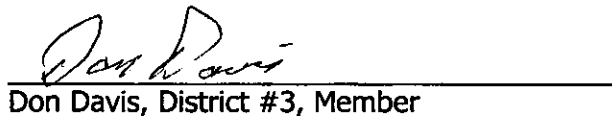
ADOPTED this 5th day of March, 2018.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BARTON COUNTY, KANSAS


Jennifer Schartz, District #5, Chairman


Kenny Schrammer, District #1, Member


Homer Kruckenberg, District #2, Member


Don Davis, District #3, Member


Alicia Straub, District #4, Member