

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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October 5, 2020

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 5th day of October 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 Kruckenberg moved to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Minutes of the September 21, 2020, and the September 28, 2020, Regular Meetings were not available.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

III. 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 last batch of tax roll adjustments prior to the creation of the new tax roll:

Barb Esfeld said they are doing clean-up on people who are deceased and cleaning-up old records.

BATCH #22				
Property Types	Values	Escaped Taxes	Added / Abated	Refunds
Gas				
Oil				
Personal Property	- 8,571		-\$1,633.30	
Real Estate	-32,790		-\$5,271.62	\$4,521.48
16/20 M Trucks	- 549		-\$ 84.62	
State Assessed Utilities				
Special Assessments				
Grand Totals	-41,910		-\$6,989.54	\$4,521.48

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Total Taxes	-\$6,989.54			
Total Records Selected	32			

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 Schartz seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. PROCLAMATION 2020-11: Supporting the Fall Campaign of United Way of Central Kansas:

-United Way envisions a world where every individual has an opportunity to succeed, and entire communities thrive as a result. Fueled by the passion of 2.8 million volunteers and 9.8 million donors who give of their time, money and voices, improvements are made daily within our community. With ninety-percent of funding staying local, Gaila Demel, United Way of Central Kansas Executive Director, will ask that the Commission adopt a Proclamation recognizing the Fall 2020 United Way Campaign.

Gaila Demel, United Way of Central Kansas Executive Director, said this is her second to request support. Barb Esfeld is the campaign coordinator for the Barton County employees. Offering three different options this year. Probably the one that is most appealing is the drop-off option. Also offering a roll-over option. Pandemic and crisis are what they are built for. Being flexible and relevant. After 2-3 months of the pandemic, they realized they are relevant. Pace setters are still there and are their top 15 providers and provide approximately 50%. Some communities have lowered their goal, but they do not see the need to lower it.

Commissioner Daily asked what the is goal. Demel said \$275,000.

Commissioner Schartz moved to adopt Proclamation 2020-11, Supporting the Fall Campaign of United Way of Central Kansas.

Commissioner Daily seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

C. LEASE AGREEMENT: Murphy Property – Road and Bridge Storage:

-Barton County wishes to extend a current lease of approximately 2.4 acres in the SW/4, Sec 6, T19S, R14W to store materials and equipment used for the construction and maintenance of roadways. Leased from James Murphy, it is suggested that the updated lease be extended to October, 2025, with a total payment of \$2,000.00.

Darren Williams, County Works Director, said they wish to continue the current lease at 784 NW 40 Road. Would like to extend for another 5 years for a total of \$2,000. Williams said this allows them to store equipment and aggregates.

Commissioner Daily moved to approve the Lease Agreement with James Murphy for approximately 2.4 acre in the SW/4, Sec 6, T19S, R14W. Annual cost to be paid from the Road and Bridge Fund, Right of Way Line, 002-92-6270.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

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D. ADMINISTRATION: SPARK Funding Distribution:

-Barton County has received the necessary documentation from the State Office of Recovery to distribute SPARK funding for the cost or reimbursement of COVID-related expenses.

Phil Hathcock, County Administrator, requested approval for the distribution of funds to two entities who have provided the necessary paperwork and had significant response to COVID.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the distribution of SPARK funds to the 20th Judicial District Court Office and to RSVP Volunteers in Action for public health and safety in providing services substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to COVID. Total payments of \$7,721.70 to be made from the SPARK Fund.

Commissioner Daily seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

E. PUBLIC HEALTH: SPARK Funding Distribution:

-Barton County has received the necessary documentation from the State Office of Recovery to distribute SPARK Public Health funding for the cost or reimbursement of COVID-related expenses.

Phil Hathcock, County Administrator, said this is separate SPARK funding specifically for health. This funding is for Barton County Emergency Aid.

Commissioner Daily said this is not for the Health Department. Hathcock said this is for distribution through the Health Department.

Commissioner Daily moved to approve the distribution of SPARKS Public Health funds to Barton County Emergency Aid for public health and safety in providing services substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to COVID. Total payment of \$13,400.00 to be made from the SPARK Public Health Fund.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

F. EMERGENCY RISK MANAGEMENT: Rural Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Enhancement Grant Program, SPARK – CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) via the Kansas Division of Emergency Management:

-Barton County received notification on September 25, 2020, that they had been awarded funds for their proposal to help enhance the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) of Barton County for connectivity, communications, and mitigation protective measures in response to COVID-19. Funds must be expended by December 30, 2020.

