

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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June 8, 2020

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 8th day of June 2020, at the Barton County Courthouse.

Members present:

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 absent:

Kenny Schremmer, Commissioner, 1st District, Chairman

Members attending via phone/Teams:

Don Davis, Commissioner, 3rd District

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

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

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

Minutes of the June 1, 2020, Regular Meeting were not available.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

III. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:

-An Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of May 26, 2020, and ending June 8, 2020.

Commissioner Daily moved to approve the appropriations for the period of May 26, 2020, to June 8, 2020. Authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.
Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE: Request for Approval – Added / Abated / Escaped / Refunded Taxes:

-Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk, 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 and the year-to-date RECAP:

BATCH #16				
Property Types	Values	Escaped Taxes	Added / Abated	Refunds
Gas				

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Oil				
Personal Property	13	\$12.04	-\$ 9.82	\$ 9.82
Real Estate				
16/20 M Trucks				
State Assessed Utilities				
Special Assessments				
Grand Totals	13	\$12.04	-\$ 9.82	\$ 9.82
Total Taxes	\$2.22			
Total Records Selected	2			

Commissioner Daily moved to 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 Kruckenberg seconded the motion.
 All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. JUVENILE SERVICES: Reinvestment Grant – Family Engagement and Advocacy Program:

-Juvenile Services has applied for a Reinvestment Grant to continue the Family Engagement and Advocacy Program. This program is designed to provide a strength-based and solution focused approach with parents and youth who are facing criminal charges or have been adjudicated as an offender. By recognizing the important role families can play in the supervision and rehabilitation of the identified at risk population, program goals are to change the culture of "us versus them" and start building cooperative relationships.

Marissa Woodmansee, Juvenile Services Director, said this will be the 2nd year cycle for this grant and explained this money comes from Juvenile Reform. Woodmansee said this is a 3-year grant cycle. Concentrating on keeping kids in their homes and noted Justice Involved Youth is the primary focus. Parent/Child conflict does not meet the threshold of an offender and said the bulk of referrals come from that group.

Amy Blackburn, Family Engagement Advocate, said they are currently in their 5th class. Normally they feed them dinner every night but are now meeting remotely. 47 parents have or are participating. 34 are successful. Out of those 47 parents, they have 72 children with 30 youth justice involved. One youth was a mental health referral, 7 were court ordered, 10 were St. Francis, 3 DCF, 3 Juvenile Services, and 13 self-referred parents. These were from several counties, 34 Barton, 5 Rice, 4 Pawnee, 2 Stafford and 2 Ellsworth.

Alex Westhoff, Family Engagement Advocate, read a few of the letters from the youth.

Woodmansee said it is exciting to see our community have this opportunity and requested permission to submit this grant.

Commissioner Daily asked if the funding was just for the classes. Woodmansee said it pays their salaries, meals, incentives, games, and supplies. Teen Talk is another tool. Woodmansee explained the program is very incentive based. Daily asked, of the 34 youth from Barton County, do the kids try to get on the other side of this conversation. Woodmansee said the kids are not involved in this program other than cognitive. You will notice things at home that are occurring differently. Daily said 7 kids were court ordered and asked what is the success rate of those kids staying. Blackburn said they go back to follow-up and find out where they are and if they have had any new involvement with law enforcement. Woodmansee said they added two new outcomes.

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Commissioner Schartz asked if this is new money into our community. Woodmansee said this is part of Juvenile Reform. The new money will be in the evidence-based programs. This is coming from the savings from not having youth in out of home placement. Schartz noted this is the new positions added last year.

Commissioner Daily moved to accept the Family Engagement and Advocacy Program Reinvestment Grant for Juvenile Services in the amount of \$128,313.00 and direct the Commission Chair to sign such grant documentation as may be required.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

C. JUVENILE SERVICES: Replacement of Vehicle:

-20th Judicial District Juvenile Services requested bids for a new or used program minivan. The bid included the trade of a 2013 Dodge Caravan. The replacement vehicle will be used to travel the five (5) county district for all youth supervised by Juvenile Services, as well across the state for mandatory field visits for all youth in custody. There are resources available as a replacement vehicle was included in this year's budget.

Marissa Woodmansee, Juvenile Services Director, said they always allocate money in the State Block Grant for the replacement of vehicles in their fleet. Woodmansee said they sent a request for quotes to Manweilers and Marmies. Their current vehicle has 107,000 miles and is starting to show wear and tear. Their only reservation with the Manweiler bid was they were not able to look at the car as it is not on their lot and noted the Marmie bid is only \$100 more.

Commissioner Daily asked what "or like vehicle" means. Woodmansee said they could substitute a similar vehicle. Daily said he would omit those words.

