

# Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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July 20, 2020

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 20th day of July 2020, at the Barton County Courthouse.

*Members present:*

Kenny Schremmer, Commissioner, 1st District, Chairman  
Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner, 2nd District  
James R. Daily, Commissioner, 4th District  
Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk  
Phil Hathcock, County Administrator  
Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor

*Members attending via phone / Teams:*

Don Davis, Commissioner, 3rd District  
Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner, 5th District (Chairman Pro-Tem)

## I. OPENING BUSINESS:

Commissioner Schremmer 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 Daily moved to approve the minutes of the July 6th Regular Meeting.  
Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.  
voted aye. Motion passed.

Minutes of the July 13, 2020, Regular Meeting were not available.

## II. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:

-An Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of July 6, 2020, and ending July 20, 2020.

Commissioner Daily moved to approve appropriations for the period of July 6, 2020, to July 20, 2020.  
Authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.  
Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

## III. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

## IV. 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 and the year-to-date RECAP:

BATCH #18				
Property Types	Values	Escaped Taxes	Added / Abated	Refunds

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Gas			
Oil			
Personal Property	-21,578	-\$3,533.80	\$142.58
Real Estate	- 1,275	-\$ 233.40	\$233.40
16/20 M Trucks		-\$ 57.18	
State Assessed Utilities			
Special Assessments			
<b>Grand Totals</b>	<b>-22,853</b>	<b>-\$3,824.38</b>	<b>\$375.98</b>
<b>Total Taxes</b>	<b>-\$3,824.38</b>		
Total Records Selected	7		

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 Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## B. SOLID WASTE: Local Recycling Grant – 2019 Outcomes:

-In 2019, the Commission granted Sunflower Diversified \$15,000.00 for recycling with an understanding that the funds would be utilized for local recycling programs. The funding was paid, in full, from the Solid Waste Budget. Jon Prescott, Executive Director, Sunflower Diversified Services, will provide details on the use of the grant monies.

Jon Prescott, Sunflower Diversified Services Executive Director, said have 146 employees up 21 from last year. Prescott said they 122 adult clients and of that number they have 8 clients that work in manufacturing making door mats and wrapping hoses, they have 12 clients in shredding, 47 clients work in recycling and 9 clients have achieved retirement. Prescott said they have 46 clients that are fully disabled and need total care. Their client payroll was \$302,351 and their employee payroll was \$3,783,413. Shared photos of some of the clients in their recycling program. They bale 49 4'X4'X4' gaylords of plastic into one 1,500-pound bale of plastic.

Commissioner Daily asked what chipped plastic is like. Prescott said it is chipped into 1/16" squares. Daily asked if it chips bottle caps. Prescott said it chips it all. Prescott said they are looking for a grant to replace their bailer.

Prescott said they still cannot accept Wesson oil type containers as they are unable to get the oil out of the container. Commissioner Daily said some communities are required to clean out the containers. Prescott said they just cannot get them clean enough for them.

Prescott said they spent \$18,000 on a replacement shredder, \$4,000 on the chipper and \$1,500 on three small shredders that were delivered to the client homes while they were at-home during the COVID shut-down. They purchased the Kimple Furniture old box truck for \$24,000. Also added four new client positions. One new client has transitioned to a regular staff position. Also entered into the electronic recycling business. Recycling trailer on Main Street is a total success. Looking to add three more client positions. Prescott said they started charging business clients \$12 per month to drop off in 2018/2019.

Commissioner Davis suggested Jon Prescott get in touch with Wal-Mart about cardboard baling.

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Commissioner Schartz said in past years they struggled to find enough people to take the recycled product. Prescott said some companies shut them down and noted the market for recycled goods is still low. Prescott said their confidential shredding is starting to pick up business and noted they are less expensive. They have grown from six shredding clients to sixteen and have seventy-three special pick-up projects this year with close to 3 million pounds of shredding. Prescott said curbside recycling is still on their wish list.

Commissioner Daily asked about doing a recycling test area. Prescott said they have already done their studies and noted the Unruh Brothers have already agreed to pick-up. Looking to start it in the North-West quadrant of the city at \$15 per month per household.

Information Only. No Action Required.

## **C. LEASE AGREEMENT: Linsner Property – Road and Bridge Storage:**

-Barton County wishes to expand a current lease to approximately 5 acres in the NE/4, Section 16-T17S-R14S to store materials and equipment used for the construction and maintenance of roadways. Leased from Kirby and Linda Linsner, it is suggested that the updated lease be extended to October, 2025, with an annual payment of \$850.00.

