

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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April 6, 2020

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 6th day of April 2020, at the Barton County Courthouse.

Members present:

Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner, 2nd District
James R. Daily, Commissioner, 4th District
Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner, 5th District (Chairman Pro-Tem)
Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk
Phil Hathcock, County Administrator
Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor

Members attending via phone:

Don Davis, Commissioner, 3rd District

Members absent:

Kenny Schremmer, Commissioner, 1st District, Chairman

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

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

Commissioner Kruckenberg moved to approve the agenda.
Commissioner Daily seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Kruckenberg moved to approve the minutes of the March 30, 2020, Regular Meeting.
Commissioner Daily seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

III. 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 #12				
Property Types	Values	Escaped Taxes	Added / Abated	Refunds
Gas				
Oil				
Personal Property	-3,313		-\$573.10	\$219.86
Real Estate				
16/20 M Trucks				
State Assessed Utilities				
Special Assessments				

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Grand Totals	-3,313		-\$573.10	\$219.86
Total Taxes	-\$573.10			
Total Records Selected	6			

Commissioner Daily moved to the Listing of Added / Abated / Escaped / Refunded Taxes as reviewed by the County Appraiser and presented by the County Clerk and direct the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.

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

B. PROCLAMATION 2020-03: Sexual Assault Awareness Month:

-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, read the proclamation and asked the Commission for approval.

Commissioner Davis asked since the fundraisers are on hold, when do you need the donations. Wondra said they have future dates scheduled for both of their events due to COVID-19. Donations are welcome and always appreciated.

Commissioner Davis moved to adopt Proclamation 2020-04, Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month.

Commissioner Daily said we are on Proclamation 2020-03 not 04 yet.

Commissioner Davis moved to adopt Proclamation 2020-03, Sexual Assault Awareness Month.
Commissioner Daily seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

C. PROCLAMATION 2020-04: Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month:

-The Family Crisis Center has requested that a Proclamation be adopted declaring April, 2020, 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.

Joanne Wondra, Executive Director, read the proclamation and asked the Commission for approval.

Commissioner Schartz asked if the dynamics have changed due to children being home right now. Wondra said she would carefully say this is the quiet before the storm. Things seem to be fairly quiet right now but anticipates once things get back to normal that the numbers will be huge.

Commissioner Schartz said everyone needs to be vigilant. Wondra said yes, everyone should be vigilant and aware and to take notice if children are not out and about that you generally see for example.

Commissioner Daily moved to adopt Proclamation 2020-04, Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month.

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

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RESOLUTION 2020-08: Resolution for Approval of Conditional Land Use Permit for a Described Tract of Land:

-On March 17, 2020, the Barton County Planning Commission considered an application from Jeffrey Bosch for a Conditional Use Permit. Under that application, Bosch asked to build an additional dog kennel on the property at 423 Walnut Street, Heizer, Kansas. As Heizer is zoned an Unincorporated Community District, the kennel is allowed under conditional use in this zoning district. Judy Goreham, Environmental Manager, will provide details on the Planning Commissioner's recommendation to adopt the proposed Resolution approving the Conditional Land Use Permit.

Judy Goreham, Environmental Management Director, said in January 2016, JC Bosch built a kennel as a side job to raise and train hunting dogs. Goreham said this first kennel was fairly small and could house five to six dogs. Later that year, business was so good he quit his full time job as a linesman to go full time raising and training hunting dogs. The proposed kennel will have a drive-through right through the center for loading and unloading dogs regardless of weather. Meets zoning requirements and setbacks. There is nothing that would compromise his existing water well or the septic for his home.

Commissioner Daily asked how many new jobs would be created. Goreham said she was not sure how many would be created with the new kennel, but believes he already employs three or four people now. The kennels are heated and air-conditioned. Goreham said he has made numerous improvements to the City of Heizer.

Commissioner Schartz said Goreham had alluded earlier to there being some pretty well known clients and said that is very exciting.

Commissioner Daily said this sounds like an outstanding program. Goreham said it is a highly regulated program by others who have more regulations than the county does and noted he is constantly subject to inspections. Goreham said he has never had any violations.

Commissioner Daily moved to adopt Resolution 2020-08, Resolution for Approval of Conditional Land Use Permit for a Described Tract of Land.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

E. 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 Management Director, said every year on March 31 there are three planning commissioners whose term expires. Earl Moses, Wilmer Wegele and Kyle Krier's positions are all termed. Goreham said what is really exciting is that JC Bosch has applied for Kyle Krier's vacated position. If appointed seven members will be from the county with two from the cities.

Commissioner Daily moved to reappoint Earl Moses and Wilmer Wegele to the Barton County Planning Commission for uncompensated positions terming March 31st, 2023 and then appoint JC Bosch to the position vacated earlier also to end in March 31st of 2023.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

