

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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September 21, 2022

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 21st day of September 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
Jon Prescott, Commissioner, 4th District
Chris Saenz, Deputy County Clerk
Matt Patzner, Director of Operations
Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor

Members absent:

Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner, 5th District

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

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

Commissioner Prescott moved to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Esfeld moved to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2022, Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Prescott seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ITEM TABLED

II. OLD BUSINESS:

A. RESOLUTION 2022-22: A Resolution Concerning the Involvement of Sitting Barton County Commissioners on Area Boards and Committees:

-Commissioner Kirby Krier will provide details. On September 7, 2022, and again on September 14, 2022, this item was tabled. Commissioner Krier proposed Resolution guidelines for Commissioners when dealing with area boards and committees.

Commissioner Kirby Krier said that Commissioner Schartz wanted to be present for the discussion so they should table it for another week.

Commissioner Krier moved to table this at this time until next week.

Commissioner Prescott seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

A. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARD: Pam Christendon, Custodian, Facilities Management, Operations Department:

-Bailey Rankin, ERC President, will provide details. The Employee Relations Committee (ERC) recommends outstanding individuals for the "Employees Recognition Award". At this time, the Commission will be asked to recognize Pam Christendon, Custodian, Facilities Management, Operations Department. Ms. Christendon was nominated, in part, for her friendly demeanor, attitude and work ethic.

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Donna Watson, ERC Board Member, said Pam Christendon was nominated for Employee of the Quarter. Watson read the nomination.

Commissioner Hutchinson said he has always been greeted with a smile from Pam and she stays busy.

Commissioner Krier moved to join the ERC in presenting Pam Christendon, Custodian, Facilities Management, Operations Department, with the Employee Recognition Award, Second Quarter, 2022. Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion and added that Christendon does her job well and takes pride in her work.

Commissioner Krier agreed with Commissioner Esfeld.

Commissioner Prescott said Christendon makes a great first impression.

Donna Zimmerman, former County Clerk, said Christendon was always helpful with elections, and it was always appreciated. During the pandemic, Christendon was always sterilizing and wiping down highly touched areas of the courthouse.

Matt Patzner, Director of Operations, echoed everyone's comments and added that the department had been short staffed much of the year. Christendon had stepped up and done everything asked of her, she is a very valuable employee.

Mike Courson, Eagle Radio, former courthouse employee, said Christendon was exceptional, anything you needed, you only had to ask once.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. PROCLAMATION 2022-14: National Recovery Month, September, 2022:

-Amy Boxberger, CKCC Director and Rise Up Central Kansas community member, will present Proclamation 2022-14, National Recovery Month, September, 2022, which details the impact of recovery through better management of health, home, purpose and community. The Proclamation calls for community members to observe this month with compelling programs and events, to include Recovery Out Loud, Every Voice Matters, beginning at 6:30 p.m., Friday, September 23, 2022, at Jack Kilby Square.

Amy Boxberger, CKCC Director and Rise Up Central Kansas community member, said through the growth and expansion of Rise Up Central Kansas as well as community support systems, our community has seen what recovery can bring. This is our future, investing in our people brings change and provides hope that change can happen. Boxberger thanked the commissioners for their support. Boxberger introduced Charity Muth, local SUD (Substance Use Disorder) provider and member of Rise Up.

Charity Muth said addiction is a brain disease, it is progressive and chronic and without treatment, is fatal. Recovery is the process by which one person tries to remove a lifetime of maladaptive behaviors and coping skills. We can all do better at helping, advocating, educating, and connecting people with resources.

Allison Young and Morgan Olliff also spoke and read the proclamation.

Commissioner Esfeld moved to adopt Proclamation 2022-14, National Recovery Month, September, 2022.

Commissioner Prescott seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Amy Ferguson said she had struggled for years with addiction. She had been in 11 different treatment centers. It took a collaboration of people and the community to help her become well and get her where she was today. Recovery Out Loud had an event on Friday and hoped commissioners could attend.

Commissioner Esfeld said this was personal for her as she lost a sister to addiction and cancer.

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C. KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES: Voting Delegates:

-Matt Patzner, Operations Director, will provide details. The Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) will hold its Annual Conference from October 17 – 19, 2022, in Overland Park. Each year, the Commission designates a voting delegate and first and second voting alternates for the meeting.

