

# Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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January 25, 2021

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 25th day of January 2021, at the Barton County Courthouse.

*Members present:*

Kirby Krier, Commissioner, 1st District  
Barb Esfeld, Commissioner, 2nd District  
Shawn Hutchinson, Commissioner, 3<sup>rd</sup> District (*Chairman Pro-Tem*)  
James R. Daily, Commissioner, 4th District, Chairman  
Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner, 5th District  
Bev Schmeidler, Assistant Deputy County Clerk  
Phil Hathcock, County Administrator  
Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor

*Members attending via Teams®:*

Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk

## **I. OPENING BUSINESS:**

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

Roll Call taken by County Clerk.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2021 and the January 18, 2021 Regular Meetings.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **II. OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business at this time.

## **III. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **A. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION: Service Awards:**

-Barton County employees are recognized for continuous service for five, ten, fifteen, twenty and other years. The County Commission, with the assistance of Ryan Lichter, Employee Relations Committee, will recognize employees for their service.

Phil Hathcock, County Administrator, said Ryan Lichter was unable to attend due to weather. Hathcock said they recognize employees for years of service on an annual basis and read the list of employees being recognized.

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EMPLOYEE	OFFICE
<b>FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE</b>	
Steve Billinger	Sheriff's Office
Mark Cooper	Environmental Health
Nic Katzenmeier	Sheriff's Office
Phil Kepka	Appraiser's Office
Barry McManaman	Engineering
Casey Rowland	Juvenile Services
Shannon Royer	Health
Aaron Smith	Solid Waste
Randy Smith	Sheriff's Office
Tera Tiemeyer	Engineering
Paige Volkel	Treasurer's Office
Gina Werth	Administrator's Office
<b>TEN YEARS OF SERVICE</b>	
Linda Francis	Sheriff
Jennifer Hamby	Solid Waste
Tim McQuade	Communications/911
Steven Miller	Road & Bridge
<b>FIFTEEN YEARS OF SERVICE</b>	
Stanley Behrends	Road & Bridge
Guy Disney	Sheriff
Jerald Loesch	Road & Bridge
Jennifer Schartz	Commissioner
<b>TWENTY YEARS OF SERVICE</b>	
Michael Daniel	Juvenile Services
Kurtis Schaub	Road and Bridge
<b>TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE</b>	
Douglas Matthews	County Attorney
Dena Popp	Communications/911
<b>THIRTY YEARS OF SERVICE</b>	
Bev Schmeidler	County Clerk
Bettejane Wooding	Engineer / Mapping
<b>THIRTY-FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE</b>	
Brad Patzner	Sheriff

Commissioner Krier moved to recognize those employees with 5, 10, 15, 20 and other years of service. Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Schartz it was telling that Barton County must be a good place to work when we have people who have invested most of their lives to it, practically their whole career.

Commissioner Esfeld agreed and noted that there was a Road & Bridge employee that had been employed here for over 40 years.

**B. DECLARATION OF A STATE OF LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY: COVID-19:**

-The Commission ratified a Declaration of a State of Local Public Health Emergency as a result of the COVID-19 event at a Special Meeting held March 20, 2020. That Declaration was extended on May 18, 2020, and again on July 13, 2020. At this time, the Commission will be asked to extend the declaration until March 31, 2021, unless terminated earlier. The extension of the disaster declaration allows for the County to receive state and federal aid.

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Miller, Emergency Management Director, said the declaration expires January 26th and asked it be extended to March 31, 2021, which is when the current State legislation will expire. The majority of Kansas counties have gone to having the declaration in effect until rescinded, but Barton County has traditionally followed a 60-day period or the legislative dates and noted that can be changed should the commission desire. Miller explained that having a declaration in place provides immunity from liability for any response during disasters as well as opening the county up to be able to request supplies and assistance from the State of Kansas. For instance, should the Health Department run out of supplies, they can be requested, and the State of Kansas would supply them at no cost.

Commissioner Krier asked if there was a specific time that the Board of Health meets. Commissioner Daily said there was not a specific time, but a meeting could be called whenever necessary. Phil Hathcock said historically they have called a meeting when necessary, but that could be changed.

Commissioner Krier asked had there been specific reasons to call a meeting in the past. Commissioner Daily said the commissioners had met several times as the Board of Health for COVID reasons.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked if there were any negatives in declaring a state of emergency. Miller said not that she was aware of. Miller said it benefits the county the sooner it is declared and also allows for immediate assistance from the state as well as providing local assistance from other counties.

