

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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May 13, 2019

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 13th day of May 2019, 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
James R. Daily, Commissioner, 4th District
Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner, 5th District, Chairman
Bev Schmeidler, Assistant Deputy County Clerk
Phil Hathcock, County Administrator
Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

Commissioner Schartz called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

Commissioner Daily 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 29, 2019, and the May 6, 2019, Regular Meetings.
Commissioner Schremmer 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 29, 2019, and ending May 13, 2019.

Commissioner Davis moved to approve the Accounts Payable Register for the period of April 29, 2019, and ending May 13, 2019.
Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. SHERIFF'S OFFICE: AAA Kansas Community Traffic Safety Awards:

-On February 19, 2019, AAA Kansas announced that 41 law enforcement agencies were being honored with AAA Kansas Community Traffic Safety Awards for their 2018 work to keep roadways in their cities and counties safe through a variety of initiatives and programs. Agencies are scored and recognized for their efforts in multiple categories, including education, emergency medical response, enforcement and engineering. For 2018, the Barton County Sheriff's Office received a bronze award.

Shawn Steward, AAA Kansas, announced they were here to present the Barton County Sheriff's Office with their first AAA Kansas Community Traffic Safety Award for their work in 2018. Steward introduced Al Ackerman, a Law Enforcement Liaison with KDOT. Ackerman identifies deserving law enforcement agencies from his area of the state. The award is presented by AAA to encourage communities to

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address local traffic safety issues in a coordinated and cost-effective way. Ackerman said the Barton County Sheriff's Office earned a bronze award and noted they were one of only eleven agencies in Kansas who qualified for the award. They were recognized for a variety of activities including: enforcement of seat belt use by all employees; conducting Click It or Ticket seat belt enforcement and You Drink, You Drive, You Lose DUI enforcement campaigns; and presenting AAA Defensive Driving class to the community and Driver's Education classes at GBHS. Steward presented the award to Sheriff Bellendir and the department.

Commissioner Daily moved that we congratulate the Sheriff's Office on their efforts in working with the AAA of Kansas and receiving this bronze Traffic Safety Award. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

Sheriff Bellendir noted that Lieutenant Billinger coordinates these efforts and does the scheduling and deserves the credit.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. SUNFLOWER DIVERSIFIED: Early Childhood Intervention Funding:

-The Sunflower Diversified Early Childhood Intervention Program provides individualized services to children ages birth to three years with a developmental delay or disability. Sunflower's professional staff serves the child in the home setting, thus including the family in the educational process. In the 2019 Barton County Operating Budget, Sunflower Diversified's Early Childhood Intervention Program was funded at \$15,000.00. Jon Prescott, Executive Director, Sunflower Diversified, will request the funds be awarded at this time.

Prescott, Sunflower Diversified Executive Director, said, due to Headstart discontinuing services, their Tiny K program continues to grow and noted they have a good-sized waiting list for preschool. Tiny K now serves 85 children, which is up five children from the previous year and said the total number of children they serve in their five county area is up from 160 to 171. Prescott said they have an employee using sign language to help a particular child develop. Prescott said, by the end of this calendar year, they will add a new service to focus specifically on children diagnosed with autism and explained in central and western Kansas there are 150 children diagnosed with autism.

Commissioner Daily asked how long an in-home visit takes. Prescott said between 1 to 2 hours, and said they provide services even if Medicaid does not reimburse.

Commissioner Schartz asked what Medicaid expansion would do for their services. Prescott said it would not do anything for them.

Commissioner Daily moved that we allocate the \$15,000.00 in support of Sunflower Diversified and their Early Childhood Intervention Program. The monies have been included in the 2019 Budget in our Finance General account.

Commissioner **Kruckenberg** seconded the motion.

Commissioner Schartz said we need to read the line number.

Commissioner Daily said pardon me, that would be, 001-26-6920.

