

# Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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June 6, 2016

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 6th day of June 2016, at the Barton County Courthouse.

## *Members present:*

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

## **I. OPENING BUSINESS:**

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

Commissioner Straub moved to approve the agenda.  
Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2016, May 16, 2016 and May 23, 2016 Regular Meetings.  
Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS: Ratify Approval:**

-An Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of May 16, 2016, and ending May 31, 2016.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to ratify the approval of appropriations for the period of May 16, 2016, to May 31, 2016 and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.  
Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **III. OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business.

## **IV. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **A. LETTER OF SUPPORT: Legislative Interim Committee – Larned State Hospital:**

-Senator Mitch Holmes has scheduled this time to discuss the establishment of a Legislative Interim Committee through the Legislative Coordinating Council to review chronic problems at Larned State Hospital (LSH). Given that Barton County is included in the LSH employment pool, a stable facility is vital to the local economy. It is anticipated that Senator Holmes will ask that the Commission provide a Letter of Support calling for the Committee to be established.

Senator Mitch Holmes said he had a bill introduced for a Legislative Oversight Committee this year, however it was never discussed. Senator Holmes said he is now asking for an Interim Committee and noted there are issues; it's an employee and safety issue. Homes said he decided not to run for the Senate again, but said he plans to finish his term working on this issue. Larned State Hospital has been recruiting left and right, but can't keep the people and noted many leave before they even finish their six week training period.

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Commissioner Schartz said she was leery of anyone from the State saying they were here to help and asked how the committee would be made up. Senator Holmes said it would be a legislative committee, a joint committee of the House and Senate that would meet in the off session. There would be no bureaucrats, strictly legislators. Commissioner Schartz said, in her opinion, legislators are bureaucrats and noted she does not want it to be privatized. Senator Holmes said there was a move to privatize and part of the motivation for the committee was to document that was not the answer. Holmes said there is a history of low morale and high turnover. Commissioner Schartz said the low morale and turnover rate was because of low pay due to cuts by the State.

Senator Holmes suggested the committee meetings and testimony will take place in both Larned and Osawatomie with employees, former employees and others affected by the situation.

Commissioner Schartz asked if the Interim Committee's purpose was to only gather information and not direct changes. Senator Holmes said that was correct. The Interim Committee would go away and would not have any control.

Commissioner Schartz asked Richard Boeckman to prepare a separate letter for each Commissioner to sign.

Commissioner Straub moved to provide Senator Holmes a Letter of Support calling for a Legislative Interim Committee to be established through the Legislative Coordinating Council to review chronic problems at Larned State Hospital.

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

## **RESOLUTION 2016-11: Zoning Amendment Application for a Described Tract of Land:**

On May 10, 2016, the Barton County Planning Commission held a public hearing to consider an application submitted by Leon Huxman, dba Thunder Roustabout, Inc. for an amendment to change the zoning classification from Agricultural District to Light Manufacturing Service Commercial District on a tract of land that he owns which is located in the SW/4, Section 04, Township 19 South, Range 13 West, and commonly known as: 442 N Washington Ave, Great Bend, KS 67530. This designation allows for him to use his property to park his oilfield roustabout and well service company vehicles and to construct a new shop building allowing him to work on them. The Planning Commission has recommended the Zoning Amendment Application be approved.

Judy Goreham, Zoning Administrator, said adjoining landowners were notified and no one attended the meeting nor complained.

Commissioner Schartz asked if this zoning application would allow for old cars to accumulate. Goreham said no, that would require a separate conditional use application and permit. Planning Commission members James Welch and Mary Anne Stoskopf were present and recommended approval. Goreham said there will be no entrance from 281 Highway. Both entrances are on Washington Street.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve Resolution 2016-11, Zoning Amendment Application for a Described Tract of Land.

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

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## **C. INDEPENDENT TOWNSHIP: Board Resignation:**

-James Vance has resigned as the Independent Township Trustee effective May 10, 2016. Should the Commission accept the resignation, the remaining Township board members would then be required to submit the name of a replacement.

Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk, said she appreciated Mr. Vance's service and asked the Commission to approve his resignation.

Commissioner Schartz moved to accept Mr. Vance's Resignation as the Independent Township Trustee. Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **D. INDEPENDENT TOWNSHIP: Board Appointment:**

-Independent Township board members have recommended that Randy Oeser be appointed as the Trustee. It is the responsibility of the Commission to formally make such appointments.

Donna Zimmerman said Randy Oeser is a qualified registrant and noted he has previously served on the Independent Township board. Zimmerman noted Mr. Oeser did not file for township office by the June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

Commissioner Schremmer said he knows Randy well and recommended his appointment.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to appoint Randy Oeser as the Independent Township Trustee effective June 6, 2016, with the position terming on January 9, 2017.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **E. COUNTY SERVICES: Informational Update:**

-Richard Boeckman, County Counselor / Administrator, 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.

- Commissioner Kruckenberg thanked Sheriff Bellendir for the recovery of money. Sheriff Bellendir said it was a joint effort and said this was the first time he had been involved where money was actually recovered. Bellendir stated he provided investigative reports to EMC for a possible claim.
- Commissioner Straub said she received numerous calls and wanted to clarify that at the last meeting, she was not defending or justifying the Treasurer's actions, but said she can see how these things can happen. Bellendir said his office deals with up to 3 scams per month that result in a serious loss of money.

Information Only. No Action Required.

## **V. ENDING BUSINESS:**

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

## **VI. OTHER BUSINESS:**

There was no other business.

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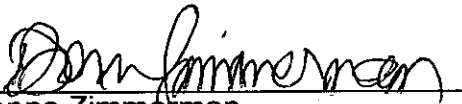
## VI. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Straub made a motion to adjourn at 9:34 A.M.

Commissioner Scharz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

  
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Donna Zimmerman  
Barton County Clerk

  
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Don Davis, Chairman

PROCLAMATION 2016-09

Mental Health Awareness Month 2016 Proclamation

WHEREAS, mental health is essential to everyone's overall health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, all Americans experience times of difficulty and stress in their lives; and

WHEREAS, prevention is an effective way to reduce the burden of mental health conditions; and

WHEREAS, there is a strong body of research that supports specific tools that all Americans can use to better handle challenges, and protect their health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, mental health conditions are real and prevalent in our nation; and

WHEREAS, with early and effective treatment, those individuals with mental health conditions can recover and lead full, productive lives; and

WHEREAS, each business, school, government agency, healthcare provider, organization and citizen shares the burden of mental health problems and has a responsibility to promote mental wellness and support prevention efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, that May 2016 will be known as Mental Health Awareness Month in Barton County and that the Commission urges the citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools in Barton County to recommit to increasing awareness and understanding of mental health, the steps citizens can take to protect their mental health, and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental health conditions.

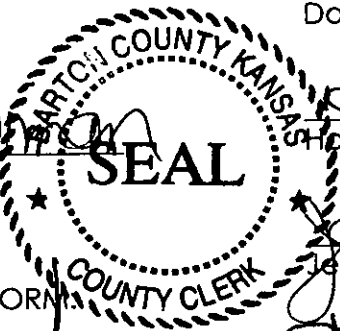
Dated this 9th day of May, 2016.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Don Davis  
Don Davis, Chair

ATTEST:

Donna Zimmerman  
Donna Zimmerman  
County Clerk



Homer Kruckenberg  
Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner

Jennifer Schartz  
Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
Richard A. Boeckman  
Richard A. Boeckman,  
County Counselor

Kenny Schremmer  
Kenny Schremmer, Commissioner

Alicia Straub  
Alicia Straub, Commissioner