Commissioner Esfeld asked if it mattered how many times the county declared a state of emergency. Miller said no it did not. Miller said the statute states that if the chairman or other designated individual makes the decision alone, the first disaster declaration would only be good for seven days. If the governing board makes the decision, it can be for as long as they decide. Miller also explained if it would be declared for a longer length of time and if no longer needed, it could be rescinded.

Commissioner Krier asked if they should meet as the Board of Health or Board of County Commissioners to make this declaration. Miller said this was for the commission and was only good for COVID and public health emergency. Should there be a blizzard, a different declaration would have to be done for that particular incident.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to approve the Declaration of a State of Local Public Health Emergency for Barton County, Kansas, as a result of COVID-19.

Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **C. PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE: COVID-19:**

-Karen Winkelman, Health Director, will provide an update relative to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Karen Winkelman, Health Director, said the current count of positive COVID cases as of 11:00 A.M. last Friday was 2,300 since the end of March 2020. The state listed Barton County at 2,466 cases. Part of that was due to cases still coming in and case investigations they have done for Barton County and possibly changing a contact to a probable case. At this time, there were 67 positive active cases, which was a lower number compared to the past. They continue to provide COVID testing on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. They conduct drive-thru testing in the alley on the east side of the building, averaging 30 tests each time. The specimens are submitted to the KDHE lab and turnaround time is usually less than 48 hours for the preferred PCR diagnostic test. They continue case investigations and contact tracing. In November, the cases were increasing so rapidly that KDHE was looking at ways to help counties. They allowed health departments to forward cases to them so they could be done in a timely manner. Her staff was unable to handle 58-60 cases per day, so they transferred some to KDHE. Isolation orders continue to be mailed and isolation remains the same as it has since the beginning, 10 days from onset of symptoms. Quarantine recommendation has gone to 10 days after the last potential exposure. Science still says that the incubation period is 14 days, so they ask that persons that have

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en exposed still monitor themselves for the full 14 days. Schools identify their children that have been in close contact, which are those who have been within less than 6 feet for more than 10 minutes. Emergency Preparedness Planning has been very helpful. All the years of having the plans since 9/11, it was not "if" but "when" it would be needed. Winkelman said that came to light when they got word that they would be getting vaccine. Phil Hathcock, Sheriff Brian Bellendir and Winkelman looked at traffic flow, numbers and what they could accommodate. The Fair Board was gracious and allowed the use of Expo 3. Immediately, the Health Department focused on the internal activities and planning, and the Sheriff's Office took over the planning of the traffic flow. They had to incorporate many different aspects, such as how quickly the vaccinations could be given, the paperwork involved and working in the 15-minute wait at the end to watch for any potential anaphylactic reactions. There are currently two different types of vaccines available: Moderna and Pfizer. Both have emergency use authorization currently. Moderna is the one provided to Barton County, Pfizer has ultra-cold storage requirements and Barton County does not have the capacity to keep it at the proper temperature for any length of time. Winkelman said Moderna has both freezer and refrigerator options and could be kept in the freezer for a longer period of time and in the refrigerator for 30 days. Once the seal has been opened, it must be used within 6 hours. There are 10 doses in a vial, sometimes 11 doses so planning is key.