Phil Hathcock, County Administrator, said the county has leased approximately an acre from Kirby Linsner in the past and would like to lease approximately 5 acres at \$4,250.

Commissioner Daily asked how long you expect the additional property to last. Darren Williams said it should meet our needs forever.

Hathcock said the land is basically a terrace on top of a hill, so the landowner is not able to farm it. The lease is a beneficial for both parties.

Commissioner Schartz asked how much this would save the county. Hathcock said it could save quite a bit as the sand would be close by for sand sealing.

Commissioner Daily moved to approve the Lease Agreement with Kirby and Linda Linsner for approximately 5 acres in the NE/4, Section 16-T17S-R14S. Annual cost to be paid from the Road and Bridge Fund, Right of Way Line, 002-92-6270.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **D. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: Content Filter System:**

-Barton County uses a content filter system for all County facilities regardless of location. The current cloud-based security platform provides multiple levels of defense against internet-based threats and extends protection from the network to branch offices to roaming users.

Dereck Hollingshead, Network Administrator / IT Service Technician, said we need to renew our county-wide content filter. It is a cloud-based security platform and second layer of defense. Allows lap-tops, while in use at home, to be protected as well. Hollingshead said 2018 and 2019 were a bit more than what we will pay this year.

Commissioner Daily moved to approve the three-year option from SHI at a cost of \$12,772.40. Cost to be paid from Information Technology Account of the General Fund, Licensing line, 001-24-5423.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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## ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

## VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

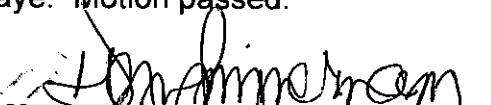
- Karen Winkelman, Health Director: 58 overtime hours in the last two weeks with nursing being 37 of those hours. Looking at PPE storage options. Grants wrapped up last week. Over 800 isolation/quarantine orders issued. 75 positive cases/3 confirmed deaths. Continue to have state updates 3 times per week. Governor updates periodically. Dr. Norman updates each Wednesday. State announced on 7/17 @ 3pm Kansas had an increase of over 1,000 cases from last Wednesday to Friday. Kansas is now 18<sup>th</sup> highest in the state for cases. Other states are placing travel quarantines on people entering from the state of Kansas. Working with Sue Cooper and Matt Patzner on funding opportunities. Working on an Epidemiology Lab Capacity Cooperative Agreement which would provide \$70,000 for wages and overtime retroactive back to January 1<sup>st</sup>. Two other grants: CARE Resource Coordination Grant and the Expanded Testing Grant. Mobile unit will come in handy. School guidance 1,100-page document. Multiple districts have been in contact. Seeing increased numbers as a result of a lot of large gatherings. Even though events may have been well planned, it is sometimes after the event that gatherings happen. With the help of Amy Miller, the National Guard and Blackhawk, a medication called remdesivir was flown in to an individual.
- Comm Daily: Asked about storing PPE in the mobile trailer. Winkelman said they have the trailer but are waiting on some detailing to be done. Have not used it yet. Have flu clinics already planned.
- Comm Schartz: Have you been able to secure the refrigerators yet. Winkelman said they have not had the time yet. Have a dorm size refrigerator in the unit. They take Styrofoam containers to store the medicine in.
- Hathcock: Those overtime hours do not include Winkelman's hours. Would probably double the hours.
- Winkelman: Stress level increased with people not having to call them with positive cases now.
- Comm Daily: Unfortunate we have had the deaths we have had in our county. Are they sure the last death is a COVID death or is it an illness with COVID? Winkelman said whenever there are comorbidities and COVID is a factor, it is listed as a COVID related death with KDHE.
- Comm Daily: We have 75 confirmed cases, obviously we have a good recovery rate. How many have recovered in the hospital and how many recovered at home. Winkelman said she does not have a number. A lot of information on social media. Tries to stay away from it due to the inaccuracy.
- Comm Kruckenber: Is there a recommendation on wearing masks. Comm Daily said there is no mandate.


Commissioner Daily made a motion to adjourn at 9:56 A.M.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

  
Donna Zimmerman  
Barton County Clerk

  
Kenny Schremmer, Chairman