

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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December 14, 2020

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 14th day of December 2020, at the Barton County Courthouse.

Members present:

VACANT, Commissioner, 1st District
Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner, 2nd District
James R. Daily, Commissioner, 4th District *(Chairman Pro-Tem)*
Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner, 5th District Chairman
Bev Schmeidler, Assistant Deputy County Clerk
Phil Hathcock, County Administrator
Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor

Members attending via Teams®:

Don Davis, Commissioner, 3rd District
Donna Zimmerman, Barton County Clerk

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

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

Roll Call taken by County Clerk.

Commissioner Daily moved to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Davis moved to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2020, the November 9, 2020, and the November 23, 2020, Regular Meetings.

Commissioner Daily seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Minutes of the December 7, 2020, Regular Meeting were not available.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

A. COUNTY CLERK: Approval of Township Treasurer Bonds:

-Pursuant to K.S.A. 80-203, before entering office, the township treasurer shall execute a bond in an amount determined by the County Commissioners. The amount and sufficiency of the bond shall be conditioned upon the faithful discharge of the treasurer's duties. The bond shall then be filed in the office of the County Clerk.

Bev Schmeidler, Assistant Deputy County Clerk, presented the recommended bond amounts.

Commissioner Daily moved to approve the Township Treasurer Bonds as recommended by the County Clerk's Office.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE: Request for Approval – Added / Abated / Escaped / Refunded

Taxes:

-Ms. Schmeidler 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.

Bev Schmeidler, Assistant Deputy County Clerk, presented the following tax roll adjustments:

| BATCH #1 | | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|-----------|
| Property Types | Values | Escaped Taxes | Added / Abated | Refunds |
| Gas | | | | |
| Oil | - 7,721 | \$ 154.26 | -\$ 1,497.60 | |
| Personal Property | -41,370 | | -\$ 6,948.46 | \$ 76.32 |
| Real Estate | -12,510 | | -\$ 2,326.90 | |
| 16/20 M Trucks | - 393 | | -\$ 60.00 | \$ 24.00 |
| State Assessed Utilities | | | | |
| Special Assessments | | | | |
| Grand Totals | -61,994 | \$ 154.26 | -\$10,832.96 | \$ 100.32 |
| Total Taxes | -\$10,678.70 | | | |
| Total Records Selected | 158 | | | |

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

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

C. USDA DISTANCE LEARNING AND TELEMEDICINE GRANT PROGRAM: Matching Funds:

-Barton, Ellsworth, Rice and Russell Counties were awarded the USDA Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant award for \$781,126.96. During the October 26, 2020 agenda meeting, the Commissioners directed Sue Cooper, Grant Coordinator, to search for additional funding to be used for Barton County's required portion of the match, totaling \$84,242.31. Funds have been awarded through the Dorothy M. Morrison Foundation and the Golden Belt Community Foundation.

Sue Cooper, Grant Coordinator, said Golden Belt Community Foundation has graciously awarded Barton County \$41,000 for matching funds for the USDA Telemedicine Grant. Cooper said this would lessen the burden and was very grateful for the award of funds. Teresa Powelson, Golden Belt Community Foundation, was present for a photo after the meeting. Cooper said the Dorothy M. Morrison Foundation also awarded Barton County \$20,000 towards the fund match and noted Katherine Opie assisted with that application.

Commissioner Daily asked what these grants will help us do.

Cooper said the grant will provide technology equipment for the Health Department, Sheriff's Office, Central Kansas Community Corrections and Juvenile Services. This will allow them to access telehealth and medical services for the people that they serve.

Commissioner Schartz said this was all up and coming when we hit the pandemic. Schartz said it is interesting that we were able to get into this grant cycle and get this funding. Sue Cooper has been worth weight in gold this year and appreciated all the effort that she had gone through in seeking out grants. County will still have \$20,000 left to come up with out of the over \$781,000. Schartz asked if we would be able to have any in-kind services for installation to make up our match or do we have to pay the

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5,000. Cooper said it would have to be cash but noted that installation was included with the equipment. They will also provide training for staff for Barton County. The extended service areas will also receive the same equipment so it will help us to work cooperatively throughout the area.

Commissioner Schartz asked Cooper when the equipment would be in place. Cooper said there are supply chain shortages, especially with technology, and noted some orders have been placed. The equipment for other counties will not be purchased until they provide their associated match. Cooper said she anticipates sometime by the spring of 2021 with an implementation in the summer or fall.

Commissioner Daily said Cooper is doing an outstanding job and all her efforts were appreciated.

Commissioner Daily moved to accept the \$20,000.00 grant from the Dorothy M. Morrison Foundation and the \$41,000.00 from the Golden Belt Community Foundation to support the match requirement for the USDA Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

D. COUNTY WORKS: Update of Equipment Radios:

-The County Works Department has mounted radios in equipment to facilitate work assignments. Darren Williams, County Works Director, requests authority to replace a portion of those units with 800 megahertz radios. The suggested project includes refurbished Motorola XTL 2500 radios, antenna and installation. If approved, it is suggested that the billings be paid through the Equipment Replacement Fund.