Winkelman said the first shipment of 200 doses was received on December 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:15 A.M. There was a lot of scrambling on the list serve across the state because communication was poor as far as how much and when Health Departments would be receiving doses. After receiving the initial 200 doses, Winkelman found out that Barton County was a hub for three surrounding counties (Rush, Pawnee, and Rice). Of the 200 doses, 100 doses were for Barton County and Winkelman was to disburse the remainder to the other three counties. Winkelman said she was able to beg for 10 more doses and got them, putting Barton County at 110 doses. This shipment was for Phase 1 individuals which involved Health Department personnel, healthcare workers, first responders and EMS. They started vaccinating at 4:45 P.M. that day. Winkelman was still begging KDHE for a consent form, as they did not have one available, so they modified theirs and made it work. They also provided the Emergency Use Authorization Information sheet that was required. With the Christmas holidays, they were closed on Thursday and Friday. Winkelman said she did not want vaccine just sitting in the refrigerator, so she made plans to come in on Saturday, December 26<sup>th</sup>. Phil Hathcock came in as well to help administer 20 vaccinations. They received their next shipment on January 13<sup>th</sup>. Winkelman noted she had been notified that there were 300 doses coming and she was to track the shipment. The first shipment of 300 doses did not show any movement on FedEx tracking, but later the same night she was notified of another shipment of 200 doses. That one was moving rapidly on the tracking site. Communication had been lacking so she did not have clarification about second doses for those who had received their initial injection. At noon, Winkelman received both the 300 doses as well as the 200 doses. She did not receive clarification on whether she had 500 doses to provide to the county or if some were second doses. The next day she learned that the 300 were for first doses in Barton County and the 200 doses were to be shared with the other three counties. On January 20<sup>th</sup>, they received another shipment of 300 doses. Before receiving the second shipment of 300 doses, the University of Kansas Hospital in Great Bend contacted Winkelman and said they had 190 doses available if she could administer them to individuals. Winkelman said she gladly accepted them and within 24 hours were set up at the Expo grounds and conducted their first drive-thru which was completed in an hour and twenty minutes. In total, they have administered about 900 prime doses which includes the 190 doses from the hospital. Winkelman said she wished they could get larger shipments. They have relied heavily on the community and county partners. People have been on the doorstep ready to help. It has been a challenge to keep the public informed. They receive calls from citizens who had not heard the news and were unhappy, staff fields those calls. Winkelman said with the set-up at the Expo, they can activate in nearly an hour. When they are done with vaccinations, they must do data entry to account for all the doses and reflect that the inventory is back at zero. Staff put in a lot of hours this past weekend to get the information into the database. There is a website, [www.kansasvaccine.gov](http://www.kansasvaccine.gov). The goal for the site was to have a tool to find a vaccine. Citizens could go on the website and find where in the state vaccines are available.

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Winkelman said they have been told that they cannot turn anyone away that resides outside of Barton County.

Commissioner Krier said he went to the Expo last Friday and wanted to commend Karen Winkelman, Health Director, Phil Hathcock, County Administrator and Sheriff Brian Bellendir for doing an unbelievable job. Krier said it was amazing how quickly they go through and said the only hold up he had seen was the number of vaccines received. It was amazing what they had put together. Commissioner Krier asked what the chance was of going back to Phase 1, 65 and older, getting more of the elderly population vaccinated. Winkelman said they feel they had pretty much saturated Phase 1 a week ago Thursday which enabled them to start moving into Phase 2. Phase 2 was for persons 65 and older. Phase 1 persons that are still eligible have been incorporated into Phase 2 also.

Commissioner Krier asked what was in Phase 2. Winkelman said Phase 2 was congregate settings like assisted living centers, schools, teachers, daycare workers, transportation, people involved with energy that provide resources to our homes and agriculture. Some counties were doing small sub-groups within Phase 2 and for them it may work, but for Barton County that would be very hard with the amount of vaccine to be administered. Some schools have given her a list of 400 individuals, she does not have enough vaccine to even do one school, that was why it was decided to do the drive-thru and have it be first come, first served.

Commissioner Krier asked to clarify that they can not turn anyone down from a different county. Winkelman said no, they cannot.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked for the total number of vaccines given. Winkelman said 900 prime doses and approximately 110 second doses. Winkelman said they automatically receive the second dose vaccines, and they are seeing people not return for the second dose or getting it elsewhere.

Commissioner Daily asked how long Winkelman anticipated it taking to get through Phase 2 due to the number of people in that group. Daily explained that he was asking for media purposes and wanted to get the word out and felt people think the county has an unlimited amount of vaccine which is simply not true. Winkelman said that was a difficult answer to give. From surveys that had been done and visiting with the public, less than 50% were interested in getting the vaccine and said that includes Phase 1 also.

Commissioner Hutchinson said the biggest variable was getting the vaccine because Winkelman thought they could give 1,000 a day. Winkelman said the plan was to give second doses in the morning because they will be coming up on larger groups receiving their second dose. Those individuals would know that there was a dose for them, assigned to those persons. She would like to give first doses in the afternoon. That way if some do not show up for their second dose, she could carry that excess over to the first dose people.

Sheriff Bellendir said they turned away between 300 and 500 people and noted the facility had the capacity to hold another 300-400 cars on the runways.

