

# Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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September 19, 2023

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 19th day of September 2023, at the 1500 Kansas location.

*Members present:*

Duane Reif, Commissioner, 1<sup>st</sup> District  
Barb Esfeld, Commissioner, 2<sup>nd</sup> District, *(Chairman Pro-Tem)*  
Shawn Hutchinson, Commissioner, 3<sup>rd</sup> District, Chairman  
Tricia Schlessiger, Commissioner, 4<sup>th</sup> District  
Donna Zimmerman, Commissioner, 5<sup>th</sup> District  
Bev Schmeidler, County Clerk  
Matt Patzner, County Administrator  
Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor

## **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.

Commissioner Esfeld moved to approve the September 12, 2023, Regular Meeting minutes as they were presented by the County Clerk.  
Commissioner Reif seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **II. OLD BUSINESS:**

-There was no Old Business.

## **III. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **A. PROCLAMATION 2023-12: National Recovery Month:**

-Amy Ferguson, Director, Rise Up Central Kansas, will present Proclamation 2023-12, National Recovery Month, September, 2023. This Proclamation 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 22, 2023, at Jack Kilby Square.

Amy Ferguson, Director, Rise Up Central Kansas, said they connect people to resources. Rise Up Central Kansas now had the ability to transport so they can help people get to meetings, inpatient and outpatient treatment, anything that will get the people to and help keep them in recovery. Substance misuse was estimated to cost society \$820 billion each year in health care, lost productivity and criminal justice costs. In addition, the impact of substance use disorders on family dynamics increases the likelihood of Acute Childhood Experiences (ACEs). Rise Up Central Kansas is one of the local resources for recovery and resilience-based services. Having built a network of mental and physical health professionals, social service workers, school officials, law enforcement personnel and persons with lived experience, Rise Up Central Kansas partners offer families the means to build resilience, offsetting the effects of ACEs and reducing the public cost of substance misuse.

Ferguson introduced Charla Schneider and Sharr Hamby, Peer Navigators, and they read the proclamation.

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Ferguson invited everyone to the third year of Recovery Out Loud, Friday, September 22, 2023, at Jack Kilby Square beginning at 5:30 P.M.

Commissioner Esfeld moved to adopt Proclamation 2023-12, National Recovery Month, September, 2023.

Commissioner Schlessiger seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Zimmerman said she applauded them for their work and was sorry she would miss it.

## **B. SOLID WASTE: Equipment Purchase – Backhoe Attachment:**

-Jennifer Hamby, Solid Waste Director, will present details. The Barton County Landfill requests approval to purchase a Bob-Tach Backhoe attachment for a 2021 Bobcat T770 skid steer loader. This attachment would be beneficial in digging trenches and ditches for stormwater control, cleaning leachate ponds and sand removal for Municipal Solid Waste section tie-ins.

Jennifer Hamby, Solid Waste Director, said she contacted several vendors, they found two that were compatible with their machine. Both were within \$100 of each other, and Hamby requested going with Bobcat of Salina, Inc. since the machine was a Bobcat.

Commissioner Zimmerman asked Hamby about renting a piece of equipment in the past. Hamby said they did, and it was approximately \$3,000 for a week rental. Hamby said this equipment would pay for itself in a short time.

Commissioner Hutchinson said all local resources were exhausted.

Commissioner Reif said he had researched this equipment and was surprised they did not already have one.

Commissioner Schlessiger moved to approve the purchase of the Bob-Tach Mounted Backhoe 16" MX2 XCHG TEETH for \$6,535.16 from Bobcat of Salina, Inc. Cost to be paid from the Solid Waste Fund, Equipment-Operation and Construction Line, 140-68-6190.

Commissioner Zimmerman seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## ***No Executive Session Held***

## **C. 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.

## **IV. ENDING BUSINESS:**

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

## **V. OTHER BUSINESS:**

There was no other business.

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## VI. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Zimmerman made a motion to adjourn at 9:14 A.M.


Commissioner Schlessiger seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Bev Schmeidler  
Barton County Clerk

  
Shawn Hutchinson, Chairman

**PROCLAMATION 2023-12**

NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH SEPTEMBER, 2023

**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. By celebrating the people that make the journey of recovery possible, we embrace the belief that "Hope is Real. Recovery is Real."; and

**WHEREAS**, the message of Recovery Month is that people can and do recover every day. Through Recovery Month initiatives, people become aware and are better able to recognize the signs of substance use and mental health 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.

**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 for community members to observe this month with compelling programs and events, to include Recovery Out Loud, Every Voice Matters, beginning at 5:30 p.m., Friday, September 22, 2023, at Jack Kilby Square.

**Adopted** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023.

ATTEST:



*Bev Schmeidler*

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County Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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