

# Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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March 16, 2020

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 16th day of March 2020, at the Barton County Courthouse.

## *Members present:*

Kenny Schremmer, Commissioner, 1st District, Chairman  
Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner, 2nd District  
Don Davis, Commissioner, 3rd District  
James R. Daily, Commissioner, 4th District  
Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner, 5th District (*Chairman Pro-Tem*)  
Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk  
Phil Hathcock, County Administrator

## *Members absent:*

Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor

## **I. OPENING BUSINESS:**

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

Commissioner Daily moved to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Schartz said she just wanted to make sure that everyone knows that we are going to add Item F. An Executive Session for Non-Elected Personnel to that agenda.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Daily moved to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2020, and the March 9, 2020, Regular Meetings.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **II. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS: 13th Month – 5th Run:**

-An Accounts Payable Register for the 13th Month, 2019, will be submitted to the Commission.

Thirteenth month expenditures include any unpaid bills for a product, service, or utility that has been received in 2019.

Commissioner Daily moved to approve the 13th Month – 5th Run appropriations for 2019 and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **III. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:**

-An Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of March 2, 2020, and ending March 16, 2020.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the appropriations for the period of March 2, 2020, to March 16, 2020 and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **IV. OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business.

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## **V. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **A. JOBFEST: Partnership Opportunity:**

-JobFest is planned for April 30, 2020. It will be held at the Great Bend Event Center, 3111 – 10th, Great Bend, Kansas. It is suggested that the County consider sponsorship of the event.

Karen Neuforth, JobFest Committee Member, said although unemployment is technically lower than it has been there are still people looking for a job. Neuforth said they are targeting businesses and employees in Central Kansas, Barton County and the surrounding counties and have at least twenty-six employers signed-up already. The KansasWorks bus will be on-site and again assistance will be provided to help write resumes free of charge. The college students will again help with the "Career Closet" that provides career appropriate clothing for job interviews. Neuforth said they have been increasing their marketing and promotion efforts and noted the city contributed \$1,500.

Commissioner Schartz asked in light of coronavirus, who would cancel the event if needed. Neuforth said there are a number of members representing the various entities.

Commissioner Daily asked how many people were placed in jobs last year. Neuforth said there were more than 50 persons placed in jobs.

Commissioner Schartz moved to pledge \$500 to the 2020 JobFest Event. Cost to be paid from the Finance General Account of the General Fund, Miscellaneous Contractuals Line, 001-26-5755.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

### **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 per K.S.A 79-1460. Barton County received an extension in 2020 moving that deadline to March 16, 2020. Barb Esfeld, County Appraiser, will report on the mailing of notices of valuation and valuation trends.

Barb Esfeld, County Appraiser, said by statute, values are to go out by March 1. Esfeld said they applied for an extension due to a very serious health issue of one of her family members. Taxpayers have 30 days to appeal. They can conduct the hearing by phone if necessary. Values are set on the properties as of January 1, they do not pro-rate the values.

Esfeld provided statistics on current trends. Said the trend does not necessarily mean their property changed by that percentage. They look at each-and-every property. Esfeld urged people to contact their office if they have a property that experienced flooding.

Commissioner Schartz said in light of the inflationary trend, does that mean the county will see that much less. Esfeld said not necessarily, it depends on the budget, value, mill levy, etc. Esfeld said there are a lot of bills in the legislature that can affect taxes this year. Taxpayers should look over their value. If they would sell their property for that amount, they are probably OK.

Commissioner Davis asked when Bartlett Grain's expansion would appear on the tax rolls. Esfeld said the expansion would be added next year, because they had not yet started it on January 1.

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## **C. GOLDEN BELT VETERANS MEMORIAL: Project Update:**

-Barton County is working on the next stone for the Golden Belt Veterans Memorial. Side One of Stone IV was purchased by the Hoisington VFW 7428 when it closed. Side Two is for general use. Mick Lang, Memorial Parks Advisory Board President, will provide details.