Commissioner Daily said the number of doses being received from KDHE were obviously not enough and asked if there was a way to get more at a time. Winkelman said she had reached out to the key people at KDHE and made them aware of their set-up and how quickly they can get the vaccinations done. She talked to Phil Griffin, the director who has oversight of the allotments and distribution. Griffin told her on Thursday that she could pretty much expect around 300 doses consistently for a while.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked if that was both primary and secondary. Winkelman said that was primary doses. They are still telling her that it would be an automatic shipment for the second doses.

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Commissioner Krier said Ellsworth County came to USD 112 in Claflin and vaccinated those teachers in their school district which was very helpful.

Winkelman said they had a meeting with superintendents because they had worked hard to assist and get numbers for them on how many school personnel they had. She said they had to tell them that they could not come to each school.

Commissioner Krier wanted to clear up some rumors. He asked if a person declines the vaccination, do they have to pay for it at a later opportunity. Winkelman said no.

Commissioner Daily asked if there were still complaints being received about school quarantines. Winkelman said that initially there were issues, but they had worked through all of that. The school nurses are providing the Health Department with those that are close contacts and she felt they were working really well. There had been some misunderstandings and miscommunication with daycare centers. It varies when a child is in a daycare and caused some discrepancies as to when the last date of contact was.

Commissioner Krier asked about the timing when receiving a second dose. Winkelman said the Pfizer vaccine has a 21-day minimum interval. The Moderna vaccine has a 28-day interval with a 4-day grace period to receive it up to 4 days early. Winkelman said a vaccination card is given to the person telling the date of the second dose. So far, they had been calling to remind the people about the second dose. However, moving forward, they are going to have to use the media to notify people.

Commissioner Daily said he received his second dose, and it did not make him sick. He only had a sore arm.

Winkelman said KDHE has told them that after receiving the second dose, a person no longer must be quarantined if they have an exposure with the next 90 days. She added that everyone still needed to wear masks and the other precautions that have been practiced for some time.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked why someone would wear a mask 2 weeks after they received their second dose. Winkelman said it was not 100%, but only 95% and everyone's immune systems respond differently. Still need to take the precautions. The rate of influenza had proven that, seeing very little influenza in the community.

Commissioner Daily said he knew that it was just in the discussion phase but were not they considering a computer portal system and possibly a hotline for facilitating scheduling a time for a vaccine. Winkelman said they have explored using an online system where a person could reserve a dose. She wants to be sure to cover all populations and all abilities of using technology. There are some who are unable or do not have access to the technology, so looking at a phone system also. It is still in the planning phase.

Commissioner Schartz said she received a few calls where people had a very positive experience. The people were fine with sitting in their cars to wait and were grateful that there were porta potties available.

Commissioner Krier said he was asked if there could be more porta potties available next time. Winkelman said that Phil Hathcock took over that portion of the set-up and made sure those were available. He told her he had it covered when she started receiving calls asking about them. They also received calls asking if there would be refreshments.

Bellendir asked if any commissioners received complaints. He received two or three at his office and they received some on social media. Commissioner Krier said very friendly complaints.

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Bellendir said there was a rumor that they started giving vaccinations early and said that was not true. People were lined up at 8:00 A.M. Before 2:00 P.M., they already had over 300 people in line and started turning people away. The bottom line was to get the most doses to the most people. If we continue doing this, the numbers will slowly dwindle. Hopefully, they get some healthcare partners, like the pharmacies, to begin giving the vaccinations.

Commissioner Daily said he received a complaint from someone who was turned away. The information they had was that it was from 4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M. and they assumed people would not be allowed to line up until then. Bellendir said he was asked why the gates were not closed. He said then he would have people lining up on 10<sup>th</sup> Street and that would be a traffic issue.

Commissioner Krier shared a text he received from a teacher in Ellinwood. The person said that once it was 4:00 P.M., they were very efficient, friendly and it went super smooth. Some people arrived as early as 9:00 A.M. and someone's battery even went dead. Thought there should be some way of signing up ahead for the vaccine. Bellendir said a drawback of signing up would be that some people would not show up and there could be doses spoken for that the person does not show up for.

Commissioner Krier asked if there were lists of people, such as Great Bend school teachers who are close, that could be called if there was still vaccine available. Winkelman said yes, they do. They do not want to waste a single dose.

