

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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November 30, 2022

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 30th day of November 2022, at the Barton County Courthouse.

Members present:

Kirby Krier, Commissioner, 1st District

Barb Esfeld, Commissioner, 2nd District, (*Chairman Pro-Tem*)

Shawn Hutchinson, Commissioner, 3rd District, Chairman

Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner, 5th District

Bev Schmeidler, County Clerk

Matt Patzner, Director of Operations

Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor

Present via phone:

Jon Prescott, Commissioner, 4th District

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

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

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2022, the November 2, 2022, and the November 9, 2022, Regular Meetings.

Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Minutes of the November 16, 2022 Regular Meeting were not available.

II. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:

-An Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of November 9, 2022 and ending November 23, 2022.

Commissioner Schartz moved to ratify the appropriations for the period of November 9, 2022, to November 23, 2022 and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. ROAD AND BRIDGE: Ratify Repair of 2008 Ford F-350:

-Darren Williams, County Works Director, will provide details. Mr. Williams initiated the repair of a 2008 Ford F-350 at Bob's Service Center. The total cost for repairs was \$5,715.89. Mr. Williams will ask that the Commission ratify the repair cost.

Darren Williams, County Works Director, asked the commission to ratify the repair cost.

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Commissioner Krier moved to ratify the \$5,715.89 billing of the 2008 Ford F-350 as repaired by Bob's Service Center, Claflin. Cost to be paid from the Equipment Replacement Fund, Road and Bridge Line, 072-00-6485.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Schartz asked what the threshold amount was that had to come before the commission. Commissioner Krier said he thought it was \$5,000.00.

Commissioner Schartz asked if that was a reasonable amount.

Commissioner Krier said no, it should probably be closer to \$10,000.00.

Commissioner Schartz said it was good for the commissioners to know about these things but maybe should consider changing the amount.

Commissioner Hutchinson said it had been discussed and changed.

Matt Patzner, Director of Operations, said it had been changed from \$2,000.00 to \$5,000.00 and he believed that repairs went up to \$15,000.00.

B. COUNTY ENGINEER: Off-System Bridge 297 Deck Replacement:

-Matt Patzner, Operations Director, will present details. Bids were opened on November 14, 2022, for the replacement of the failing bridge deck on Off-System Bridge 297. The bridge is located on NE 70 Road, west of NE 150 Avenue and crossing Cow Creek. Two bids were received, with L&M Contractors, Inc. of Great Bend having the low bid of \$168,697.50. The Commission is asked to consider approval of the bid.

Matt Patzner, Director of Operations, presented details and asked for approval.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked if this had any cost sharing or applying towards a future project. Patzner said Barry McManaman had gone and looked at the bridge and parts were failing, this just needed repaired.

Commissioner Krier said this bridge was built by County workers. They received reports of holes in the bridge. The metal decking had worn from traffic, a lot of trucks go over this particular bridge.

Commissioner Krier moved to accept the \$168,697.50 bid from L&M Contractors, Inc. for the replacement of the deck on Off-System Bridge 297. Cost to be paid from the Special Bridge Fund, Construction Related Items Line, 003-92-6191-02. Direct the Commission Chair to sign the Notice of Award and the Agreement for Construction Contract between the County and L&M Contractors. L&M Contractors is a local contractor.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

C. TWENTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT: District Coroner – Appointment:

-Mr. Patzner will provide details. In accordance with the Kansas Statutes Annotated, Chapter 22a, the Board of County Commissioners of the County with the largest population in a Judicial District is to appoint a District Coroner to serve a four-year term. It is suggested that Dr. Patrick Stiles be appointed to the remainder of the 2023 – 2026 term.

Matt Patzner, Director of Operations, asked that Dr. Patrick Stiles be appointed.

Commissioner Krier moved to appoint Dr. Patrick Stiles, Claflin's famous doctor, as the District Coroner for the Twentieth Judicial District. Said appointment set to run 2023 – 2026. He is an amazing person. Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.

Commissioner Krier said he has done a phenomenal job in Barton County.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked if there was compensation. Patzner said the coroner was compensated.

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Anna Zimmerman, Commissioner Elect, noted there were several Deputy District Coroners who assist Stiles when he was unavailable. Dr. Stiles told her that John Stettinger at the Sheriff's Office was a huge asset during daytime hours when he was unavailable.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

ITEM TABLED

D. OCCUPANCY AGREEMENT: 12th and Kansas, Great Bend:

-Mr. Patzner will provide details. As a means of community support, the State of Kansas Parole office is housed in the County office building at 1208 Kansas, Great Bend. This agency reimburses Barton County for a portion of the building's utility costs. The proposed agreement is set to expire December 31, 2023.

Matt Patzner, Director of Operations, said specific to the agreement, office space was provided as a means of community support. They reimburse the County for phone service including long distance and a portion of the utilities. Asked the commissioner to consider approving the occupancy agreement for 2023 or ask the agency to vacate.

Commissioner Krier asked what this agency was, he was not aware or familiar with it. Partner said this was the parole office.

Commissioner Krier asked who ran it and how many employees there were. Patzner said the State runs it and he would have to find out the number of employees.

Commissioner Krier asked if it were unusual that they did not pay rent. Patzner said he could check to see what other counties do but this agreement had been in place for some time.

Commissioner Esfeld asked how much area of the building they occupied.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked if the item should be tabled. Patzner said he could get them some answers.

Commissioner Hutchinson said there were some projects coming up where space would be needed.

Commissioner Krier moved to table this motion at this time.

Commissioner Hutchinson said would you like to do it for one week.

Commissioner Krier said one week.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

V. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

Commissioner Esfeld – said the commission had joined KNRC, Kansas National Resource Coalition. She will attend their meeting in Dodge City Friday to evaluate the membership.

Commissioner Schartz – she was against joining last year. The commission gets approached by many groups and she would like them to be members of groups that will benefit the county.

Commissioner Krier – we have not heard anything from them.

Commissioner Hutchinson – the membership was \$5,000.00.

Commissioner Krier – we basically hired them as a lobbyist.

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Commissioner Esfeld – asked if it would be too late to end the membership if that was what were to be decided. Patzner said it was not too late.

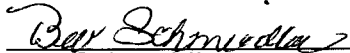
VII. ADJOURN.

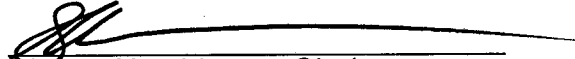
Commissioner Schartz moved to adjourn at 9:20 A.M.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:


Bev Schmeidler
Barton County Clerk


Shawn Hutchinson, Chairman