Darren Williams, County Works Director, said he received a quote for 66 refurbished radios with the total cost not exceeding \$30,000. Williams said there is money available in the Equipment Replacement Fund and requested approval.

Commissioner Daily asked when he planned to start replacing the radios. Williams said probably not until spring due to snow season. Williams said the new radios would not be compatible with the current radios and we cannot have employees who are not able to communicate with one another. Williams said everything will have to be switched over to 800 MHz by the end of 2021.

Commissioner Schartz asked if he had any qualms about the radios being used. Williams said no, the Sheriff's Office and Landfill had both had good luck with the used radios.

Commissioner Schartz stated that the used radios were about 1/10th the cost of new ones, so we could replace them numerous times and still be money ahead.

Commissioner Daily moved to approve the purchase of refurbished Motorola XTL 2500 radios, with antenna and programming. Cost, estimated not to exceed \$30,000.00, to be paid through the Equipment Replacement Fund, Road and Bridge Line, 072-00-6485.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

E. BOARD APPOINTMENT: Memorial Parks Advisory Committee:

-The Memorial Parks Advisory Committee is charged with advising and assisting the Commission regarding the care and maintenance of the Barton County Owned and Operated Memorial Parks and Cemetery. With not less than five, nor more than seven members, there are two positions open, terming in July, 2024.

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Curran Williams, County Works Director, said they received one application from John Haberman who has been instrumental on the Memorial Parks Committee for a number of years and recommended his appointment.

Commissioner Daily moved to reappoint John Haberman to the Barton County Memorial Parks Advisory Committee. The uncompensated term ends July 1, 2024.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

F. BOARD APPOINTMENT: The Center for Counseling and Consultation:

-The County solicited applicants for The Center for Counseling and Consultation Governing Board. This Board reviews and makes recommendations on mental health services in Barton County and the surrounding area. Richard Bealer has applied for an unexpired position.

Phil Hathcock, County Administrator, said they received applications for The Center for Counseling Governing Board. Richard Bealer applied for an unexpired position and recommended his appointment.

Commissioner Schartz said he would be an excellent addition to the board as he brings a lot of experience and information about mental health.

Commissioner Daily moved to appoint Richard Bealer to The Center for Counseling and Consultation Governing Board. The term expiring December 31, 2021, is uncompensated.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2: Appointment of a Board of Trustees:

Per Resolution 2018-10, which created Fire District No. 2, the members of the Fire District Board of Trustees shall consist of not more than one (1) appointee from each participating township and not more than one (1) from each participating city. Trustee positions were advertised for North and South Homestead Township and for the City of Susank for terms expiring in 2022 and an unfilled position for Union Township which would term in 2021. All terms are uncompensated.

Phil Hathcock, County Administrator, said the following three appointees of the Fire District No. 2 Board expire this year: Richard Lacey, Brandon Yeakley and Jackie DeBusk. Hathcock said the open positions were advertised and they also contacted each of the individuals. Jackie DeBusk was the only one that submitted an application.

Commissioner Schartz asked if there were enough board members for the board to function.

Hathcock said yes, they are required to have at least three members but not more than nine. There are four others whose terms expire at the end of 2021.

Commissioner Davis moved to appoint Jacqueline DeBusk to represent the City of Susank on the Board of Trustees for Fire District No. 2, County of Barton, Kansas. Said appointee shall serve for a term ending December 31, 2022.

Commissioner Daily seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed

H. OCCUPANCY AGREEMENTS: 12th and Kansas, Great Bend:

-As a means of community support, the Cottonwood Extension Council and the State of Kansas Parole are housed in the county office building at 1208 Kansas, Great Bend. Each agency reimburses Barton County for a portion of the building's utility costs. The proposed agreements are set to expire December 31, 2021.

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Bill Hathcock, County Administrator, said each year we address an occupancy agreement with Cottonwood Extension Council and the State of Kansas Parole Office that are housed in 1208 Kansas Street. Hathcock said the county provides office space at no cost with them paying for their own utilities.

Commissioner Schartz asked Donna Krug from Cottonwood Extension if she would like to say anything. Krug said they appreciate the space and noted it works well.

Commissioner Davis moved to approve the Occupancy Agreements for the Cottonwood Extension Office and the State of Kansas Parole Office with the Agreements set to expire December 31, 2021. Direct staff to submit the approved Agreement to the appropriate agency.

Commissioner Daily seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

IV. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

V. OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business.

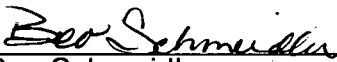
VIII. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Davis made a motion to adjourn at 9:23 A.M.

Commissioner Daily seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:


Bev Schmeidler
Barton County Assistant Deputy Clerk


Jennifer Schartz, Chairman