Commissioner Krier said this was great information. He wished everyone could get the vaccine. The only hold up was getting the vaccine to the county, we have the facility and people to get the vaccines done. Krier said Winkelman had volunteers and family helping and to give them a shout out to them as well as her nurses.

Winkelman said at last Friday's event, the Pawnee County Health Director, Cheryl Hoberecht, donated her day off to help. Winkelman continued that they have been told by KDHE that from this point forward, they will be the distribution site for Barton County. In the past, the hospital got some for Phase 1, Federally Qualified Health Center received some with no instructions on how to administer it. Now, it will all come to the Health Department and be distributed from there. Some of the hospitals have lists of their population that are eligible moving forward and have offered to vaccinate those individuals.

Commissioner Krier asked how the nursing homes would get the vaccine. Winkelman said the nursing homes were given an option a couple months ago to contract with Walgreens or CVS for their residents and staff and received allotments directly from the federal government.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked if Moderna and Pfizer were ramping up production or if Johnson & Johnson were close to rolling out vaccine. Hutchinson said at this pace, we are looking at 1 year for 15,000 residents. Winkelman said she had not kept up on that but anxiously awaited the single dose vaccine.

Commissioner Daily said when a first dose was received, the person had to fill out the paperwork which the Health Department then inputs into the computer system. When a person gets the second dose, it would be nice if there were a way to speed up the paperwork process if there were no changes.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked if they were receiving 300 first round doses a week, were they also receiving 300 second round doses. Winkelman said that was the plan.

Commissioner Krier asked if Winkelman would be receptive to using both Moderna vaccine and Johnson & Johnson vaccine when it becomes available. Winkelman said she had been told that there may be the availability to the Pfizer vaccine. It would mean that they would have to get it out quickly and she had not yet done all the storage and handling research. There could be a level of confusion added in

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ing that an individual must get the same product for the second dose as they did for the first dose. They would have to be sure a person had not received a different preparation.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked if the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines contradict each other. Winkelman said since it was emergency use authorization, no one would support that.

Commissioner Esfeld said she was told that if a person had COVID, they had to wait 90 days to receive a vaccine. Winkelman said the vaccine can be received as soon as a person was out of isolation.

Commissioner Esfeld said she wondered how they input all the data. Winkelman said the nurses are responsible for entering data into WebIZ, a Kansas registry program. That was a very critical part of inventory, accountability, and documentation. If someone were unable to return to Barton County for a second dose, their record would be available. They also must input data into Nightengale Notes which is an electronic medical record. Staff from other departments have helped at the Health Department.

Commissioner Krier asked if there was a Deputy Health Director in place and how could the commission help to get more vaccine. Winkelman said at this time there was not a Deputy Health Officer formally appointed but was something that she needed to move forward on. As far as commissioners helping, the support she had received from all of them was amazing. There are counties out there that do not have that, and she does not know how they do it without the support. Winkelman added that Amy Miller has been a great help. She has been at their beck and call for ordering supplies. For testing supplies, Winkelman sends her an email, and she gets it taken care of and said she very much appreciated Amy.

Commissioner Krier asked Bellendir if the county were to ever get 1,000 doses, would he request assistance from Road & Bridge. Bellendir said yes if necessary. Bellendir said they kind of have it figured out and has been handling it with his guys on shift. If it looks like they will be tied up for a while, can call the next shift in early. Bellendir said if Winkelman would get 1,000 doses, we could use Road & Bridge. The biggest issue was keeping the vehicles off 10<sup>th</sup> Street so there are no collisions.

Information Only. No Action Required.

## **D. KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES: 2021 Membership:**

-The Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) has submitted a renewal notice for the 2021 membership. Based on a calculation that includes a base fee, population and valuation, the dues are \$6,129.76. The Association sponsors the annual KAC Conference, various educational meetings throughout the year and lobbies the State and Federal Legislature on behalf of Kansas Counties.

Phil Hathcock, County Administrator, said this was for the annual dues for KAC 2021 membership. The dues are roughly \$18 less than last year. Dues are based on a base fee, population, and valuation. Hathcock said they provide excellent training and hold an annual conference.

Commissioner Daily said he noticed there was a \$100 webinar fee. Hathcock said approximately 4 years ago they started conducting monthly webinars. The webinars are recorded and some of the department heads do attend on occasion.

