

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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July 3, 2017

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 3rd day of July 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
Phil Hathcock, Operations Director
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.

Minutes of the June 26, 2017, Regular Meeting were not available.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

A. GREAT BEND NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLAN: Interlocal Agreement:

-This incentive program was established to encourage improvements within the City of Great Bend. The rebate is structured to allow a graduated property tax rebate for 10 years for construction and rehabilitations to both residential and commercial properties within identified zones. The agreement period ends December 31, 2021.

Bob Suelter, Great Bend City Attorney, said this is a 5 year plan east of Washington, with the exception of anything north and east of 24th and Main Streets, which is an excluded area. Also excluded are the RHID's in Amber Meadows and apartments on Grant Street, south of 10th Street. Suelter said the 10 year plan is for the bulk of the City and noted it is a graduated plan.

Commissioner Schartz said the past few years it has been hard, with budget constraints, to do anything positive with economic development and noted this is a good plan for people to be able to improve their homes and not have to pay so much in taxes.

Suelter agreed and said they were not going to offer the plan because of the tax lid, but later decided to go forward with the plan.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement for the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan, City of Great Bend, Kansas, effective upon approval by the Kansas Attorney General's Office. Said agreement to run under December 31, 2021.

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

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B. 2016 AUDIT REPORT:

-Melissa Ille of Adams, Brown, Beran and Ball will present the 2016 Audit Report to the Commission. The report will cover the financial condition of Barton County from January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016.

Melissa Ille, Adams, Brown, Beran and Ball, said there was a violation of K.S.A.12-1678(a), with the County Treasurer not making tax distributions timely. Ille also cited a violation of K.S.A.10-1113, where the Motor Vehicle License Fee Fund had a negative cash balance of \$881. Ille referenced the Governance Letter and pointed out that there was no Management Letter this year as there were no material weaknesses or significant deficiencies to be disclosed. Ille also explained that commissions received by the Sheriff's Department from the sale of Commissary items for inmates needs to be deposited with the County Treasurer in the Commissary Inmate Fund instead of the Commissary bank account and noted there was miscommunication when staff changed. Ille also urged the County Treasurer's Office to provide receipts to every department that deposits money and strongly recommended any employee involved with receiving or disbursing funds be required to take 5 consecutive days of vacation. Also recommended software updates done by CIC not be run until a representative from the county authorizes it to be done. It is recommended that the County Treasurer review and approve the monthly bank reconciliations and tax roll reconciliations completed by the Finance Officer.

Commissioner Straub said Kevin Wondra was invited to the study session the previous week to review the letter with Vickie Dreiling, ABBB. Straub said she wished he was here today to provide information on the statute violations.

Commissioner Davis moved to accept the 2016 Audit Report as submitted by Adams, Brown, Beran and

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

C. COUNTY SERVICES: Informational Update:

-Phil Hathcock, Operations Director, 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.

IV. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

V. OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business.

VI. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Schremmer made a motion to adjourn at 9:23 A.M.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST: Bev Schmeidler
Bev Schmeidler
Barton County Asst. Deputy Clerk

Jennifer Schartz
Jennifer Schartz, Chairman