

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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May 1, 2017

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 1st day of May 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 Davis moved to approve the agenda.
Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2017 Regular Meeting.
Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

II. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:

-An Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of April 17, 2017, and ending May 1, 2017.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve appropriations for the period of April 17, 2017, to May 1, 2017 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. COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE: Request for Approval – Added / Abated / Escaped / Refunded Taxes:

-Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk, will present a listing of Added / Abated / Escaped / Refunded Taxes. Orders for these actions are kept on file in the County Clerk's Office. These are used to correct assessments and are requested by the County Appraiser's Office or the County Clerk's Office.

Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk, presented the following tax roll adjustments:

BATCH #10				
Property Types	Values	Escaped Taxes	Added / Abated	Refunds
Gas				
Oil	1,687		\$ 333.62	\$ 85.64
Personal Property	-496		-\$ 93.54	\$ 65.56
Real Estate	-17,842		-\$3,811.78	\$ 904.48
16/20 M Trucks				

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State Assessed Utilities				
Special Assessments				
Grand Totals	-16,651		-\$3,571.70	\$1,055.68
Total Taxes	-\$3,571.70			
Total Records Selected	15			

Commissioner Straub moved to approve the Listing of Added / Abated / Escaped / Refunded Taxes as reviewed by the County Appraiser and presented by the County Clerk, Donna Zimmerman, and direct the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.
 Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.
 All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. PROCLAMATION 2017-08: Mental Health Awareness Month – May, 2017:

-Mental health is essential to everyone's overall well-being. As all people experience times of difficulty and stress, it is important to bring awareness and understanding of mental health, wellness, resources and support. The proposed Proclamation, declaring May, 2017, as Mental Health Awareness Month, states that with appropriate resources, treatment and support, people with mental health concerns are able to improve their well-being and quality of life.

Julie Kramp, Executive Director, said she was entering 5 months as director. Kramp introduced John Makings, therapist at the Center, who read the proclamation.

Commissioner Schartz said she has been on the board for a number of years and noted there is a good administration now.

Commissioner Davis moved to adopt Proclamation 2017-08, Mental Health Awareness Month, May, 2017.

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

Julie Kramp announced Mental Health Awareness Day will be May 26th from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. in the Center parking lot.

The following team members shared event details:

- Noell Hartman: Hope to reduce the stigma associated with mental health.
- Elsie Randel: Will help with face painting. Hoping this event helps raise awareness in the community.
- John Makings: Introduced drum activities that help promote involvement and acceptance.
- Connie Holliday: Will be a good opportunity for everyone to get out and become more aware of Mental Health issues.
- Holly Bowyer: Mental Health is not accepted as it should be.

C. COTTONWOOD EXTENSION DISTRICT: Update to the Extension District Operational Agreement:

-On March 13, 2017, the Barton County Commission adopted the Extension District Operation Agreement. Parties to the agreement include Barton and Ellis Counties, the respective Extension Councils and K-State Research and Extension. When presented to the Attorney General for consideration, a revision to one section, Organization of Governing Body, was required. As such, each agency is asked to approve the updated Extension District Operational Agreement.

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Donna Krug, Barton County KSU County Extension Agent–Family & Consumer Science, said the original agreement was signed on March 13th and noted the Attorney General requested some minor words be changed. The changes are found in Section 4, Items B and C, to have the wording consistent with State Statutes.

Donna Zimmerman had questions regarding the candidate filing for the 2017 election.

Commissioner Straub moved to approve the updated Extension District Operational Agreement and direct the Commission Chair to sign on behalf of the County.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

D. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: Lender Evaluation Process / Procedures:

-The Environmental Management Office offers a Lender Evaluation service to anyone in the county who is buying and/or selling property that has a private water well and/or a private wastewater system. This process is outlined in the Barton County Sanitary Environmental Code under Chapter 2, Section 2-11.0 and Chapter 3, Section 3-7.0, Property Transfer Inspections.

Judy Goreham, Environmental Manager, said a Lender Evaluation was conducted on April 3, 2017 at Francis Smith's property, 744 West Barton County Road. Per Lender Evaluation policy, due to the age of the septic system (over 10 years old) a pump-out inspection was required to determine the condition of the septic tank and the treatment field.

Upon arriving at the property and starting the process it was noted that every part of the septic system flooded. The septic tank was above operating level, the distribution box was above operating level and the ends of the chamber lateral lines were completely full. The water was left on in the house for over a week, and a toilet was stuck on which resulted in the entire septic system being flooded.

At the time of the inspection the septic system was in full failure. There is no way for our office to know if it will recuperate and stating that it will puts the county in a liability position with the prospective buyer. The only option for us to approve the septic system is for it to be updated with a new lateral field.

Judy Goreham said she spoke with Mr. Smith on April 20, 2017 and reviewed the reasons why they could not approve his septic system. Goreham said she contacted him again on April 25, 2017 after visiting with Commissioner Schartz about Mr. Smith's presentation at the Commission Meeting on April 24, 2017. Goreham said Mr. Smith said he contacted KDHE who confirmed Environmental Management followed proper procedures. Mr. Smith said until yesterday when he visited with the contractor who will install the new lateral field, he had no idea Environmental Management would eventually "approve" the system once the laterals were installed.

Goreham said she apologized to him for the misunderstanding and assured him they would in fact "Approve" his septic system once it was updated. Goreham noted the Lender Evaluation is voluntary and not required in order to sell property.

Information Only. No Action Required.

V. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

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VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

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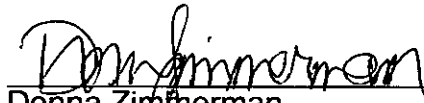
VII. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Davis made a motion to adjourn at 9:33 A.M.

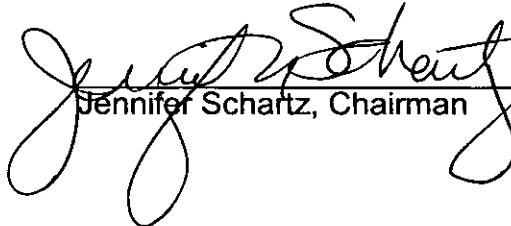
Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk



Jennifer Scharz, Chairman

PROCLAMATION 2017-08

Mental Health Awareness Month – May 2017

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

WHEREAS, everyone experiences times of difficulty and stress in their lives; and

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

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

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

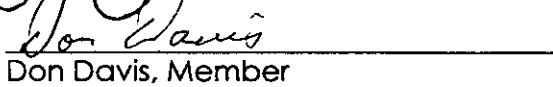
WHEREAS, with early and effective treatment, those individuals with mental health conditions can recover and lead full, productive lives; and

WHEREAS, each business, school, government agency, healthcare provider, organization and citizen shares the impact 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 2017 will be known as Mental Health Awareness Month 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 1st day of May, 2017.


Jennifer Schartz, Chairman


Don Davis, Member


Homer Kruckenberg, Member


Kenny Schreiner, Member


Alicia Straub, Member

ATTEST:


Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk

