

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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October 5, 2015

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 5th day of October 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 Kruckenberg moved to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Straub moved to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2015 Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

II. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:

Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of September 21, 2015, and ending October 5, 2015.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the appropriations for the period of September 21, 2015 to October 5, 2015 and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. PROCLAMATION 2015-14: Domestic Violence Awareness Month, October, 2015:

-Given the number of victims touched by domestic violence, the importance of working with survivors and the need to hold perpetrators accountable, the Commission will be asked by Laura Patzner, Executive Director of the Family Crisis Center, to recognize October, 2015, as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Laura Patzner, Family Crisis Center Executive Director, said they are asking everyone to recognize October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and presented the Commissioners purple ribbons to bring awareness. Patzner read the Proclamation.

Commissioner Schartz asked if our local numbers were increasing, decreasing or staying the same. Patzner said our numbers are increasing partly because we have not gotten to prevention and are still at the intervention stage. Patzner said more cases are reported as it is now easier to report and law enforcement now has a better understanding. Patzner noted the cases are much more complex and

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noted her staff works with victims for a longer period of time. Patzner stressed primary prevention is essential.

Commissioner Schartz asked how about their funding following the issues with grants due to the issues in the Treasurer's Office. Patzner said the grant funding was cut a little due to applying later following the City of Great Bend agreement to sponsor them. They will need continued support from the communities because expenses continue to increase.

Patzner introduced staff in attendance: Yoselin Hernandez, Christie Flores, Tanya Day and Becky Davis.

Commissioner Schartz moved to adopt Proclamation 2015-14, Domestic Violence Awareness Month, October, 2015.

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

B. ALLIANCE INSURANCE GROUP / EMC INSURANCE COMPANIES: Dividend Return:

-Cody Smith, Alliance Insurance Group, will present the Commission with a dividend return check as a result of the County's participation in the Kansas County Safety Dividend Group with EMC Insurance Companies.

Cassidy Smith, Alliance Insurance Group, said it is always exciting to give money back. Smith said EMC has most of the counties in the State of Kansas, the size of Barton County, insured. There are 30 counties insured. For 2014-2015 year, they were able to give back \$908,626. Barton County is receiving \$31,500.61, which is 3.45%. Smith said, in the last 6 years, Barton County has received \$191,228.51.

Richard Boeckman said the refund is 13% of the money the County paid to EMC over the year. Boeckman said, fortunately, we have not had an employee claim in the last 13-14 years that he has been County Counselor and only a few auto claims. Boeckman noted the County has an excellent mod rate.

This is the seventh year in a row Barton County has received a dividend check. Dividend amounts for the last five years are as follows:

August 2009 to August 2010	\$39,383.37
August 2010 to August 2011	\$27,422.56
August 2011 to August 2012	\$20,645.27
August 2012 to August 2013	\$24,589.91
August 2013 to August 2014	\$47,666.19

Information Only. No Action Required.

C. BARTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY: 100th Anniversary of the Dedication of the "The Rifleman":

-This November 7, 2015, the Barton County Historical Society will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the dedication of "The Rifleman", an original bronze statue by noted American sculptor, Frederick C. Hibbard. To the north of the Barton County Courthouse, this likeness of a young man stands eternal guard in defense of the Union, rifle and bayonet at the ready. In October, "The Rifleman" will be professionally cleaned and restored.

Bev Komarek, Barton County Historical Society Executive Director, said she is the only surviving member of The Ladies of The Grand Army of the Republic. In 1882, a group of 25 men formed the Grand Army of the Republic, known today as the American Legion. Komarke said the sculpture was dedicated in 1915 and has only been cleaned and waxed twice. There will be a "Birthday Party" on November 7 for the

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Sculpture. Komarek asked about an 1886 flag John Edmonds requested be flown on the flag pole by the sculpture. Boeckman said Facilities Management puts the flag up daily. Komarek asked, in the event of inclement weather, could the Courthouse be used for the celebration on November 7th. Boeckman said a Facilities Management employee would need to be present and paid overtime.

Komarek said funding for the restoration project will be provided partly from left over funds of the Ladies of the GAR from the building they sold located at 1104 Main and the remainder will be funded by the City of Great Bend.

