

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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April 24, 2017

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 24th day of April 2017, 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
Alicia Straub, Commissioner, 4th District
Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner, 5th District, Chairman
Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk
Carey Hipp, County Counselor

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

Commissioner Schartz 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 Davis moved to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2017, the April 10, 2017, and the April 17, 2017 Regular Meetings.
Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

A. SHERIFF'S OFFICE: Recognition of Service – Detective Sharon Wondra:

-Sharon Wondra is retiring from the Sheriff's Office after 27 years on the job. Wondra was hired as a detention officer on October 23, 1990. Since that time, she's also served as a patrol officer and will retire as a detective. Through her diligence to duty and commitment to service, she has helped solve numerous crimes. Her efforts, her attitude and her work ethic will certainly be missed.

Sheriff Brian Bellendir and the Commissioners presented Detective Sharon Wondra with a recognition award. Sheriff Bellendir said Wondra is the first employee to "retire" from the Sheriff's Office and noted she spent her entire law enforcement career with Barton County.

Commissioner Davis moved to recognize Detective Sharon Wondra for her years of service and present Detective Wondra with a Certificate of Appreciation.
Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. RESOLUTION 2017-09: Creating a Fiscal Relationship between Barton County, Kansas, and the Wetlands and Wildlife National Scenic Byway:

-Since its inception, Barton County has held the funding for the Byway, with the Great Bend CVB and the County acting as lead agencies. With the recent staff changes within both organizations, the Byway Committee has asked that the County officially commit to overseeing the fiscal responsibilities.

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Commissioner Straub said there has been a change in the CVB and County Administrator in the last few years. Straub noted Bj Wooding has been a tremendous help and took care of the annual report. Straub said the CVB and Barton County applied for a grant over a decade ago, and explained that with the change in the CVB, they will no longer take care of the marketing dollars. The County has paid for the Byway website; however the Byway Committee has been left without a fiscal agent. Straub said since many of the grants have to be applied for by local government, the County has to step in and assist in obtaining those grant dollars.

Donna Zimmerman clarified the County has not held the funding for the Byway in the past.

Commissioner Straub said most of the marketing dollars were taken care of through the CVB by Cris Collier. Straub said, so there is no confusion as to who maintained the funds in the past, Barton County has not had a separate fund for the Byway. By creating this fiscal relationship, it would create a separate interest bearing fund. Straub added there is a Transportation Alternative Grant available soon with about \$8 million up for grabs with an 80/20 match.

Commissioner Schremmer said he is concerned that the way it was being set up, that Barton County will be obligated to fund more than others. Commissioner Schartz said that this does not obligate Barton County. Commissioner Straub said the County will get to decide when asked for any funding.

Commissioner Davis moved to adopt Resolution 2017-09, Creating a Fiscal Relationship between Barton County, Kansas, and the Wetlands and Wildlife National Scenic Byway.
Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

C. ROAD AND BRIDGE / NOXIOUS WEED / MEMORIAL PARKS: Separation of Job Duties:

-Dale Phillips is currently serving as the Road and Bridge / Noxious Weed / Memorial Parks Director. In preparation for his retirement, he has suggested restructuring the departments. While he will continue to supervise both Road and Bridge and Memorial Parks, Mr. Phillips suggests that an Interim Noxious Weed Director be named. Separating the duties at this time will help prepare staff members for planned management changes.

Dale Phillips, Road and Bridge/Noxious Weed/Memorial Parks Director, said the Noxious Weed Department is dear to his heart and noted Kay Thompson has worked for Barton County for over 27 years.

Kay Thompson, Assistant Director, thanked the Commissioners and Dale Phillips for their confidence in her ability to do the job.

Commissioner Schremmer said Thompson has certainly done a good job.

Commissioner Straub moved to remove Mr. Phillips from the Noxious Weed Director's position while allowing him to maintain leadership of both the Road and Bridge and Memorial Parks Departments, effective May 1, 2017 and moved to appoint Kay Thompson as the Interim Noxious Weed Director effective May 1, 2017.

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

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D. SOLID WASTE: Annual Review of the Solid Waste Management Plan:

-Per KSA 65-3405, Barton County is required to form and maintain a Solid Waste Planning Committee to develop and perform an annual review of the Solid Waste Management Plan, which is then approved by the Commission. As the Solid Waste Management Plan had a comprehensive review last year, it is recommended that no changes be made at this time.

