

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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November 7, 2023

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 7th day of November 2023, at the 1500 Kansas location.

Members present:

Duane Reif, Commissioner, 1st District
Barb Esfeld, Commissioner, 2nd District, (*Chairman Pro-Tem*)
Tricia Schlessiger, Commissioner, 4th District
Donna Zimmerman, Commissioner, 5th District
Bev Schmeidler, County Clerk
Matt Patzner, County Administrator
Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor

Members absent:

Shawn Hutchinson, Commissioner, 3rd District, Chairman

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

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

Commissioner Schlessiger moved to approve the agenda.
Commissioner Zimmerman seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

Minutes of the October 31, 2023, Regular Meeting were not available.

II. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:

-Bev Schmeidler, County Clerk, will present details. An Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of October 24, 2023, and ending November 7, 2023.

Bev Schmeidler, County Clerk, presented details.

Commissioner Reif moved to approve appropriations for the period of October 24, 2023, to November 7, 2023. Authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.
Commissioner Schlessiger seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

-There was no Old Business at this time.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Options Relative to Leased Van and Pickup Truck:

-Karen Winkelman, Health Director, will provide details. In November, 2021, the Barton County Health Department accepted funding from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment through the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021. Those monies were used in early 2022 to lease a 2022 Chrysler Pacifica van and a 2022 RAM Laramie 1500 crew cab 4X4 pickup from Marmie Motors in Great Bend. With the lease expiring, the Health Department has the option to purchase the vehicles for the residual value.

Karen Winkelman, Health Director, said the Federal money was to provide increased vaccine access and to address vaccine equity. They accepted \$183,000 at that time and were only allowed to lease vehicles. The two-year lease period was coming to an end. KDHE had granted permission to use the remaining funds to purchase those vehicles. The total residual was \$27,870.60 to purchase those vehicles.

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Commissioner Zimmerman asked Winkelman if the pickup worked well for them pulling the trailer. Winkelman said it does work well and also has a lot of storage, they use it for outreaches a lot.

Commissioner Zimmerman moved to purchase the 2022 Chrysler Pacifica van and the 2022 RAM Laramie 1500 crew cab 4X4 pickup for a total residual value of \$27,870.60 from Marmie Motors in Great Bend. Payment to be made as follows:

\$16,782.60 is to be paid from the IAP Supplemental 3 Vaccine Access, Vehicle Lease Line, 006-57-6000-51

\$11,088.00 is to be paid from the IAP Supplemental 4 Vaccine Equity Grants, Vehicle Lease Line, 006-57-6000-50

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

B. SOLID WASTE: Solid Waste Planning Committee Appointments:

-Jennifer Hamby, Solid Waste Director, will present details. Per KSA 65-3405, Barton County is required to form and maintain a Solid Waste Planning Committee to develop and perform an annual review of the Solid Waste Management Plan, which is then approved by the Commission. This committee is comprised of representatives of Cities, Counties and the private industry served by the Barton County Landfill. At this time, the Commission will be asked to accept certain resignations and approve appointees to those open positions.

Jennifer Hamby, Solid Waste Director, presented details and said there had been some changes since last year. Shawn Bates and Brad Helfrich had resigned from their employment, Scott Turner had been replaced as Interim Director for Pawnee County. Applications were received from Mandy Grizzell, Chris Komarek and Kevin Wilson. Hamby asked for approval of the new appointees.

Commissioner Esfeld asked Hamby how often they meet. Hamby said they meet annually.

Commissioner Schlessiger moved to regretfully accept the resignations of Shawn Bates, Brad Helfrich and Scott Turner from the Solid Waste Planning Committee. Further, move to approve the following appointments:

Mandy Grizzell, Sunflower Diversified
Chris Komarek, City of Ellinwood
Kevin Wilson, Pawnee County

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

C. COURTHOUSE HVAC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: Change Request No. 13:

-Matt Patzner, County Administrator, will present details. Barton County has received notice of certain needed updates to the Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning improvement project. The current change request centers on asbestos abatement.