With the supervision of Dr. Dennis Montagna, Director of Monument Research and Preservation for the National Park Service, "The Rifleman" will be professionally cleaned and restored. The conservation will be performed by Ron Harvey, Principal at Tuckerbrook Conservation, Lincolnville, Maine, who has restored monuments and collections in national parks and across the country.

Sculptor Frederick C. Hibbard's career spanned forty-four years. Hibbard produced more than seventy major sculptures. Among the most significant are the monumental equestrian statue of General Ulysses S. Grant, which overlooks the battlefield at Vicksburg, Mississippi, and the Confederate Monument at Shiloh Battlefield in Tennessee. "The Rifleman" was commissioned by Civil War veteran Ira D. Brougner of Great Bend, Commander of the Department of Kansas, Grand Army of the Republic, and a former member of the Kansas House of Representatives.

Information Only. No Action Required.

D. SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS REGIONAL HOMELAND SECURITY COUNCIL: Transfer of Property Agreement:

The South Central Kansas Regional Homeland Security Council, through the North Central Regional Planning Commission, has awarded six (6) tactical vests to the Barton County Sheriff's Office. The Barton County Sheriff's Office will be responsible for maintaining the equipment on inventory and maintenance.

Amy Miller, Emergency Risk Manager, said this is part of a larger project that covered the 19 county area.

Sheriff Bellendir stated these are not the everyday use vests, but are high-risk entry vests.

Commissioner Straub moved to approve the Transfer of Property Agreement, the Acceptance of Homeland Security Grant Equipment for Barton County and direct the Emergency Risk Manager, Amy Miller, to return the executed agreement to the North Central Regional Planning Commission.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

E. 2014 AUDIT: Payment of Audit Fee:

-Adams, Brown, Beran and Ball has submitted the final billing for the 2014 audit. Included on the billing is the fee for the 2014 audit, a fee for the preparation of two single audits and a change order. The change order includes additional work required due to evaluation of Federal Awards expenditures. It also includes the evaluation of the 2013 tax roll reconciliation and lack of reconciled distributions for the Treasurer's Office. The additional fees of \$12,395.00 bring the total billing to \$53,695.00.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, said there was an additional \$4,110 for time spent evaluating scheduled expenditures for Federal Awards and \$8,285 spent in evaluating 2013 tax roll reconciliation due to it not being completed at the start of field work.

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Commissioner Straub asked what the audit agreement, accepted in 2013 included. Was there not time allotted for dealing with the Federal Grants. Boeckman said the RFP sets forth specific requirements as to what is needed in the audit. Jessica Wilson, Finance Officer said she believed the extra charge was due to ABB&B needing to return for a single audit.

Commissioner Kruckenberg asked if this was specifically because of the issues in the Treasurer's Office. Boeckman said the \$8,285 charge was because of additional work that had to be done in the Treasurer's Office.

Commissioner Schartz remembered that last year it was decided the Treasurer should be responsible for funding the additional expense from his budget and noted it didn't seem to do much good, but she would like to send a similar message again this year.

Commissioner Straub said her question was not intended to point blame at the Treasurer, but to make sure bids were being received from all interested accounting firms and that they are aware there needs to be some flexibility in the expectations.

Becky Wornkey asked whose budget the remaining \$4,110 would come from. Boeckman said that charge impacts several departments and would be from the General Fund.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve a \$53,695.00 expenditure to Adams, Brown, Beran and Ball, to include a \$12,395.00 Change Order, but break part of that out, the \$8,285.00 to be paid for by the Treasurer. Payment of the balance for the billing to be made from the Courthouse General line of the General Fund, Professional Services line, 001-18-5475.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

Yoted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Schartz said she heard the latest distribution has not been made yet by the treasurer. Schartz noted this is causing problems with some entities in the County not being able to make payroll.

Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk said she just visited with Renee Mater in the Treasurer's Office and noted Mater is working extremely hard to get the distribution out. Zimmerman said there are several different factors involved and noted that her office has also received inquiries from the City of Great Bend, BCC, Albion Township and the Recreation Commission. The distribution should have been out by September 20th. Zimmerman said the Treasurer's Office is working on processing some abatements and refunds as well as the transition to a 95% distribution process versus a 100% distribution.

Boeckman said Wondra responded to him via e-mail indicating the distribution will not be made anytime soon.

