

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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July 27, 2020

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 27th day of July 2020, at the Barton County Courthouse.

Members present:

Kenny Schremmer, Commissioner, 1st District, Chairman
Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner, 2nd District
James R. Daily, Commissioner, 4th District
Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner, 5th District (*Chairman Pro-Tem*)
Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk
Phil Hathcock, County Administrator
Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor

Members attending via phone/Teams:

Don Davis, Commissioner, 3rd District

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

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

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the agenda if we can remove Item B. from it.

Commissioner Daily seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed 4 - 0.

Commissioner Daily moved to approve the minutes of the July 13th and the July 20th, 2020, Regular Meetings.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed 4 - 0.

- Commissioner Kruckenberg entered the meeting.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

A. 2019 AUDIT REPORT:

-Melissa Ille of Adams, Brown, Beran and Ball will present the 2019 Audit Report to the Commission. The report will cover the financial condition of Barton County from January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2019.

Melissa Ille, Adams, Brown, Beran and Ball, said she really appreciates the county and the department heads cooperation with the audit and noted they conducted the audit remotely this year. Ille referred to page two of the audit and explained they gave a clean opinion. Ille said the county had a \$2.5 million dollar cash savings from beginning of year to end of year 2019. Ille noted two footnotes: Investment Pool and Clerk of the District pledge securities. Ille discussed the Governance Letter.

Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk, expressed her appreciation to ABBB and Melissa Ille in particular. Zimmerman said they are easy to work with and quickly responds to their questions.

Commissioner Schartz moved to accept the 2019 Audit Report as submitted by Adams, Brown, Beran and Ball.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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B. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: Improvements – Security, Telework and Telehealth Bid Award:

-To improve security, telework and telehealth capabilities, the Information Technology Department designed an upgrade to telephone and security cameras at the Courthouse, Sheriff's Office, Detention Facility and Health Department. Under a Request for Proposal, bids were accepted until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, July 2, 2020.
(ITEM REMOVED)

C. LEASE EXTENSION: Lease Between J-Kat Corp and Barton County Commission:

-On Wednesday, March 18, 2020, Chairman Kenny Schremmer signed a Lease Agreement between J-Kat Corp, Landlord, and Barton County, Tenant. At this time, the Commission will consider exercising the option to renew the lease for an additional six months, until March 31, 2021. Currently Barton County utilizes the office and three drive-through lanes at 2223 Broadway Avenue, Great Bend, Kansas, for tag and tax services in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Phil Hathcock, County Administrator, said the lease allows Barton County the opportunity to lease for an additional 6 months. Hathcock said everyone agrees that we should continue the lease as we are still dealing with COVID. The lease is \$3,000 per month which includes utilities and maintenance.

Commissioner Schartz said this is something SPARKS funding can pay for.

Commissioner Kruckenberg said Dave Marmie of Marmie Motors called him and said he thinks this is a great deal.

Commissioner Daily moved to direct the County Administrator to notify J-Kat Corp to extend the Lease Agreement between J-Kat Corp and Barton County for the property at 2223 Broadway Avenue, Great Bend, Kansas, to March 31, 2021. Cost of the lease, set at \$3,000.00 per month, to be paid through the Courthouse General Account of the General Fund, Building Lease Payment Line, 001-18-6090. Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

IV. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments


V. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Comm Davis: Maybe the media could let people know it takes two days for the postal service to get mail ballot delivered. Your vote counts if your ballot is postmarked by the day before the election.
- Comm Daily: Would like to get the Health Department Director and our physician back together to re-visit masks.

VI. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Schartz made a motion to adjourn at 9:20 A.M.
Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:


Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk


Kenny Schremmer, Chairman