Mick Lang, Memorial Parks Advisory Board President, said Stone 4, side one is the only stone where the names will be listed alphabetically and said there are still spaces open for purchase.

Commissioner Schartz asked if there would be some sort of designation to indicate the names are Hoisington names. Diana Watson said the first three entries on side one will be information about Mitchell, Triplett and Smith, indicating they were from Hoisington.

Lang said he realizes Veteran's Day has been very cold for the Dedication of the Stones, but the consensus of the Board was they would like to keep the dedication on that day.

Information Only. No Action Required.

## **D. ROAD AND BRIDGE: Purchase of a Used Peterbilt:**

-Road and Bridge currently utilizes semi-trucks to haul equipment and materials to job sites when maintaining the County's blacktop roads, bridges and ditches. Within the current fleet, the newest and most utilized semi-truck is a 2000 year model Sterling. Road and Bridge management has researched options to purchase a semi-truck that would best suit the needs of the department. Doonan Peterbilt of Great Bend has provided a quote for a 2018 Peterbilt 389 with 19,575 miles.

Ren Williams, County Works Director, said they are looking to update their semi-truck fleet. Their major haul vehicle has 375,490 miles and said they came across an opportunity to purchase a 2018 Peterbilt with only 19,575 miles.

Commissioner Schartz said since you can run them with 375,000 miles, this truck seems almost new. Schartz asked what would be done with the truck this would replace. Williams said they would keep it for hauling another excavator to work sites.

Commissioner Davis moved to approve the purchase of a 2018 Peterbilt 389 from Doonan Peterbilt of Great Bend for \$116,600.00. Purchase price to be paid from the Road and Bridge Fund, Equip – Operate & Construction Line, 002-92-6190.

Commissioner Daily seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **E. SOLID WASTE LANDFILL: Proposal for Phase IV Cell Construction, Barton County Sanitary Landfill:**

-Barton County accepted proposals for Phase IV Cell Construction (approximately 6.3 acres) at the Barton County Sanitary Landfill until February 28, 2020. Five construction companies provided a bid. Proposed work is to include excavation of soil, compacting fill, construction of a soil liner, installation of geomembrane, leachate piping, drainage layer, gas vents, storm water diversion and termination berms, as well as seeding and mulching.

Phil Hathcock, County Administrator, said they accepted proposals from qualified firms and noted a total of five bids were received with Malm Construction of Lindsborg providing the low bid of \$749,090.83. The next lowest bid came in at \$797,500. The engineers estimate was \$1,328,000.

Commissioner Schremmer asked if we are using our own sand. Hathcock said yes.

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Hathcock said he contacted other landfills and learned Malm Construction has constructed quite a few of them.

Commissioner Daily moved to accept the Proposal from Malm Construction Company for Phase IV Cell Construction, Barton County Sanitary Landfill. Estimated cost of the proposal, set at no more than \$749,090.83, is to be paid through the Solid Waste Fund, Contract Construction Line, 140-68-6250. Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

## F. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Personnel matters of nonelected personnel:

-The Commission will enter into Executive Session. The Commission may invite such parties as needed into said Session. The Commission meeting will resume in 20 minutes.

At 9:40 A.M., Commissioner Davis moved to enter into executive session for a period of 20 minutes to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel. Phil Hathcock, County Administrator, and Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk, are invited to attend. Patrick Hoffman, our County Counselor, may be invited to attend by phone. The meeting will resume at 10:00 A.M.  
Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

At 10:00 A.M., Commissioner Daily moved to go back into regular session.  
Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

## TION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commissioner Schartz moved to appoint Karen Winkelman Interim Health Director.  
Commissioner Daily seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

## VI. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

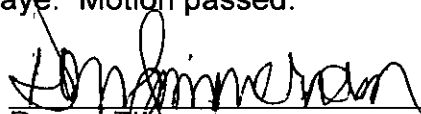
## VII. OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business.

## VIII. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Kruckenberg made a motion to adjourn at 10:05 A.M.  
Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

  
Donna Zimmerman  
Barton County Clerk

  
Kenny Schremmer, Chairman