

# Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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November 4, 2019

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 4th day of November 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

Donna Zimmerman, 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 Schremmer moved to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2019, Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Daily seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **II. OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business.

## **III. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **A. ROSEWOOD ROOTS AND WINGS FOUNDATION: Letter of Support:**

-Rosewood Roots and Wings Foundation has requested a Letter of Support for a Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) grant application. Monies provided by KDOT would be used to continue the operation of their public transportation system.

Howard Partington, Rosewood Roots and Wings Foundation Management Consultant, thanked the Commission for their past support and explained the only difference this year is the price has gone up approximately 5%. Partington said this grant is for Public Transportation, not General Public Transportation, and is Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities. Partington said they are applying for a 14-passenger van that includes a lift which will replace an older vehicle with over 100,000 miles. This is their third KDOT vehicle. Partington said they purchased a vehicle from Kingman County but were unable to use it and noted they only had to pay the matching funds that Kingman County had paid for it with the State picking up the rest of the cost.

Commissioner Daily moved to approve a Letter of Support for the Rosewood Roots and Wings Foundation Grant Application for the Kansas Department of Transportation Funds.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

### **B. SUNFLOWER DIVERSIFIED SERVICES: Letter of Support:**

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-Sunflower Diversified Services has requested a Letter of Support for a Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) grant application. Monies provided by KDOT would be used to continue the operation of their general public transportation system.

Jon Prescott, Sunflower Diversified Services Executive Director/CEO, introduced Christina Jimenez as their new Transportation Coordinator. Prescott said they provided nearly 50,000 rides this past year with 336,648 miles. Prescott said it cost \$481,479 to run the program and said they charge \$2 per ride. Prescott said they now provide services to Stafford County every Thursday as part of their expanded transportation route.

Prescott asked the Commission for a letter of support.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve the Letter of Support for the Sunflower Diversified Services Grant Application for the Kansas Department of Transportation Funds.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **C. SUNFLOWER DIVERSIFIED SERVICES: Letter of Support:**

-Using eight buses, Sunflower Diversified Services currently provides Barton, Pawnee, Rush, Rice and Stafford Counties with public and medical transportation. Sunflower Diversified has identified grant funding that would allow for expanding the fleet to fourteen buses and adding connecting services to Ellis, Reno, Saline and Pratt Counties. The total cost of facility and equipment needs has been calculated at \$1,135,000.00. At this time, Sunflower requests a Letter of Support for a 90 / 10 percent match Kansas Department of Transportation grant. If the grant is approved, Sunflower would be required to provide a \$113,500.00 match.

Jon Prescott, Sunflower Diversified Services Executive Director/CEO, said they are looking for a transportation facility to store their busses. Prescott explained a connection service is a new service they will provide and noted they are looking at putting the facility behind the recycling center as they already own the property. The building would have 14 bays, a wash bay, lobby, disabled restrooms, training rooms and meeting rooms. Prescott said the long-term goal is to provide a connection service to the separate agencies. For example, could pick up Ellis County riders at the county line and bring into Great Bend. To do this would require 14 busses, but that is down the road.

Commissioner Daily asked how many new jobs would be created. Prescott said they would hire a mechanic, interior wash bay will employ 1 or 2 clients, dispatcher, and probably a receptionist plus several more drivers.

Commissioner Daily moved to approve a Letter of Support for the Sunflower Diversified Services Grant Application for the Kansas Department of Transportation 2019 Access, Innovation and Collaboration Call for Public Transit Project application.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **IV. ENDING BUSINESS:**

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

## **V. OTHER BUSINESS:**

There was no other business.

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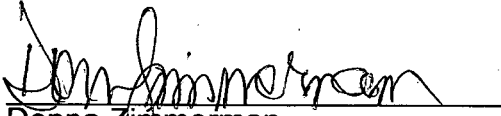
## VI. ADJOURN:

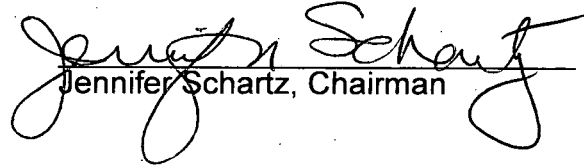
Commissioner Schremmer made a motion to adjourn at 9:25 A.M.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

  
Donna Zimmerman  
Barton County Clerk

  
Jennifer Schartz, Chairman