

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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June 19, 2017

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 19th day of June 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 Kruckenberg seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

Minutes of the June 12, 2017, Regular Meeting were not available.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. SOLID WASTE: Local Recycling Grant – 2016 Outcomes:

-In 2016 the Commission granted Sunflower Diversified \$15,000.00 in a Local Recycling Grant using Solid Waste Funds. A requirement was that the funds would be utilized for local recycling programs. Jim Johnson, Director of Sunflower Diversified, will provide details of the use of the 2016 grant monies.

Jim Johnson, Sunflower Diversified Director, said \$15,000 was granted by the Commissioners in 2016 with Sunflower adding \$4,000 for a project total of \$19,000. Johnson reported they spent in excess of that amount on advertising and signage, major vehicle repairs, retrofitted older vans for local routes, repaired equipment and did some remodeling at the facility on 10th Street for an approximate total of \$22,000. Sunflower has expanded recycling into Pawnee County, which will help to relieve stress on the Barton County Landfill.

Commissioner Schartz asked about the glass crusher. Johnson said former County Engineer Clark Rusco proposed the use of crushed glass in road projects, but it hasn't worked the way they wanted. Johnson noted they are slowly getting a few more glass customers.

Commissioner Davis asked Johnson if they had considered providing containers for the glass. Johnson said they provide containers, and noted the issue is more the effort involved to separate the glass from other materials.

Commissioner Schremmer asked Dale Phillips about the glass. Phillips said they did use it in some projects such as driveways and smaller projects and noted there has not been a large enough quantity to work with.

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B. SOLID WASTE: Local Recycling Grant:

-In the 2017 Operating Budget, the Commission allocated \$15,000.00 under Solid Waste for recycling with an understanding that applications would be accepted locally for the monies. Eligible are any County department, agency, organization, recycling center, city, school district or community college located in Barton County. The application would need to demonstrate a positive economic and environmental impact in the County, be consistent with the Barton County Solid Waste Management Plan, benefit the County and its residents and increase recycling. Sunflower Diversified Services submitted the only application.

Phil Hathcock, Operations/Solid Waste Director, said Sunflower Diversified submitted the only application and said they meet the requirements the landfill must meet with KDHE.

Commissioner Straub moved to award the 2017 Local Recycling Grant to Sunflower Diversified Services in the amount of \$15,000.00. The grant is to be paid from the Solid Waste Budget, Recycling Grant Line, 140-68-5905.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

C. COUNTY APPRAISER: Purchase of a Replacement Vehicle:

-The County Appraiser's Office accepted bids from local vehicle dealers until Monday, June 12, 2017. In addition to the trade of a 2006 Chevrolet TrailBlazer, specifications to meet or exceed included an SUV with a ground clearance comparable to the Trailblazer, under \$25,000 with less than 30,000 miles and with all- or four-wheel drive. The bid best meeting the needs of the office was submitted by Manweiler Chevrolet Co. for a 2016 Chevy Traverse. If approved, it is suggested that Equipment Replacement Fund monies be used for the \$23,104.00 cost.

Phil Hathcock, Operations/Solid Waste Director, said Barb Esfeld requested bids from all four dealers in the County. Esfeld requested a 4 wheel drive or all drive vehicle with good ground clearance because of the need to travel on dirt roads when doing assessments. Hathcock said Esfeld recommended accepting the Manweiler bid, and noted it is a program vehicle with low mileage.

Bids were remitted by:

Manweiler	2016 Chevy Traverse	\$23,104.00	Requested
Dove	2016 Chevy Traverse	\$25,536.18	Higher cost
Doonans	2016 GMC Terrain	\$22,000.00	Very small
Marmies	2014 Ford Crossover	\$21,900.00	Too low to ground
Marmies	2015 Ford Explorer	\$21,990.00	High mileage
Marmies	2017 Jeep Patriot	\$14,900.00	Very small

The 2016 Chevy Traverse has a full warranty (3 year/36,000 miles/5 year/60,000 power train).