Commissioner Daily moved to approve the purchase of a 2018 Dodge Caravan SXT with 33,469 miles from Marmies, ~~or like vehicle~~, with the trade in of the 2013 Dodge Caravan. The bid cost of \$13,900.00 according to the below chart:

BUDGET	Line Name	Line Number	Amount
Juvenile Intake & Assessment	Equipment	100-72-6325	\$ 4,200.00
Juvenile Intensive Supervised Probation	Equipment	105-76-6325	\$ 2,000.00
Juvenile Justice Case Management	Equipment	120-82-6325	\$ 3,500.00
Immediate Intervention	Equipment	128-87-6325	\$ 4,200.00
Total			\$13,900.00

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

D. ENGINEERING: Repair of Concrete Damage – NW 150 Road Box Culvert:

-A vehicle left the roadway and struck a concrete wing on the south side of a box culvert on April 27, 2020. L & M Contractors, Inc. submitted a \$8,980.00 quote to repair the damage. As records indicate the vehicle was not insured, the Commission will be asked to seek the recovery of the cost through a claim against the driver.

Barry McManaman, County Engineer, said a vehicle ran off the roadway on NW 150 Rd, between NW 50 Avenue and NW 60 Avenue. McManaman said they requested L&M Contractors to submit a quote. The vehicle was not insured, so a recovery of cost may have to be made by a claim. The price submitted includes traffic control. Curt Mauler said work is to begin hopefully within a month.

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Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor, said we would normally file a claim against the driver's insurance, but it appears they were not insured. Hoffman said he will try an insurance claim first and then might have to go after them civilly.

Commissioner Daily asked if the driver is the owner of the vehicle. Hoffman said they are going to look into the details.

Commissioner Daily moved to approve the \$8,980.00 quote from L & M Contractors, Inc. to repair the concrete wing of the Box Culvert on NW 150 Road. Cost of the work to be paid through the Special Bridge Replacement Fund, Building and Fixed Equipment Line, 003-92-6325-92 and direct the County Counselor to seek the recovery of that cost through the claim against the driver or whatever means you see fit to do that.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

E. ENGINEERING: Repair of Concrete Damage – NW 150 Road Box Culvert:

-The damaged box culvert discussed in the previous agenda item also has some pre-existing damage and deterioration on the north side of the road. Mr. McManaman requested a separate quote from L & M Contractors, Inc., to repair the problem areas on the north side.

Barry McManaman, County Engineer, said this second item is on this same structure. McManaman said when they looked at the damage, they discovered damage on the North side. Mauler submitted a separate quote for that repair.

Commissioner Daily asked if both sides are fixed what is the life of the structure. McManaman said the structure is in good shape.

Commissioner Daily moved to approve the \$4,835.00 quote from L & M Contractors, Inc. to repair pre-existing damage on the north side of the Box Culvert on NW 150 Road. Cost of the work to be paid through the Special Bridge Replacement Fund, Building and Fixed Equipment Line, 003-92-6325-92.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

V. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Karen Winkelman, Interim Health Director: Clarification on items. Referred them to the KDHE homepage for Kansas numbers. Barton County has 7 active cases, 46 confirmed positive, 1 death. There is a breakdown on the locations of the positive cases. 48 hours ago, we reported 58 active quarantine cases, now we have 47. Regarding the location of the number of positive cases, 48 hours ago we reported rural Ellinwood, you will not see that now. It looks really confusing, but we first report information provided to us be the reporting facility. The rural Ellinwood was reported to us on Saturday when the information was released. During the course of the investigation, it was determined that the individual lives in the city of Ellinwood. Secondly, KDHE no longer calls with the number of cases. The Health Dept continually monitors the site to makes sure they aren't missing something. Thirdly, KDHE is reporting positive and probable cases as one number. They can live in the same household with the same symptoms but are not tested. If someone decides to get tested after being classified probable, and they test negative, they are removed from the positive number. Regarding COVID related deaths, individual may have other coexisting morbidities, but if COVID was a contributing factor or the cause of death, the authorizing physician determines that classification and is submitted to KDHE. The Health

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Dept cannot release that information until it is confirmed. At this time, we are waiting on communication on a situation on an individual who has tested positive in the past. Winkelman extended her condolences for families. Disheartening to hear people are dissatisfied when they don't immediately get information.

- Comm Daily: Why doesn't KDHE call? Winkelman said because of their surge.
- Winkelman: There is a web portal for reporting information. Have asked medical facilities to fax them a note to make them aware. One facility does this.
- Comm Schartz: It is vital information to have available. Winkelman said that is correct. Last night she was alerted to a 7-month old who tested positive. Been notified of a 3-month old this morning who has been tested. Doing the best they can to get the information out quickly.
- Comm Daily: Reiterated the good job Winkelman and her staff are doing. Vitally important KDHE follow-up with you so you can have the correct information.
- Comm Schartz: We are doing the best we can. We are not trying to hide anything.
- Winkelman: Will continue with testing. Will continue screening staff and clients. Will continue to provide services by appointment only. Extra disinfecting. This coming Wednesday, June 10th will do a full day of immunizations only. Reaching out to KDHE for contact tracing help.
- Comm Schartz: Asked if they have seen any increase since people are out and about more. Winkelman said they are seeing more testing. More symptoms. Not out of the woods yet.
- Comm Kruckenberg: What are your recommendations on wearing a mask. Winkelman said if you are in an area where you will be exposed, she would advise wearing one.

VII. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Kruckenberg made a motion to adjourn at 9:44 A.M.


Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

Unanimously voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk



Jennifer Schartz, Chairman Pro-Tem