

# Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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April 2, 2018

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 2nd day of April 2018, 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 Davis moved to approve the agenda.  
Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

Minutes of the March 26, 2018 Regular Meeting were not available.

## **II. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:**

-An Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of March 19, 2018, and ending April 2, 2018.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve appropriations for the period of March 19, 2018, to April 2, 2018 and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commissioners.  
Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **III. OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business.

## **IV. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **A. JOINT PROCLAMATION 2018-04 WITH THE CITY OF GREAT BEND: World Autism Awareness Day, April 2, 2018:**

-World Autism Awareness Day is recognized on April 2 by Presidential proclamation in the United States of America. With autism spectrum disorders affecting an estimated one out of every 68 children in America, this Proclamation calls upon all Americans to learn more about the signs of autism to improve early diagnosis, understand the challenges faced by those with autism spectrum disorders and to support individuals with autism spectrum disorders and their families.

Sally O'Connor, Chairman of the Pilot Club Autism Committee, said they are hosting an Autism Spectrum Disorder Workshop on Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. O'Connor reported that every 68<sup>th</sup> person born in America has autism and said it affects boys more than girls. O'Connor said there are scholarships available for any parent who wishes to attend, but cannot afford the fee. The local Pilot Club received a matching grant from Pilot International, a grant from The John A. & Doris F. Graham Memorial Fund, monies from First Kansas Bank, Sunflower Early Education, Lulu Photography, Joe Rosenberg, Landmark National Bank, Great Bend Cooperative, Dominican Sisters, Great Bend Hospital, Marilyn Davis as well as others.

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Commissioner Straub moved to adopt Joint Proclamation 2018-04, World Autism Awareness Day, April 2, 2018.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **B. PROCLAMATION 2018-05: Sexual Assault Awareness Month – April, 2018:**

-April is designated as Sexual Assault Awareness Month to raise public awareness about sexual violence and to educate communities and individuals on how to prevent sexual violence. The Family Crisis Center provides services for sexual assault survivors at no charge and offers educational and professional training for community members and professionals.

Joanne Wondra, Executive Director, said they are looking for men to volunteer for the "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" event and said there will be a bounce house, face painting, tattoos, yard games and food trucks at the event. The event will be held April 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 8:00 P.M.

Wondra explained that statistics show 1 in 6 women are a victim of sexual violence in their lifetime and noted 80% of those assaults are carried out on victims under the age of 30. In addition, girls ages 16-19 are 4 times more likely than the general population to be victims of sexual assault. Wondra said 1 in 4 women have been a victim of severe physical violence by an intimate partner. Nearly 10% of high school students report being hit, slapped or physically hurt by their boyfriend. Wondra stressed, these are your wives, girlfriends, sisters, mothers, daughters, nieces, and friends. They are a part of our families and our community.

Wondra introduced staff members who were present.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to adopt Proclamation 2018-05, Sexual Assault Awareness Month – April, 2018.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **C. PROCLAMATION 2018-06: Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month – April, 2018:**

-The Family Crisis Center has requested that a Proclamation be adopted declaring April, 2018, as Child Abuse Prevention Month. The Proclamation states that child abuse and neglect can be reduced by making sure families have the support needed to raise children in a healthy environment and that there are dedicated individuals and organizations in Barton County working to counter these problems.

Kasey Dalke, Child Advocacy Director / Forensic Interviewer, presented the proclamation and said Family Crisis Center employees as well as law enforcement partners work for one common goal, "keeping children safe".

Commissioner Straub moved to adopt Proclamation 2018-06, as Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month – April, 2018.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **D. EMERGENCY RISK MANAGEMENT: Update on the Burn Ban:**

-On March 12, 2018, through Resolution 2018-08, the Commission established a Temporary Burn Ban in Barton County. Wildland fire conditions at the time prompted this action. Barton County has experienced periods of precipitation over the last few weeks. The Commission will hear an update about the effectiveness and necessity of continuing the temporary burn ban.

