

# Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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August 3, 2015

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 3rd day of August 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  
Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk  
Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator

*Members absent:*

Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner, 5th District (Chairman Pro-Tem)

## **I. OPENING BUSINESS:**

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

Commissioner Kruckenberg moved to approve the agenda.  
Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Kruckenberg moved to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2015 and the July 27, 2015 Regular Meetings.  
Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **II. OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business.

## **III. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **A. K4 OVERLOOK PROJECT: Transportation Enhancement Project Tower Overlook K-4 Highway Barton County, Kansas:**

-The County, partnering with the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism (KDWPT), submitted a Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) Transportation Enhancement Grant application for improvement to the parking area at the K4 Overlook. After the application was approved in 2013, it was modified and certain concrete work was added, with telescope rental being deleted to offset the cost. After a secondary review, the Federal Highway Administration and KDOT have suggested additional revision for accessibility and improvement of the entrance. KDOT has now submitted the Project No. 5-TE-0423-01, Transportation Enhancement Project Tower Overlook K-4 Highway, Barton County, Kansas, Agreement that details party obligations.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, said we now have a formal contract with KDOT. The project is for construction on K-4 Highway to include an ADA accessible 10 foot high wooden viewing tower at the K-4 Overlook 2.2 miles east of Redwing on K-4 Highway.

Payment of Costs – The Secretary agrees to be responsible for eighty percent (80%) of the total actual costs of Construction (which includes the costs of all Construction Contingency Items) and Construction Engineering. The Secretary shall not be responsible for the total actual costs of Preliminary Engineering, Right of Way, and Utility adjustments for the Project.

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**Financial Obligation** – The County will be responsible for ten percent (10%) of the total actual costs of Construction (which includes the costs of all Construction Contingency Items) and Construction Engineering for the Project with KDPT paying the other ten (10%). Further, the County agrees to be responsible for one hundred percent (100%) of the total actual costs of Preliminary Engineering, Right of Way, and Utility adjustments for the Project. The County shall also pay for any Non-Participating Costs incurred for the Project along with the associated Non-Participating Construction Engineering costs.

**Cost Estimates** – The estimated cost for Construction is \$208,460.00, and for Construction Engineering is \$24,000.00, for total estimated costs of \$232,460.00. It is mutually agreed these estimated costs figures are to be used for encumbrance purposes and adjustments will be made based on the actual Project costs, as approved by the Secretary.

Commissioner Davis asked what will be the County's ending cost. Boeckman said the total cost will be around \$380,000 with the County paying 10% and KDWPT paying 10%.

Commissioner Davis moved to approve Project No. 5-TE-0423-01, Transportation Enhancement Project Tower Overlook K-4 Highway, Barton County, Kansas, Agreement and direct the Commission Chairman to sign necessary paperwork.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **B. KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES: Voting Delegates:**

-The Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) begins its Annual Conference in Wichita on November 3, 2015. Each year, the Commission designates a voting delegate and first and second voting alternates for the meeting.

Commissioner Kruckenberg moved to designate Alicia Straub as the Kansas Association of Counties Voting Delegate.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Davis moved to designate Jennifer Schartz as First Alternate for Voting Delegate.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

Commissioner Kruckenberg moved to designate Don Davis as Second.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **C. KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES: Election of Kansas Representative to the Governing Board of the National Association of Counties:**

-KAC has submitted a ballot to Barton County for the election of a Kansas representative to the National Association of Counties Governing Board, 2015 – 2107 term. Up for election are Richard Malm, Jefferson County Commissioner, and Dr. Steve Garten, Barber County Commissioner.

Commissioner Davis said Malm has been on for a while and felt he represented the Kansas Counties well.

Commissioner Straub said she met Richard Malm at the KCCA conference and noted he tried to call her last week to ask for her support.

Commissioner Kruckenberg moved to go for Malm then.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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## **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.

- Comm Davis: Can the taxpayer who built a building without getting a permit be fined? The person is now complaining about his taxes.
- Richard Boeckman: There is also a township that put up a building without a permit that is in violation of zoning and the flood plain. Judy Goreham is working with the township to correct the problems. It can be a problem when permits are not obtained. Boeckman will research fines/penalties.

## **IV. ENDING BUSINESS:**

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

## **V. OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Phil Hathcock: Comm Schartz asked last week about selling methane gas from the landfill. Only 40% of the gas is methane. It would cost about \$1,000,000 to clean and compress the gas. It would be cost prohibitive.

## **VI. ADJOURN:**

Commissioner Kruckenberg made a motion to adjourn at 9:32 A.M.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

Noted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

  
Donna Zimmerman  
Barton County Clerk

  
Kenny Schremmer, Chairman