Matt Patzner, Director of Operations, presented details.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to designate Commissioner Barb Esfeld as the Kansas Association of Counties Voting Delegate with Chairman Shawn Hutchinson named as First Alternate and Commissioner Kirby Krier named as Second Alternate. Direct the County Clerk to complete the Certification of Voting Delegate and return to the KAC.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

IV. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

V. OTHER BUSINESS:

Brian Bellendir, County Sheriff, said the Asset Forfeiture and Surplus County Equipment sale last week and was done jointly with the City of Great Bend. Bellendir conducted the sale so the only expense to the county was for advertising. Gross proceeds were just over \$81,000. \$10,375 goes into the Sheriffs Office funds with \$34,626 will go into the General Fund. There was an abandoned Mercedes Benz that sold for \$21,000. That money could not go into the Sheriffs Asset Forfeiture line because he did not have a case it. Statute reads that surplus county property and abandoned vehicles go into the General Fund.

Commissioner Krier asked Bellendir if his fund rolls over to the General Fund at the end of the year. Bellendir said it does not and had to be used for non-budgetary items.

VI. ADJOURN.

Commissioner Prescott moved to adjourn at 9:33 A.M.

Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Chris Saenz
Barton County Deputy Clerk



Shawn Hutchinson, Chairman

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

Notes provided by Director of Operations, County Clerk not present.

Kirby makes motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel until 10:30

Barb Seconds

All in favor aye from all

Barb makes motion to come out of executive session with not action taken

n seconds

All in favor aye from all.

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Barb makes motion to go back in to executive session to discuss non elected personnel until 10:50

Kirby seconds.

All in favor aye from all.

Barb makes motion to come out of executive session with no action taken

Kirby seconds

All in favor aye from all.

Barb makes motion to go into executive session until 11:50 to discuss non elected personnel

Kirby seconds

All in favor aye from all.

Barb makes motion to come out of executive session with no action taken.

Kirby seconds

All in favor aye from all.

Shawn makes motion to go into executive session to discuss land acquisition

Barb seconds

All in favor aye from all.

Kirby makes motion to come out of executive session with no action taken.

Barb seconds

All in favor aye from all.

PROCLAMATION 2022-14

NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH SEPTEMBER, 2021

WHEREAS, mental health and substance use disorders affect all communities nationwide. With commitment and support, those impacted can embark on a journey of improved health and overall wellness. The focus of Recovery Month is to celebrate the people that make the journey of recovery possible by embracing the belief that “Recovery is For Everyone: Every Person, Every Family, Every Community”; and

WHEREAS, the recognition of Recovery Month helps spread the message that people can and do recover every day. Through Recovery Month initiatives, people become more aware and are better able to recognize the signs of mental health and substance use disorders. Activities are geared toward encouraging people in need of recovery services to seek help. Managing the effects of these conditions helps individuals achieve healthy lifestyles, both physically and emotionally; and

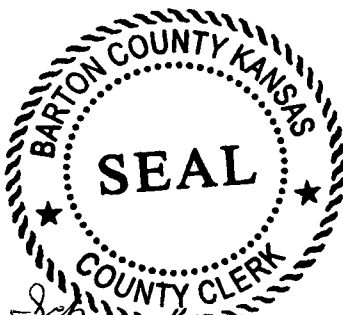
WHEREAS, the Recovery Month observance continues to work to improve the lives of those affected by mental health and substance use disorders by raising awareness and educating communities about the effective services that are available.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, that September is declared as Recovery Month; and

FURTHER, the Commission calls community members to observe this month with compelling programs and events, to include Recovery Out Loud, Every Voice Matters, beginning at 6:30 p.m., Friday, September 23, 2022, at Jack Kilby Square.

Adopted this 21st day of September, 2022.

ATTEST:



Bev Schmeidler
Bev Schmeidler
County Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Shawn Hutchinson
Shawn Hutchinson, Chairman

Barb Esfeld
Barb Esfeld, Commissioner

Kirby Krier
Kirby Krier, Commissioner

Jon Prescott
Jon Prescott, Commissioner

ABSENT

Jennifer Schartz
Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner