

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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April 13, 2015

BOARD OF BARTON COUNTY CANVASSERS

The County Commission met as the Board of County Canvassers at 8:30 am in the Office of the County Clerk to canvass ballots from the April 7, 2015 City/School/Hospital General Election.

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 13th day of April 2015, at the Barton County Courthouse.

Members present:

Kenny Schremmer, Commissioner, 1st District, Chairman
Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner, 2nd District
Don Davis, Commissioner, 3rd District
Alicia Straub, 4th District
Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner, 5th District *(Chairman Pro-Tem)*
Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk
Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

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

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

The minutes of the April 6, 2015 Regular Meeting were not available.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

A. PROCLAMATION 2015-09: National Public Safety Telecommunications Week – April 12 – 18, 2015:

-Doug Hubbard, 911 Director, has asked that the Commission consider the adoption of Proclamation 2015-09, National Public Safety Telecommunications Week. In part, the Proclamation honors Public Safety Communications Officers for their vital role in protecting the life and property of Barton County citizens.

Doug Hubbard, 911 Director, read the proclamation and asked the Commission to adopt.

Commissioner Schartz moved to adopt Proclamation 2015-09, National Public Safety Telecommunications Week.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. MEMORIAL PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Program Update:

-The Memorial Parks Advisory Committee is charged with advising and assisting the Commission regarding the care and maintenance of the Barton County Memorial Parks and Cemetery. With not less than five, nor more than seven members, all serve without compensation. One of the on-going projects is Golden Belt Veterans Memorial.

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Mick Lang, Committee Chair, introduced board members who were present: Charlotte Kluza , Ginger Cates and John Haberman. Lang said they sold the first engraving to Commissioner Don Davis on 04/28/2014 and noted the public started purchasing engravings in mid-May, 2014. There are currently 281 engravings - for 393 lines. Lang said we still have 147 lines to fill before the first stone can be set. Engravings cost \$45 per line with a maximum of 21 characters per line.

Commissioner Schremmer mentioned that the memorial is not only for deceased veterans.

Boeckman said active duty members can also have their names engraved.

Becky Wornkey asked if the engravings include name and branch of service. Diana Watson, Administrative Assistant, said engravings include first and last names, rank, branch of service and special notes, space permitting.

Commissioner Schartz said sometimes people who have served are often circumspect and noted it is often left to the families to have their names engraved.

Information Only. No Action Required.

C. ROAD AND BRIDGE: 2015 Paint Striping Program:

-The Road and Bridge Department has received a quote from Straight Line Striping Inc. in reference to striping approximately 105 miles of County roads. The estimated cost, at no more than \$80,000.00, was included in the 2015 Road and Bridge Budget as an expected operating expense.

Dale Phillips, Road and Bridge Director, said Straight Line Striping has been our contractor for this work for many years and stated their estimate does not reflect a price increase for 2015.

Commissioner Schartz said \$80,000 is a lot of money, but this is a matter of public safety.

Phillips said we stripe 115-120 miles per year previously. High traffic roads sometimes need restriped on an annual basis.

Commissioner Davis moved to hire Straight Line Striping Inc to paint stripe County roads in 2015 for a not to exceed price of \$80,000.00. Cost to be paid from the Road and Bridge Fund, Contact Construction line, 002-92-6250.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

D. ROAD AND BRIDGE: Replacement of Four Tandem Axle Dump Trucks:

-The Road and Bridge Department accepted bids for the replacement of four tandem axle International dump trucks. Included in the replacement bid package were four tandem axle trucks with automatic transmission, snow plow and spreader, with two of the four units to include a high lift tailgate.

Dale Phillips, Road and Bridge Director, said they currently operate (4) 22 year old tandem axle International dump trucks which were purchased used from State of Kansas surplus property. The snowplows and salt/sand spreaders are 25 years old. The replacement trucks are designed with a 20 to 25 year operating life.

Phillips said it costs \$43,500 more to operate this fleet over newer trucks. Phillips said one of the vendors retracted his bid (an International dealer who did not have an aluminum cab) and said they sent bid specifications to 8 dealers. The old snow plows are now unusable. Parts are readily available for both bid packages submitted. Phillips said Doonan's was not the lowest bid, but it was the best bid. The

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County won't receive the trucks for at least 120 days, probably not until October. All four trucks to be equipped with "ultra shift plus" automatic transmissions and 2 of the trucks will have high lift tailgates.

No bid information provided.

Phillips said funding is available from money saved from lower asphalt costs, FEMA disaster payments and the HRRR (High Risk Rural Road) program funding. Phillips stressed they need to get back to replacing older equipment that costs more to operate. It is a bad situation when you learn parts aren't available for your equipment.

Gary Demel, Road & Bridge Department, and a representative from Doonan's were also present.

Commissioner Straub said it is important to give Road & Bridge the tools to get their job done, but now is not the time to spend \$780,000. It is not the time with the Federal and State budgets situation. Making this purchase would not leave enough money to repair other equipment.

Commissioner Kruckenberg said use it up, wear it out, make it do. The Road & Bridge Department has done that.

Phillips said in 1983, the County got rid of three motor graders and elected to keep one five. That makes the department more reliant on truck plows for snow removal.

Commissioner Schartz said she is a proponent of long term planning. When we purchased the sand dredge, we committed to the maintenance of our 389 miles of black top.

Commissioner Straub said she doesn't doubt Dale and his crew can keep the equipment in good shape, but it is not the time to spend reserves down to \$40,000. What if a motor grader needs replaced, what then?