Commissioner Schartz asked Zimmerman at what point would a township need to file for no-fund warrants. Zimmerman said Albion Township is anxiously awaiting this distribution to be able to pay some General Fund bills.

V. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

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OTHER BUSINESS:

- Comm Straub: Attended the KLPG mtg in Colby last Thursday & Friday. A number of counties having issues with Oil & Gas valuations in regards to the Oil & Gas Guide. 56 or 58 western Kansas counties are members.
- Barb Esfeld: There is no issue with the way the guide is written. Values are not calculated incorrectly, but they are being taken on to BOTA, who is ruling in favor of the taxpayer. The guide states there is a 15% decline for salt water disposal wells. Ellis and Trego Counties both recently lost small claim cases. They now want to take these cases on to COTA with KLPG's help. The attorneys are trying to get unlimited expenses for their clients or essentially zero value.
- Comm Schartz: Who makes up the COTA board.
- Barb Esfeld: An accountant and an attorney from each area are appointed to serve by the Governor and are usually very fair. KLPG is trying to gather funding to help counties with Oil & Gas losses. The Appraiser's Office sets values on January 1st. They cannot wait until post production to set the values. A group of attorneys gather post production information for their clients and then want the values lowered. Pleased KLPG is gathering data and actively working on the issue. Will report back on the salt water disposal case.

VII. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Kruckenberg made a motion to adjourn at 10:04 A.M.

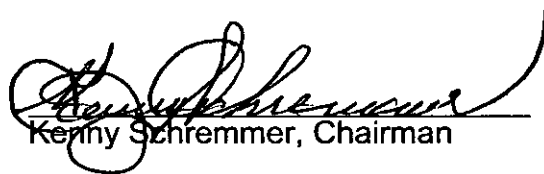
Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk



Kenny Schremmer, Chairman

PROCLAMATION 2015-14
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH – OCTOBER, 2015

WHEREAS, family and relationships are often counted among life's greatest blessings, and tragically, many Kansans' relationships are tarnished by violence and fear; and

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity, due to the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, economic and coercive control or abuse; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men have been the victim of severe physical violence by an intimate partner, which translates into 12 million people nationally and approximately 557,275 Kansans or 20% of the Kansas population; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice reports that intimate partner homicides comprise 14% percent of all homicides in the United States and women are twice as likely as men to be killed by an intimate partner; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas Bureau of Investigations 2013 statistics show that 25% of all homicides were related to domestic violence; that one domestic violence murder occurred every 12.17 days and that one domestic violence incident was reported to law enforcement every 22 minutes, 24 seconds; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, the Family Crisis Center, Inc.'s Domestic and Sexual Violence Center answered 2,887 crisis calls, sheltered 97 women, men and children and worked with 382 domestic violence survivors; and

WHEREAS, as this violence is inconsistent with the values of our community, it will not be excused or tolerated and we, as a community, must learn about domestic violence and the impact on survivors, families and the community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, in declaring this month of October as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" all citizens are encouraged to speak out against domestic violence, to provide support for survivors of these crimes, to encourage community leaders to hold perpetrators accountable, and to make domestic violence prevention efforts a priority by hosting events, by creating policies at school and work, and by working with Family Crisis Center, Inc.'s Domestic and Sexual Violence Center.

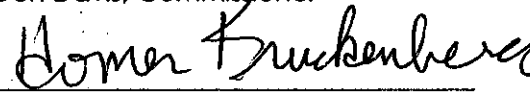
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, that the month of October, 2015, shall be known as "DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH".

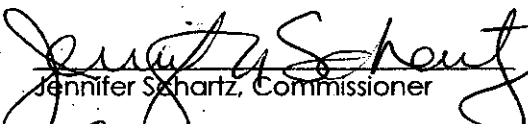
Adopted this 5th day of October, 2015.


BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Kenny Schremmer, Chair

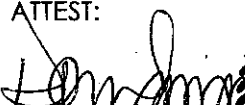

Don Davis, Commissioner


Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner


Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner

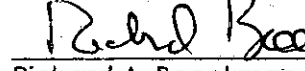

Alicia Straub, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Donna Zimmerman
County Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM


Richard A. Boeckman,
County Counselor