Commissioner Schartz asked if it was a flat \$100 fee. Hathcock said yes, \$100 annually.

Commissioner Krier asked Bellendir if he utilizes KAC. Bellendir said no, he is a member of the Kansas Sheriff's Association and said KAC is geared more towards commissioners, appraisers, etc.

Commissioner Krier asked if the appraisers have their own lobbyist. Commissioner Esfeld said yes.



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Commissioner Daily said most of the organizations have their own lobbyist because they have interests that are specifically their own. KAC has a lobbyist. The sheriffs chose many years ago to not associate with KAC, not because it was a bad organization, but because the sheriffs had business to take care of that was far from what KAC was doing.

Sheriff Bellendir said sometimes what is in the best interest of the sheriff is not in the best interest of the commissioners.

Commissioner Esfeld moved to approve the 2021 KAC Membership Dues of \$6,129.76 plus a \$100.00 Webinar fee. Payment to be made from the Courthouse General Account of the General Fund, Dues, Memberships, Subscriptions Line, 001-18-5455.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **E. KANSAS LEGISLATIVE POLICY GROUP: 2021 Membership:**

-The Kansas Legislative Policy Group (KLPG) is a bi-partisan coalition of western Kansas counties with the common interest in the preservation of the counties tax base and retention of local control. The KLPG serves as a policy and decision-making body establishing legislative priorities at its annual meeting and providing speakers to address KLPG members about the important topics of the day. At this time, the Commission will consider renewal of the membership, priced at \$4,869.33.

Phil Hathcock, County Administrator, said the KLPG consists mostly of western Kansas counties and estimated the membership at 34 counties which is down slightly from last year. Hathcock said the county budgets for this each year and said he felt there were a lot of benefits to belonging to the group.

Commissioner Daily said the county had historically had a member appointed to this board which had been Commissioner Schartz, but Commissioner Esfeld would now be their representative.

Commissioner Schartz said it had been very lucrative for the county because several years ago, they won a lawsuit and Barton County received almost \$2,000,000 in the settlement. Most of the members have a high interest in oil, which was very important for Barton County.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to approve the 2021 KLPG Membership Dues of \$4,869.33. Payment to be made from the Courthouse General Account of the General Fund, Dues, Memberships, Subscriptions Line, 001-18-5455.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **F. FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2: Appointment of a Board of Trustees:**

-Per Resolution 2018-10, which created Fire District No. 2, the members of the Fire District Board of Trustees shall consist of not more than one (1) appointee from each participating township and not more than one (1) from each participating city. Trustee positions were advertised and remain unfilled for South Homestead and Union Township for terms expiring in December, 2022. All terms are uncompensated.

Phil Hathcock, County Administrator, said they received another application for Fire District No. 2. From Brian Bitter.

Commissioner Krier moved to appoint Brian Bitter to represent Union Township on the Board of Trustees for Fire District No. 2, County of Barton, Kansas. Said appointee shall serve a term ending December 31, 2022.

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion.

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## **COMMISSION: Board Appointments:**

Leaders in Barton County, the Commissioners are often asked to sit on various boards. Some have qualifiers as required by Kansas statutes or by organizational bylaws, some do not. At this time, the Governing Body will consider Commission appointments to these boards.

Phil Hathcock, County Administrator, said as leaders in Barton County, the commissioners are asked to sit on various boards. As discussed in study session and because there are new commissioners, they intend to divide these responsibilities. Hathcock listed the suggested appointments.

Commissioner Daily noted Commissioner Schartz is on the board for The Center for Counseling & Consultation.

Commissioner Schartz said she was trying to find someone to take on Be Well Barton County, but there were no takers so she will remain on that board as well.

Commissioner Daily said he was on the Barton County Historical Society board

Commissioner Krier moved to make appointments to the following boards:

Chief Elected Official / Work Force

Golden Belt Humane Society

Great Bend Chamber

Kansas Legislative Policy Group

Commissioner Shawn Hutchinson

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Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **IV. ENDING BUSINESS:**

Announcements

2. Appointments

## **V. OTHER BUSINESS:**

There was no other business.

## **VI. ADJOURN.**

Commissioner Schartz moved to adjourn at 10:19 A.M.

Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

Bev Schmeidler  
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Barton County Assistant Deputy Clerk

James R. Daily  
James R. Daily, Chairman