My Miller, Emergency Risk Manager, said on March 12<sup>th</sup>, the commissioners agreed to a temporary burn ban and said Barton County has received some precipitation, but not much. Miller said she was

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Reached by the Great Bend Fire Chief to lift the burn ban and said several fire chiefs have also requested the ban be lifted.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to suspend Resolution 2018-08, A Resolution Establishing a Temporary Burn Ban in Barton County, Kansas, effective at Noon, April 2, 2018.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## E. ONEOK: Update:

-ONEOK, Inc. is one of the largest energy midstream service providers in the U.S. The Commission will hear a report on local services from Michael Gillaspie, Government Affairs, Colorado and Kansas.

Michael Gillaspie, ONEOK Government Affairs, said ONEOK is a natural gas pipeline company based out of Tulsa, Oklahoma and operating in about 18 states for a little over 100 years. They operate roughly 12,000 miles of pipe in Kansas. The Elk Creek Pipeline Project is a natural gas liquids pipeline running from eastern Montana to Bushton, Kansas and is 900 miles long with roughly 27 miles running through Barton County. The Elk Creek Pipeline will follow the same pipeline route as the Overland Pass with the intention to stay within all of the same landowner boundaries. The Overland Pass pipeline was rebuilt in 2008 and is full.

Commissioner Schartz asked what the risks are. Gillaspie said it is much safer moving through a pipeline than a rail car or truck. Gillaspie said the Bushton facility employs 50-60 ONEOK employees on a regular basis.

Judy Goreham asked why there were easement agreement documents if they were going down the same path. Gillaspie said the Overland Pass Pipeline was a Williams Company, so that is technically a Williams easement. Also, for safety purposes, there has to be a distance between the pipelines.

Gillaspie said they plan to start construction by the middle of July, finish by July 2019, and hope to have product flowing by the end of 2019. Gillaspie said the actual pipe will be delivered to Gem, Kansas in Thomas County and explained the sales tax is divided based upon pipeline miles. The pipe will have between 3' – 4' of cover with 4' – 5' of cover below bar ditches. The Overland Pass pipe is 16" and the Elk Creek Pipeline will be 20".

Information Only. No Action Required.

## F. REAL PROPERTY RELIEF APPLICATION – Tax Year 2017: May 16, 2017, Tornado:

-In May, 2017, Barton County saw a tornado destroy property along a path from Pawnee Rock to Highway 4. After the event, the Commission adopted a Resolution that would allow property owners the opportunity to apply for tax relief if, following a natural disaster, damage to their homestead equals or exceeded 50% of their market value. Barb Esfeld, County Appraiser, has received application for tax relief from Clayton Carris. With the assistance of Ms. Esfeld, the Commission will take action on the application.

Barb Esfeld, County Appraiser, said there was one additional application for tornado relief from May 16, 2017 tornado that struck Pawnee Rock and the surrounding area. Esfeld said, if approved, this brings the total applications to six, for a total relief of \$4,644.68.

Commissioner Straub moved to approve the Relief Application for Clayton Carris for his property located at 500 Bismark, Pawnee Rock, Kansas. The total reduction in tax is \$491.74

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

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## **APPRAISER'S OFFICE: Review of the Sales Ratio Study and Related Duties:**

-The Kansas Department of Revenue, Department of Property Valuation Division, is charged with assuring Kansas citizens that property is assessed accurately and systemically across the State. Part of this work is based on each County's sales ratio study. This is the ratio of appraised value to the sale price or adjusted sale price. Ms. Esfeld will provide a presentation on the 2017 ratio study and related duties.

Barb Esfeld, County Appraiser, presented their sales ratio study and noted they received a 99.1% on residential sales and said they are pretty proud of that rating. Esfeld noted they also received a 92.8% on commercial, which is the highest they have ever received. Esfeld showed a power point detailing the duties of the various offices involved in property tax assessment.

Information Only. No Action Required.

## **H. BOARD APPOINTMENT: Barton County Planning Commission:**

-The County has sought applicants for the Barton County Planning Commission. The focus of the Planning Commission is to plan for the proper growth and development of Barton County through the enactment of planning and zoning laws for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare. Although all applicants must reside in Barton County, the majority of members must be from the unincorporated area.