Commissioner **Davis** seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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C. 2019 TAX SALE: Filing:

-On May 2, 2019, the 2019 Tax Sale petition was filed with the Clerk of the District Court. Subsequent to the filing, the County will send each party to the sale a summons, a copy of the petition and the corresponding limited Certificate of Title by certified mail.

Jim Jordan, County Treasurer, said there are currently 142 parcels on the tax sale. Jordan said to avoid having a property sold at auction; taxpayers must pay all taxes and a redemption fee of \$186.00 by October 18, 2019.

Commissioner Schartz said at the beginning of the year there were 227 parcels and noted the Treasurer had made contact with a lot of people already.

Jordan said they have set-up a lot of payment plans and said many parcels have also been paid in full.

Commissioner Daily asked how many are expected to be redeemed prior to the sale. Jordan said probably 80% and said the payment plan had helped quite a bit.

Information Only. No Action Required.

D. COUNTY ENGINEER: Agreement between Barton and Pawnee Counties:

-In late 2018, the Commission approved a design agreement with Kirkham Michael for two low water crossings on the blacktop road west of Pawnee Rock. Barry McManaman, County Engineer, will present an agreement that calls for Barton and Pawnee Counties to split the construction costs equally and delegates responsibilities for each county.

Barry McManaman, County Engineer, said Kirkham-Michael has finished their plans and are ready to go out for bid. This agreement would allow the two counties to share the costs. McManaman said the Pawnee County Commission approved the agreement the previous Monday. Barton County will be the lead agency in advertising for bids and administering the contract work. Pawnee County will be billed for their half of the constructions costs as the contractor completes work. Each county will have responsibilities in various items of work with county crews, such as preparation of the site, signing, backfilling the new structures and laying a new asphalt surface.

Commissioner Daily asked if the boxes would be built onsite. McManaman said they would be cast onsite.

Commissioner Kruckenberg asked if the high water had caused any issues. McManaman said they went to the site last week and said there was water over the road at those crossings.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve the Agreement between Barton and Pawnee Counties for responsibilities related to the low water crossings agreement and direct the County Engineer to proceed with advertisements for bids for this project.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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E. COUNTY ENGINEER: Contract for Federal-Aid Construction Engineering by County (Force Account Agreement), Project No. 5 C-4869-01, High Risk Rural Roads:

-The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) has submitted a Contract for Federal-Aid Construction Engineering by County (Force Account Agreement), Project No. 5 C-4869-01, High Risk Rural Roads. The Engineer's Office will do the inspection work for this High Risk Rural Roads Signing Project on various major collector routes in Barton County. Under the agreement, KDOT will reimburse the County for 100% of inspection costs.

Barry McManaman, County Engineer, said this project goes out for bid on May 22nd and calls for signing and analysis of no passing zones primarily in the northern half of the county on major collector routes. McManaman said the inspections would be done in-house by our Engineering Technician with KDOT reimbursing the county for the inspection costs. The agreement was based on estimates and was capped at \$39,336.50.

Commissioner Daily moved that we approve the Contract for the Federal-Aid Construction Engineering for the County (Force Account Agreement), Project No. 5 C-4869-01, High Risk Rural Roads.

Reimbursements received from KDOT are to be deposited in the General Funds.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

V. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

OTHER BUSINESS:

Warren Williams: Small tornado SE of Ellinwood last Sunday. Tree damage and damage to a feedlot. Water issues west of Great Bend as well as south of Hoisington at Blood Creek and Shop Creek. Trees built up in front of box bridges.

- Comm Schremmer: About 4 years ago, bridge was put in east of St. Peter & Paul Church. Received phone call about water over that bridge
- Darren Williams: Aaron Birzer, Lakin Township, called him about trees in that area


VII. ADJOURN:


Commissioner Kruckenberg made a motion to adjourn at 9:30 A.M.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:


Bev Schmeidler
Barton County Assistant Deputy Clerk


Jennifer Scharz, Chairman