Phil Hathcock, Solid Waste Director, said the Solid Waste Planning Committee helps determine how solid waste and recycling is handled, but does not direct how the Solid Waste Department is operated. Hathcock said there are no changes to the plan this year.

Commissioner Davis moved to accept the Solid Waste Management Plan with no changes at this time. Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.

E. SOLID WASTE: Replacement Flowmeters for the Leachate System:

-Kansas Statutes require monitoring and regulation of the amount of liquid that is present on the liner of the Landfill. Pursuant to the statues, Barton County Landfill operates a leachate system containing pumps, flowmeters and controls that maintains and records the level of the liquid. Two of the flowmeters within the system are beginning to fail. EPG Companies, the manufacturer of the system, has provided a quote of \$10,655.00 for replacement flowmeters which will be installed by Landfill staff.

Phil Hathcock, Solid Waste Director, said one of the flowmeters has actually failed. Hathcock said leachate requires constant monitoring and noted any liquid (rain, waste fluids, etc.) eventually flow through to the liner. Hathcock explained leachate is channeled into a pond and is cycled back to the top. Leachate promotes the breakdown of waste material.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to accept the \$10,655.00 quote from EPG Companies for replacement of the flowmeters and related items for the Leachate System at the Landfill. The cost to be paid from the Solid Waste Budget, Maintenance of Machinery and Equipment Line, and that line is 140-68-5460. Commissioner Straub seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.

F. COUNTY SERVICES: Informational Update:

-Jennifer Schartz, Commission Chairman, 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 Straub read By-Way Proclamation 2017-09

IV. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

V. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Francis Eugene Smith, 744 W Barton Co Road, Buffalo Twp: Judy Goreham told him he needs an entirely new system installed before the inspection will pass. Smith explained recent water issue and run-off/drainage. Smith and Goreham will be added to the study session next week.

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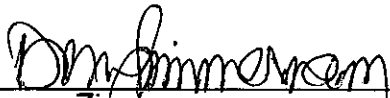
VI. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Schremmer made a motion to adjourn at 9:36 A.M.

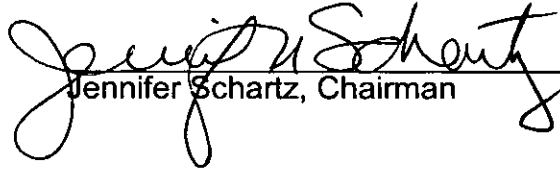
Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk



Jennifer Schartz, Chairman

RESOLUTION 2017-09

**CREATING A FISCAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN BARTON COUNTY, KANSAS
AND
THE WETLANDS AND WILDLIFE NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, has made a clear and continued commitment to the Wetlands and Wildlife National Scenic Byway; and

WHEREAS, the Wetlands and Wildlife National Scenic Byway Committee wishes to formally establish a fiscal relationship with Barton County, Kansas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, that, Barton County shall act as a fiscal agent for the Wetlands and Wildlife National Scenic Byway; and

FURTHER, Barton County shall, in acting as the fiscal agent, hold funds, pay for goods or services, include monies on County audits and complete other regular fiduciary duties for the Byway as may be required from time to time; and

FURTHER, that actual monies held by the Wetlands and Wildlife National Scenic Byway shall be placed in their own fund and held in an interest bearing account; and


FURTHER, that receipting and expenditure of funding shall follow those fiscal guidelines as held by Barton County.

Dated this 24th day of April, 2017.


BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
BARTON COUNTY, KANSAS



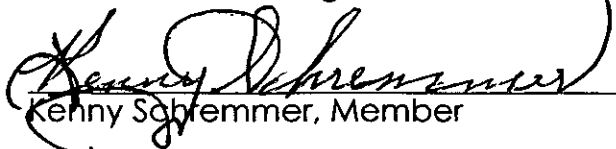
Jennifer Scharz, Chairman



Don Davis, Member



Homer Kruckenberg, Member




Kenny Schremmer, Member




Alicia Straub, Member

ATTEST:



Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Carey Hipp, County Counselor