

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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May 1, 2020

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 1st day of May 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
Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner, 5th District *(Chairman Pro-Tem)*
Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk
Phil Hathcock, County Administrator

Members attending via phone / Teams:

Don Davis, Commissioner, 3rd District
Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

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

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

Commissioner Davis moved to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2020, Regular Meeting.
Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

A. RESOLUTION 2020-09: A Resolution Concerning Access to Barton County Buildings During a Public Health Emergency and Rescinding Resolution 2020-07, Adopted March 20, 2020:

-The Commission will be asked to consider the adoption of a Resolution establishing guidelines for operation of County buildings during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Phil Hathcock, County Administrator, said this resolution would open the courthouse back up with limited access. Due to the courts needing to operate next week and make plans to subpoena people, we contacted Judge Keeley who does have things planned for next week. This resolution would give you an opportunity to reopen the courthouse to the public. This plan would open the west doors to the public where visitors would be screened for travel history, fever and symptoms. The resolution allows department heads to restrict access to their departments since they know their departments best. We will still have the Barton County Annex building open for the Treasurer to operate from. There are two different options for reopening the courthouse. One option is to open Monday, May 4th or Monday, May 11th. They do have some court actions planned for next week, but the Judge has said he could work with us.

Commissioner Daily asked who is going to man the door. Hathcock said Sheriff Bellendir said he would have two people available to man the door. The East door will be locked, but employees can continue to enter through Facilities.

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Commissioner Schremmer asked why we wouldn't have both entrances open. Hathcock said it would require four deputies for the public would enter through both doors in order to screen visitors. Pam Wornkey asked why we are changing from east to west doors; the public has been coming to the east side doors for business the last month. Hathcock said parking would be better on the west side for the public with employees parking on the east side.

Commissioner Schartz said she thinks it great to open the courthouse, but what are we doing to keep our employees safe? Hathcock said maintaining social distances and limiting access to the offices. The Treasurer and the Register of Deeds have received quotes for screens to provide protection for their offices.

Commissioner Daily moved to adopt Resolution 2020-09, A Resolution Concerning Access to Barton County Buildings During a Public Health Emergency and Rescinding Resolution 2020-07, Adopted March 20, 2020 opening May 4th.
Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE: COVID-19:

-Karen Winkelman, Interim Health Director, will provide an update relative to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Karen Winkelman, Interim Health Director, provided an update of statistics as available on the KDHE website. 138 Isolation / Quarantine orders have been issued with 35 remaining active. In Kansas, we have a testing rate of approximately 1%. Barton has a rate of 0.5% testing rate. Access to testing supplies has been a factor. We have nine positives with 153 tests performed on Barton County residents so far. We continue to be vigilant to the threat. We must continue with mitigation efforts that include handwashing, social distancing, using hand sanitizer when it is available and wearing cloth masks in public. Social distancing at 6 feet is very important. Also important that our community follows the quarantine and isolation orders that they have been served. Winkelman urged everyone to avoid unnecessary travel as much as possible. Winkelman said later this afternoon she would be issuing Order 2020-02 rescinding Emergency Health Order 2020-01.

Commissioner Schartz said she heard somewhere where they suggested journaling what they did when they go out so they can report it if needed. Winkelman said having it journaled would be a big help and noted it is hard to remember two weeks back.

Commissioner Daily said one of the things that is not changing, at least for 14 days, is the number of folks that can gather in one spot, they are leaving that at 10. With the courthouse opening back up, departments will need to be mindful of the limitations. We need to be sure we are being diligent and keeping people far enough apart. Interesting when the governor talked that nothing really changes for the next 14 days. We will gradually be opening back up. We need to use masks. Do we have masks we can give people? We need hand sanitizer stations for people coming in.

Commissioner Daily asked Winkelman if she anticipated issuing another order since we are going to see an increase in our numbers from 10 to 30 to 90 by mid-June. Winkelman said she is anticipating an increase in our numbers due to community testing. Winkelman said she has a plan in place to finalize and submit to KDHE for point-of-test drive thru testing. She wants the data to be quality data to base our future decisions on. Very important that data collected be good quality data.

Commissioner Daily asked if you are looking at drive thru testing. Winkelman said yes, you have less exposure and use less PPE on drive thru testing. Hathcock said they would only test symptomatic people. Winkelman said they would follow KDHE recommendations.

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IV. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

V. OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business.

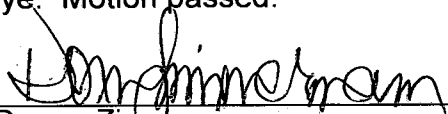
VI. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Kruckenberg made a motion to adjourn at 9:24 A.M.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:


Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk


Kenny Schremmer, Chairman

RESOLUTION 2020-09

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING ACCESS TO BARTON COUNTY BUILDINGS DURING A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION 2020-07, ADOPTED MARCH 20, 2020

WHEREAS, public health officials on National, State and Local levels recommended limiting unnecessary person to person contact as a means to slow the spread of the current COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic beginning in March, 2020; and

WHEREAS, such conditions endanger the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Barton County, Kansas, have now been lessened.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BARTON COUNTY, KANSAS, that Resolution 2020-07, Concerning Access to Barton County Buildings During a Public Health Emergency, Adopted March 20, 2020, is hereby rescinded and that certain County office buildings shall be reopened to the public effective 8:00 AM CST May 4, 2020.

County Operations:

1. Unless an employee falls within "at risk" as defined by separate employee policies, all County employees will continue to maintain normal business hours and perform assigned tasks until further notice;
2. Departments are encouraged to conduct business via telephonic and / or electronic means of communication whenever possible; and
3. Department Heads are to develop department specific protocols setting forth which items of business will require an in-person transaction and which items of business may be performed by another means of communication.

Access to the Barton County Courthouse

1. Effective at 8:00 AM CST May 4, 2020, the west doors will be opened for public access to the Courthouse. Screening of visitors will be performed by checking temporal temperatures and travel history.

Other County Buildings

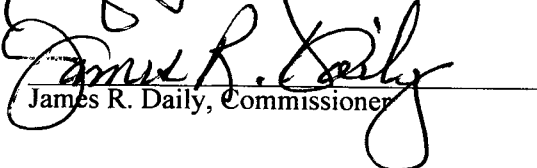
1. Effective at 8:00 AM CST May 4, 2020, other county buildings may have limited access, or operate by appointment only.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon adoption and shall remain in effect until further notice.

Adopted this 1st day of May, 2020.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Kenny Schreiner, Chairman

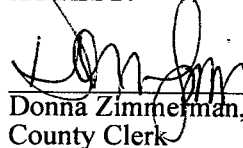

James R. Daily, Commissioner

Electronic Approval via Telephone
Don Davis, Commissioner


Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner


Jennifer Scharz, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Donna Zimmerman,
County Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Electronic Approval
Patrick Hoffman,
County Counselor