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve the purchase of a 2016 Chevrolet Traverse LT Sport Utility 4WD, or like vehicle, with the trade of a 2006 Chevrolet TrailBlazer, for a total cost of \$23,104.00. Cost to be paid for from the Equipment Replacement Fund, Equipment Replacement - General Line, 072-00-6380.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

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D. COMMUNICATIONS: Lease Agreement with Brad Demel:

-The County currently holds an existing lease for land in Section 21, Township 16 South, Range 13 West. The 350' by 300' plot is the site of the Susank Tower which is used for 911 telecommunications. Under the proposed lease with Brad Demel, certain provisions are restated and amendments are made to provide clarity. In particular, the lease now includes language so that Barton County can fence in the leased area.

Dena Popp, 911 Director, said there is a Susank Tower lease agreement between Barton County and Vernon Wilborn and noted Mr. Wilborn passed away and the property was transferred to Brad Demel. Barton County contacted Mr. Demel in 2014 to purchase the land our tower sits on or to fence the property. No agreement was reached at that time. Popp said in April 2017, she reviewed the previous lease paperwork to find there is nothing in any of the leases since May 1995 in regards to fencing the guy wires; in fact, the wording in regards to fencing has disappeared. Mr. Demel said he knows there is a contract existing with Barton County, but does not have the paperwork, nor does he know the terms of the lease. There is only a letter from Mr. Wilborn's attorney stating that property was handed down to Mr. Demel. Popp said she consulted Carey Hipp, County Counselor and Mr. Demel who all agreed it would be best to bring the lease up to date and include the fencing option. Mr. Demel has requested the lease payment be raised to \$500 upon renewal in 2026.

Commissioner Schartz asked if they can obligate a subsequent board. Carey Hipp said the wording could read "subject to budgeting at that time" and could increase to that amount.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve the Lease Agreement with Brad Demel for the site of the Susank Tower. The lease runs until May 15, 2026, with an option to renew until May 15, 2036.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

Noted aye. Motion passed.

E. COMMUNICATION: Purchase of 800mz Radio Equipment:

-For several years, the County has prepared to move to 800 mhz radios. This year alone, the Sheriff's Office, as well as Great Bend and Hoisington emergency services, has purchased 800mhz radios. In order to improve 911 capability and officer safety, Ms. Popp recommends the purchase of a console and radio.

Dena Popp, 911 Director, said Communications has two 800 Radios installed in consoles. Over the last six months, several agencies (Barton County Sheriff, Barton County Sheriff Swat Team, Hoisington PD, Hoisington EMS, Great Bend Police Department) have purchased 800 radios and are wanting to use them. Dispatch is not equipped for multiple agencies to use the 800 frequency. The radios scan and will pick up the first channel being talked on. Once the radio picks up a talking channel it stops scanning until the channel is not in use again. The other option is to lock out the radio on one specific frequency. In either scenario, if multiple agencies are using the 800 frequency, someone is not getting heard and answered. This creates an officer safety issue. Popp said Communications would like to add two additional radios to the console to help solve this issue and said they originally quoted two new radios, but Mobile Radio found a console that would save money.

Options:

Purchase two new 800 frequency radios		
	\$9608.46 plus installation fees \$1325.00	\$10,933.46
Purchase one console and one new radio		
	\$8139.86 plus installation fees \$1325.00	\$ 9,464.86

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Commissioner Straub moved to approve the purchase of a 7/800 Single Band APX7500 (Radio) and related items as quoted by Motorola Solutions for a cost of \$4,804.23. The cost to be paid from the 911 Tax Fund, Equipment Line, 080-86-6165.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Straub moved to approve the purchase of a used APX7500-05 Consolette and related items as quoted by Mobile Radio for a cost of \$4,660.63. That cost to be paid from the 911 Tax Fund, Equipment Line, 080-86-6165.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

F. COUNTY SERVICES: Informational Update:

-Mr. Hathcock 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:

Jennifer Schartz: Several school districts and the college have called about the recent County Treasurer's tax distribution. The disbursement was short approx \$2.3 million. \$1.1 million has been found and posted after the deadline. Taxpayers should call if their checks haven't been cashed.

VI. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Kruckenberg made a motion to adjourn at 9:39 A.M.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:


Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk


Jennifer Schartz, Chairman