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the purchase of four tandem axle Peterbilt trucks from Doonan Peterbilt to include:

Two Peterbilt Model 367 trucks with automatic transmission, snow plow and spreader for \$194,798.00 each for (\$389,596.00 total); and

Two Peterbilt Model 367 trucks with automatic transmission, High Lift Tailgate, snow plow and spreader for \$196,898.00 each for (\$393,796.00 total)

For a total price of \$783,392.00. The cost to be paid for as follows:

Road and Bridge Budget, Equipment – Operating and Construction line 002-92-6190 – \$125,000.00 and Equipment Replacement Fund, Road and Bridge line 072-00-6485 for \$658,392.00

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

Commissioner Schremmer, Commissioner Kruckenberg, Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Schartz voted aye.

Commissioner Straub voted nay.

Motion passed 4-1.

Commissioner Schartz moved to sale at auction four tandem axle International Dump Trucks. Trucks include:

#59 1993 IHC 429P 559S Model 4900 with 252,440 miles

#60 1993 IHC 430P 560S Model 4900 with 243,272 miles

#61 1992 IHC 432P 561S Model 4900 with 264,105 miles

#62 1993 IHC 435P 562S Model 4900 with 275,860 miles

ceeds from the auction of the trucks to be applied to Road & Bridge, Revenue line, Sale of Property, 002-00-4271.

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Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

Commissioner Schremmer, Commissioner Kruckenberg, Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Schartz voted aye.

Commissioner Straub voted nay.

Motion passed 4-1.

E. NOXIOUS WEED: County Agreement to Treat Noxious Weeds:

-The Kansas Department of Transportation, Bureau of Construction and Maintenance, has submitted a County Agreement to Treat Noxious Weeds. Under the agreement, the Noxious Weed Department would treat noxious weeds on state highway rights of way for \$59.00 an hour. Monies earned will be deposited with Noxious Weed.

Dale Phillips, Road and Bridge Director, said KDOT pays full price for herbicide.

Commissioner Schartz asked who sets the hourly fee. Phillips said Barton County sets the rate based on employee hourly fee, equipment, employee benefit package, etc. Not allowed to charge more than actual costs.

Commissioner Straub moved to approve the Kansas Department of Transportation, Bureau of Construction and Maintenance, County Agreement to Treat Noxious Weeds. Direct the Commission Chair to sign said agreement.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES: Continued Membership:

The National Association of Counties (NACo) is the only national organization that represents county governments in the United States. Founded in 1935, NACo provides essential services to the nation's 3,068 counties, advancing issues with a unified voice before the federal government, improving the public's understanding of county government, assisting counties in finding and sharing innovative solutions through education and research and providing value-added services to save counties and taxpayers money. Other benefits include the NACO Prescription Card Program, webinars and certain publications.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, said Barton County has been a member for several years. \$10,503.18 was saved with prescription drug cards. A couple of the Commissioners attended the NACo Conference in Dallas last year.

Commissioner Davis moved to retain membership in the National Association of Counties. Membership dues of \$553.00 to be paid from the Commissioners account of the General Fund, Dues, Membership and Subscription line, 001-02-5455.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

G. COUNTY SERVICES: Informational Update:

-Mr. Boeckman will provide the informational report of work completed during the last period. The report, which will be made available to the media, will serve as a public reminder of the services provided by the County on a regular basis.

Information Only. No Action Required.

Commissioner Schartz: Are there were problems with the tax sale? Boeckman said, typically Kevin Wondra approves the filing, but he has not done so. Boeckman said he filed the sale due to time constraints.

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IV. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

V. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Comm Scharz: Starting budget work early. Important to bring the department heads in for discussions.

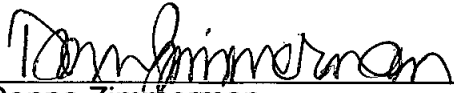
VI. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Straub made a motion to adjourn at 10:16 A.M.


Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk



Kenny Schremmer, Chairman

PROCLAMATION 2015-09

National Public Safety Telecommunications Week
April 12 - 18, 2015

WHEREAS, emergencies occur at all times, requiring the prompt response of law enforcement officers, firefighters and emergency medical personnel to the protect life and preserve property; and

WHEREAS, the safety of law enforcement officers, firefighters and emergency medical personnel is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the Barton County Communications Center; and

WHEREAS, Public Safety Communications Officer are not only the first and most critical contact citizens have with emergency services, they are also the vital link for law enforcement officers, firefighters, and emergency medical personnel, monitoring activity by radio, providing information and insuring their safety; and


WHEREAS, Public Safety Communications Officers of Barton County Communications have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires, and treatment of patients; and

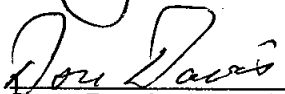
WHEREAS, each Communications Officer has exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism in the performance of their job during the past year.

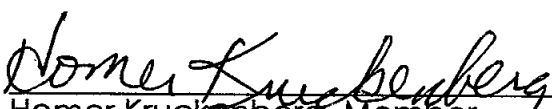
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, that the week of April 12 through 18, 2015, is National Telecommunications Week in Barton County, Kansas, in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our county and its citizens safe.

Signed this 13th day of April, 2015.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
BARTON COUNTY, KANSAS


Kenny Schremmer, Chairman



Don Davis, Member


Homer Kruckenberg, Member


Jennifer Schariz, Member


Alicia Straub, Member

ATTEST:


Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk