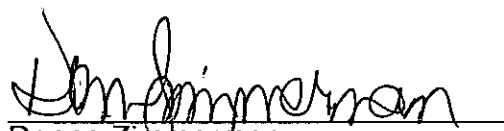
V. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Karen Winkelman, Interim Health Director: Last Monday our numbers in the State of Kansas were 319 confirmed with a total of 6 deaths. As of yesterday, Kansas is at 747 confirmed cases with 22 deaths. The age range with the highest number of confirmed cases is 20-44 age group, which comprises 28.8% of the confirmed. Dr. Lee Norman attributed that to a lot of these people are performing essential functions and also may not be taking this seriously. Governor Kelly's Executive Order No. 20-16 continues to be in effect until April 19th and may be extended. Her order brought about a lot of questions about what is essential and non-essential. Refer to the KEFF website. The Barton County Emergency Order effective March 27th that prohibits gathering of 10 or more continues to be in effect. Testing supplies continue to be in short supply. The State is looking at a new methodology where there would be the capacity to get results in about 45 minutes, however that is not yet available. Private labs are doing half of the testing. We continue to monitor the staff and clients. Working extra hours. Worked Saturday morning and then Saturday night on a suspect case. Most of their attention has been on contact investigation. Plan to collect specimens outside of their walls to protect their employees and environment.
- Comm Schartz: Asked if they have been able to contact all the people the first three cases came in contact with.
- Winkelman: Said she feels that they have.
- Winkelman: The Barton County Sheriff's Office is delivering Isolation/Quarantine orders. As of yesterday they had served 33 orders with more expected today. Prior to Thursday, the contacts were identified as people they had contact with when the symptoms started. Our guidance changed in that now they must look at individuals who they were around 48 hours prior to onset. Working on supplies and distribution. Department continuing with regular services such as Child Care Licensing, WIC, etc. The role of Public Health is to improve people's health. Some tough decisions have been made. Works with an incredible group of people both inside and outside of their walls. We will get through this together.
- Comm Daily: Anytime there is a serious situation, rumors abound. Do you hear the rumors and do you send folks out to see what is going on? There was a rumor that employees of a certain business that other employees outside the county came in from an area of the state that has a larger saturation of this virus. Is that fact or fiction. Are those things brought to your attention?
- Winkelman: Said she was familiar with what you are talking about. There is no restricted travel in the state from county to county. They do try to address any issues and concerns that come to their attention.
- Comm Kruckenberg: Are you going to look into getting masks so a guy does not have to wear a handkerchief? Winkelman: Said to come see her.
- Comm Schartz: Everyone should just stay home.
- Winkelman: Said Dr Norman said focus on just what is essential.

VI. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Kruckenberg made a motion to adjourn at 9:34 A.M.
Commissioner Daily seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:


Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk


Jennifer Schartz, Chairman Pro-Tem

PROCLAMATION 2020-03

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

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, Family Crisis Center, Inc in Barton County served 347 victims in 2019 and 63 victims in 2019 who identified sexual assault as their primary victimization; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, over 237 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, Family Crisis Center, Inc. is Barton County's local victim's advocacy and services program for people in our 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 April 2020, is Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Adopted this 6th day of April, 2020.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ABSENT

Kenny Schremmer, Chairman

James R Daily, Commissioner

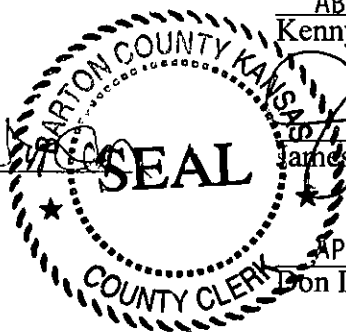
APPROVED VIA PHONE
Don Davis, Commissioner

Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner

Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Donna Zimmerman
County Clerk



PROCLAMATION 2020-04

CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH

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 Family Crisis Child Advocacy Center, Kansas Children Service League, Central Kansas Court Appointed Special Advocates, Department for Children and Families, St. Francis Ministries, Child Abuse Prevention and Education, University of Kansas Health Systems – Great Bend Campus SANE program, 20th 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, 2020, 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 6th day of April, 2020.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ABSENT

Kenny Schremmer, Chairman

James R. Daily, Commissioner

APPROVED VIA PHONE
Don Davis, Commissioner

Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner

Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Donna Zimmerman
County Clerk



RESOLUTION 2020-08

**RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL OF CONDITIONAL LAND USE PERMIT
FOR A DESCRIBED TRACT OF LAND**

WHEREAS, on January 28, 2013, the Barton County Planning Commission recommended to the Board of Barton County Commissioners the adoption of the Barton County Zoning Regulations, including the Official Zoning Map of Barton County, Version II. Said recommendation resulting in the adoption of the current version of the Zoning Regulations; and

WHEREAS, on the 17th day of March, 2020, the Planning Commission approved a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners to take action on zoning conditional land use of a certain tract of land.

WHEREAS, that the Barton County Planning Commission recommends that:

The tract of land being situated in the SE/4, Section 5, Township 19 South, Range 14 West in the County of Barton, State of Kansas, more specifically located as follows: 423 Walnut Street, Heizer, KS 67530.

Currently zoned as Unincorporated Community District shall be Approved for Jeffrey Bosch a Conditional Land Use Permit to construct another Dog Kennel in his back yard – As said conditional use is allowed under the Barton County Zoning Regulations, Version II, Article III, District Regulations, Part 6. Unincorporated Community District, Section 3-601 (B) Conditional Uses (19) Veterinary Hospitals and Kennels.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, hereby adopts the recommendation of the Barton County Planning Commission as contained herein; and

FURTHER, that the Secretary of the Planning Board is hereby directed to have said revision reflected in the official zoning records of Barton County and that a method be established for tracking this and future actions taken in zoning areas.

ADOPTED this 6th day of April, 2020.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ABSENT

Kenny Schremmer, Chair

APPROVED VIA PHONE

Don Davis, Commissioner

Walter Kruckenberg, Commissioner

Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner

James R Daily, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Donna Zimmerman

Donna Zimmerman
County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

APPROVED VIA E-MAIL

Patrick G. Hoffman,
County Counselor