Judy Goreham, Environmental Manager, said three Planning Commission Board positions term each year on March 31st. Applications for re-appointment were received from Russell Carson and Toni Rice. Goreham said Richard Ahlvers stated he has way too many irons in the fire and would not reapply. This will leave one open position. Goreham said this June Barton County will have had zoning regulations for 1<sup>st</sup> years and noted Russell Carson has been a part of it from the beginning and Toni Rice has been on board since 2012. Goreham said the board meets generally once a month and explained the only requirement is that the person reside in Barton County. At least 5 members must reside in the unincorporated area.

Current membership:

<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Requirement</u>	<u>Date Appointed</u>	<u>Term Date</u>
<i>Toni Rice</i>	<i>Unincorporated</i>	<i>04/06/2015</i>	<i>3/31/2018</i>
<i>Richard Ahlvers</i>	<i>Unincorporated</i>	<i>04/06/2015</i>	<i>3/31/2018</i>
<i>Russell Carson</i>	<i>Unincorporated</i>	<i>04/06/2015</i>	<i>3/31/2018</i>
<i>Mary Anne Stoskopf</i>	<i>Unincorporated</i>	<i>04/04/2016</i>	<i>3/31/2019</i>
<i>Billie Bonomo</i>	<i>Unincorporated</i>	<i>04/04/2016</i>	<i>3/31/2019</i>
<i>James Welch</i>	<i>Unincorporated</i>	<i>04/04/2016</i>	<i>3/31/2019</i>
<i>Velma Kraft</i>	<i>Unincorporated</i>	<i>04/03/2017</i>	<i>3/31/2020</i>
<i>Earl Moses</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>04/03/2017</i>	<i>3/31/2020</i>
<i>Wilmer Wegele</i>	<i>Unincorporated</i>		<i>3/31/2020</i>

Commissioner Davis moved to reappoint Russell Carson and Toni Rice to the Barton County Planning Commission for an uncompensated positions terming March 31, 2021.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

- Jim Jordan, Barton County Treasurer, said Barton County taxes went live on the Barton County website last Thursday.

## **V. ENDING BUSINESS:**

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

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## VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Jim Jordan: Tax warrants on personal property and oil have been mailed. There were quite a few mailed. The warrants are for payment, not arrest warrants. One thing that is new, there is a "stop" on vehicle registrations until back taxes are paid.

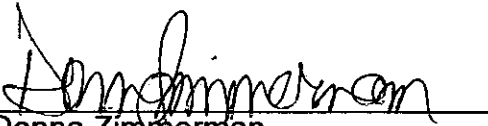
## VII. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Davis made a motion to adjourn at 10:02 A.M.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

  
Donna Zimmerman  
Barton County Clerk

  
Jennifer Schartz, Chairman

**PROCLAMATION 2018-04**

World Autism Awareness Day, April 2, 2018

**WHEREAS**, World Autism Awareness Day is recognized on April 2, by Presidential proclamation in the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals and families living with autism come from diverse backgrounds. These families face enormous challenges in assisting their loved ones over the course of their lifetimes; and

**WHEREAS**, autism spectrum disorders affect an estimated one out of every 68 children in America; and

**WHEREAS**, we call upon all Americans to learn more about the signs of autism to improve early diagnosis, understand the challenges faced by those with autism spectrum disorders, and to do what we can to support individuals with autism spectrum disorders and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, we are hopeful that our Nation's efforts will result in significant advancements related to autism diagnosis and treatments in the months and years ahead. With ongoing efforts to scan the human genome carry significant potential to better manage the disorder and, ultimately, find a cure. We will turn scientific discoveries into real solutions for people with complete health issues like autism.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT JOINTLY PROCLAIMED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, and the Governing Body of the City of Great Bend, Kansas, that April 2, 2018, is hereby named as World Autism Awareness Day; and

**FURTHER**, that all citizens are encouraged to recognize the importance to turning scientific discoveries into real solutions for people with complex health issues like autism.

Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2018.