Amy Miller, Emergency Management Director, announced they were awarded a grant administered by the Kansas Division of Emergency Management. The grant focused on connectivity, computer systems, software enhancement, etc. Could be used to purchase equipment for setting up an EOC. Miller said she submitted on four areas and was approved for three projects. This will be used in the conference room that is used for emergency management, EOC, elections, etc.

Commissioner Daily said the total grant is \$13,459.27. Miller said the actual grant award is \$13,539.00 after a couple of price changes.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the purchase of task chairs from OPI for a total cost of \$4,800.00. Cost to be paid from the SPARK – EOC Fund, Equipment line, 903-28-6170-60.

And also moved to approve the purchase of electronic access locks from Nex-Tech for a total cost of \$3,433.94. Cost to be paid from the SPARK – EOC Fund, Equipment Line 903-28-6165-60.

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And also moved purchase monitors from SHI for a total cost of \$5,225.33. Cost to be paid from the SPARK – EOC Fund, Equipment Line 903-28-6165-60.
Commissioner Daily seconded all three of those motions.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

G. EMERGENCY RISK MANAGEMENT: Fiscal Year 2020 Emergency Management Performance Grant Program:

-The Kansas Division of Emergency Management is accepting applications for the FY 2020 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Program. The EMPG Program provides funding to assist states and local governments in developing and carrying out emergency management programs.

Amy Miller, Emergency Management Director, said the funding is to be utilized by counties to help them maintain their emergency management offices and systems. The funding can be used for a variety of things, but the main focus is to make sure plans are up to date and provide for training. Working with the public and private partners such as school districts, water districts, etc.,

Commissioner Daily asked for the total amount of the grant. Miller said we are in line to receive the same as last year at \$25,460. We received \$24,634 in 2018 and \$24,766 in 2017.

Commissioner Daily moved to authorize submitting the application for the FY 2020 Emergency Management Performance Grant Program to the Kansas Division of Emergency Management and direct the Commission Chairman to sign the application for the EMPG funds.
Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

J. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

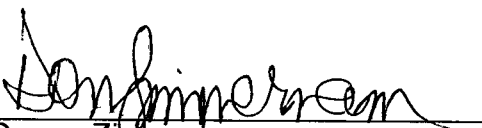
V. OTHER BUSINESS:

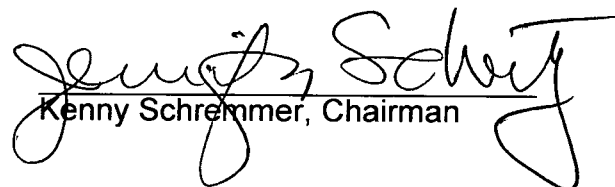
There was no other business.

VI. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Schartz made a motion to adjourn at 9:26 A.M.
Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:


Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk


Kenny Schremmer, Chairman

PROCLAMATION 2020-11

SUPPORTING THE FALL CAMPAIGN OF
UNITED WAY of CENTRAL KANSAS

WHEREAS, the citizens of Barton County, Kansas, and all of Central Kansas should enjoy healthy, meaningful lives; and

WHEREAS, United Way advances that common goal by creating opportunities for a better life for citizens throughout Central Kansas; and

WHEREAS, United Way focuses on education, income and health – the building blocks for quality of life – because everyone wins when a child succeeds in school, when families are financially stable, and when people are in good health; and

WHEREAS, it takes every part of the community – individuals, businesses and organizations – to supply the passion, expertise and resources needed to create lasting change for the better; and

WHEREAS, last year Barton County citizens generously contributed their volunteer energies as well as more than \$300,000 to the United Way of Central Kansas, thereby investing in programs and initiatives that improve lives, build stronger communities and provide for a greater shared future; and

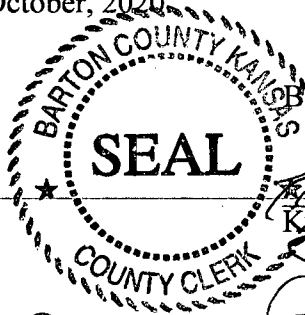
WHEREAS, the United Way holds an annual campaign every fall, centered on keeping ninety-nine percent of donations local, in order to support those efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, that the months of August through December, 2020, are declared as

UNITED WAY of CENTRAL KANSAS MONTH

FURTHER, that all citizens are urged to learn more about United Way, its community partners and join in supplying the passion, expertise and resources needed in 2020 and beyond.

Dated this 5th day of October, 2020



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Kenny Schenmer
Kenny Schenmer, Chairman

James R. Daily
James R. Daily, Commissioner

Approved VIA Teams
Don Davis, Commissioner

Homer Kruckenberg
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Jennifer Schartz
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ATTEST:

Donna Zimmerman
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County Clerk