Matt Patzner, County Administrator, said this was in the flooring and had been reviewed by OSE, Don Marrs, Commissioner Hutchinson and himself.

Commissioner Zimmerman said it was not a surprise that there was some asbestos.

Commissioner Esfeld said yes, unfortunately.

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Commissioner Reif said with the age of some of the items, he would be more surprised if there was not asbestos.

Commissioner Zimmerman moved to approve Change Request No. 13 in the amount of \$55,202.14 for the Courthouse HVAC Improvement Project. Cost to be paid to Kruse Construction from the Capital Improvement Fund, Building and Fixed Equipment – General Line, 071-00-6305.

Commissioner Reif seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

D. COURTHOUSE HVAC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: Other Change Orders – Under Resolution 2023-19 Threshold:

-Mr. Patzner will present details. Barton County has received notice of certain needed updates to the Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning improvement project. These changes, individually, are under the threshold established with the adoption of Resolution 2023-19.

Matt Patzner, County Administrator, said these change orders had all been given notice to proceed, ratification after the fact. Once the carpet was taken up in the courtroom, another material was found underneath that took more labor to remove. The last two were to make the courthouse functional to hook up the generator.

Commissioner Zimmerman said from what she found, they quit putting asbestos in ceiling tiles in 1989, those were installed in 1981. It was unfortunate.

Patzner said there was an initial review done and identified asbestos tiles. This was an addition where more were found.

Commissioner Reif said these types of expenses were to be expected with a building this age.

Commissioner Reif moved to approve the following Change Order for the Courthouse HVAC Improvement Project. Cost to be paid to Kruse Construction from the Capital Improvement Fund, Building and Fixed Equipment – General Line, 071-00-6305 with the expenses Matt just gave everyone with a total of \$70,567.25.

Orders	Reason	Amount
No. 1	Additional Abatement – Ceiling	\$41,460.97
No. 2	Additional Flooring – Steps	\$02,947.74
No. 8	Additional Flooring – Courtroom	\$04,472.08
No. 14	Service Disconnect Switch	\$09,483.23
No. 15	Tap Box	\$12,203.23
Total		\$70,567.25

Commissioner Schlessiger seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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No Executive Session Held

E. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

-Chairman Shawn Hutchinson will present. Any Commissioner may make a motion for the board to recess to executive session at this time as allowed by K.S.A. 75-4319. Any motion must contain the justification for the executive session, the subject matter to be discussed, any individuals in addition to the board who will attend the executive session and the time at which the regular session shall resume.

V. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

Commissioner Schlessiger – joint meeting in Ellinwood on November 14th. Tour the new hospital at 4:00 P.M., dinner at the Wolf Hotel and joint meeting with Ellinwood City Council at 6:00 P.M.

Commissioner Reif – joint meeting with Claflin City Council on January 15, 2024.

Commissioner Esfeld – asked Bev Schmeidler if all entities had turned in their budgets. Schmeidler said yes, the last one was received October 31st.

Commissioner Zimmerman – noted that was significantly late and put everything behind. Schmeidler said they were due by October 1st.

Commissioner Esfeld – it was important for the taxpayers to understand how it works and what a problem it causes the Clerk and Treasurer.

Schmeidler – it does not just hold up Barton County, it was a domino effect and holds up other counties with shared districts.

Commissioner Reif – asked if there was any way to enforce the deadline and speed things up a bit.

Patrick Hoffman – the laws are pretty harsh; statutes require them to be in on time. The Clerk's Office starts calling, trying to get the entities to get everything turned in.

Commissioner Reif – most of the blame goes on the county when we have to wait on all the other entities.

Hoffman – it only takes one entity to hold up the process.

Commissioner Schlessiger – good time to remind everyone to vote today. If you have concerns about your township, city, school district or county, you should file and run for office.


VII. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Zimmerman made a motion to adjourn at 9:21 A.M.


Commissioner Schlessiger seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Bev Schmeidler
Barton County Clerk



Shawn Hutchinson, Chairman