CITY OF GREAT BEND

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

  
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Joe Andrusek, Mayor

  
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Jennifer Schartz, Chairman

  
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Don Davis, Commissioner

  
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Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner

  
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Kenny Schreiner, Commissioner

  
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Alicia Straub, Commissioner



ATTEST:

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Shawna Schafer, City Clerk

  
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Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk



**PROCLAMATION 2018-05**

Sexual Assault Awareness Month – April, 2018

**WHEREAS**, sexual violence is a widespread, preventable, public health problem in Kansas; and

**WHEREAS**, sexual violence is any sexual act inflicted onto someone else against that person's will or when that person is not able to consent or refuse the act and includes sexual assault, rape, unwanted touching, threatened sexual violence, exhibitionism, and verbal sexual harassment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Family Crisis Center, Inc. in Barton County served 273 victims in 2017 and 93 victims in 2017 who identified sexual assault as their primary victimization; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2017, over 213 calls for incidents of sexual violence were reported to law enforcement in Barton County; and

**WHEREAS**, the statistics do not represent the true incidence and prevalence of sexual violence for multiple reasons, including not all victims report the crime to law enforcement; and that sexual violence is often a tactic of domestic violence, so sexual violence may not be reported as the primary form of abuse and victimization by law enforcement although the victim has experienced sexual violence along with another kind of primary abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, the Family Crisis Center, Inc. is Barton County's local victim's advocacy and services program for people in this community who have had sexual and/or domestic violence inflicted upon them.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, that the month of April, 2018, is named as Sexual Assault Awareness Month; and

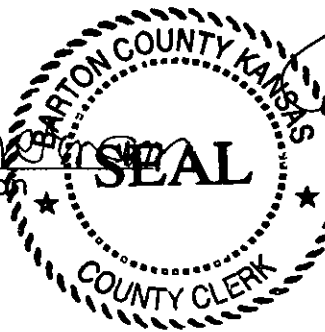
**FURTHER**, the Commission urges all citizens to become familiar with community resources and common reactions to sexual assault. As a community, it is vital to understand the survivor's experiences and the process of recovery.

Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2018.

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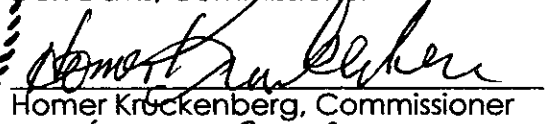
ATTEST:

  
Donna Zimmerman  
County Clerk



  
Jennifer Schartz, Chairman

  
Don Davis, Commissioner

  
Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner

  
Kenny Schlemmer, Commissioner

  
Alicia Straub, Commissioner

PROCLAMATION 2018-06

Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month Proclamation – April, 2018

**WHEREAS**, preventing child abuse and neglect is a community problem that requires all citizens to be involved; and

**WHEREAS**, child maltreatment occurs when people find themselves in stressful situations without community resources and don't know how to cope; and

**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect can be reduced by making sure families have the support needed to raise children in a healthy environment; and

**WHEREAS**, in Barton County, Kansas, there are dedicated individuals and organizations that work daily to counter the problem of child abuse and neglect and help parents obtain assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, all children deserve freedom from verbal abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, and physical abuse and neglect; and

**WHEREAS**, all children deserve to have warm homes, loving hugs, tender care, parents and adults who listen and promote self-esteem, give quality time and provide necessary food shelter, clothing and attention; and

**WHEREAS**, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies and the business community; and

**WHEREAS**, through partnerships and collaborations, the Dell Hayden Memorial Child Advocacy, Central Kansas Court Appointed Special Advocates, Department for Children and Families, St. Francis Community Services, Child Abuse Prevention and Education, Great Bend Regional Hospital's SANE Program, 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Juvenile Services and law enforcement officers work daily to address child abuse and neglect.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, that the month of April, 2018, is declared as Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month; and

**FURTHER**, that all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities and businesses are called upon to increase participation in efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the community.

Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2018.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

  
Jennifer Schartz, Chairman


  
Don Davis, Commissioner

  
Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner

  
Kenny Schremmer, Commissioner

  
Alicia Straub, Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Donna Zimmerman  
County Clerk

