

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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September 14, 2020

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 14th day of September 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
Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor

Members attending via phone / Teams:

Don Davis, Commissioner, 3rd District

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

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

Commissioner Daily moved to approve the agenda with the subtraction of C for Proclamation 2020-09. Amy cannot be here, so it needs to be taken off the agenda.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the minutes of the August 31, 2020, Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Daily seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

II. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:

-An Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of August 31, 2020, and ending September 14, 2020.

Commissioner Daily moved to approve appropriations for the period of August 31, 2020, to September 14, 2020 and 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 #21				
Property Types	Values	Escaped Taxes	Added / Abated	Refunds

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Gas				
Oil				
Personal Property	- 45,265		-\$ 8,323.54	\$ 473.26
Real Estate	- 4,009		-\$ 468.12	\$ 468.12
16/20 M Trucks				
State Assessed Utilities				
Special Assessments				
Grand Totals	- 49,274		-\$ 8,791.66	\$ 941.38
Total Taxes	-\$ 8,791.66			
Total Records Selected	11			

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

Commissioner Daily seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. BOARD APPOINTMENTS: Solid Waste Planning Committee:

-Per KSA 65-3405, Barton County is required to form and maintain a Solid Waste Planning Committee to develop and perform an annual review of the Solid Waste Management Plan, which is then approved by the Commission. This committee is comprised of representatives of Cities, Counties and private industry served by the Barton County Landfill. It is suggested that Jon Prescott, Sunflower Diversified, be pointed to the Committee for an uncompensated four-year term.

Phil Hathcock, County Administrator, said the main focus of this committee is to do the annual review of the Solid Waste Management Plan. This plan lays out how the county handles its waste such as recycling and how the waste is picked up. It does not cover the operation of the landfill. By statute they must review the plan and revise it annually with a re-write every 5 years.

Hathcock said Jon Prescott requested to serve on this committee and noted Sunflower has been heavily involved with recycling.

Commissioner Daily moved to appoint Jon Prescott, Sunflower Diversified, to an uncompensated four-year term on the Solid Waste Planning Committee.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

C. PROCLAMATION 2020-09: National Recovery Month, September, 2020:

-Substance misuse exacts more than \$740 billion annually in costs related to crime, lost work productivity and health care. In addition, the impact of substance misuse on family dynamics increase the likelihood of Acute Childhood Experiences (ACEs). Amy Boxberger, CKCC Director and Rise Up Central Kansas community member, will present Proclamation 2020-09, National Recovery Month, September, 2020, which details the impact of recovery through better management of health, home, purpose and community.

(ITEM REMOVED)

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PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE: COVID-19:

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

Karen Winkelman, Public Health Director, noted both Lindsey Ensley, Nurse Supervisor, and Deb Higgins, staff nurse were also present. Winkelman said the numbers have increased and that is nothing that was not expected. It is now "Community Spread" which is that point where you cannot identify where someone contracted the disease. We have had a tremendous amount of community impost. Winkelman said the importance and value of quarantine has not changed and she said she could not express that enough. The incubation period is a very critical time frame and when you are identified as having close contact to a positive case. You are infectious 48 hours before symptoms start. The delivery method for quarantine recommendations is the only action that will change. The community has been very vocal and expressed the need to be responsible for themselves. Recommended quarantine letters are what will be mailed from this point going forward. The letters will include the beginning and end date of recommended quarantine and other information. Winkelman said the Health Department will still have conversation with the individuals.

Commissioner Daily asked by mailing them it will take the Sheriff out of the mix. Winkelman said for quarantine yes, but isolation orders will continue to be handled as they have in the past with the Sheriff or deputies delivering those orders. Winkelman noted they are still required by statute to investigate cases and do contact tracing. KDHE started last Wednesday releasing clusters of positives to provide information to the public. If there are 5 or more cases, KDHE will publicly publish that information. Packing plants and private business clusters will be released when there are 20 or more cases. Infection control has been continually stressed. Winkelman said we are at the 6-month mark in this pandemic. Stressed the importance of wearing masks, social distancing, washing hands frequently, disinfecting high touch surfaces, avoiding mass gatherings. These actions will help balance the need for public safety. Want to keep children in the classrooms and help our educators and children.

Commissioner Daily asked of the 366 cases how many unfortunate deaths have we had and how many are active cases. Winkelman said 5 deaths. As for the active cases, still working on that information this morning. That number is so fluid.

Commissioner Schartz asked if our numbers are going up at a higher rate than other communities in Kansas. Winkelman said she cannot speak on what is going on in other communities. The positivity rate is a good example of what is going on. The positivity rate is only determined by the PCR (top of the line) test. The positivity rate in only taken from the tests that they do in addition to a few other providers. The antigen and rapid tests are not included in the positivity rate.

Information Only. No Action Required.

E. PROCEDURAL UPDATE:

-Sheriff Brian Bellendir will provide an update.

Sheriff Bellendir said he wanted to provide an update on things that might impact the budget. No known cases in the jail currently. Their three earlier cases all remained asymptomatic and released from quarantine last Saturday. The danger is getting the virus in the facility from the outside. When prisoners come into the jail, they are isolated for 10 days. PPE is required by all staff and any other officer entering the facility. Aggressively cleaning and fogging the facility every day. Sheriff Bellendir said they bought a fruit fogger for orchards. The reason is their ceilings are so high. Using chemical from Fuller Brush that is designed for this purpose. Sheriff Bellendir said he is going to continue to suspend visitation and walk-in VIN inspections and noted they have also tested several personnel.

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Sheriff Bellendir said he received a call last Wednesday from the Captain of the Great Bend Police Department who said they are running out of personnel due to COVID issues and asked for assistance. As of last Thursday, they are currently moving their detectives to uniformed road patrol.

Commissioner Daily asked if they had a whole shift quarantined. Bellendir said yes, a whole shift and part of the command staff and detective which has essentially cleared their ranks out. Sheriff Bellendir said effective last Wednesday, he ordered Communications to notify them of any battery, homicide, suicide, assault, aggravated battery, robbery, unattended death and noted a Sheriff's Deputy would be responding. Sheriff Bellendir said that was well within his authority to protect the citizens of Barton County. Bellendir said he has also allowed Sheriff Deputies to volunteer for overtime at peak activity times (Friday and Saturday nights) to assist. Overtime is at 58% used. Does not know how long he will continue. May depend on what happens in the other police departments. Have cancelled shifts meeting for the daily briefings. Does not want to expose every shift. Not requiring cops to wear masks on the streets but encourages them to use common sense. They should wear a mask when entering a home for example. Administrative Assistant meets records staff on the sidewalk. Whatever can be done to limit exposure. Going to start answering calls in Great Bend.

Commissioner Schartz said she appreciates his willingness to help the city. Also appreciates the steps he has taken to protect his staff. Sheriff Bellendir said his officers not having to deliver quarantine orders will also be somewhat of a relief.

Information Only. No Action Required.

V. ENDING BUSINESS:

Announcements 2. Appointments

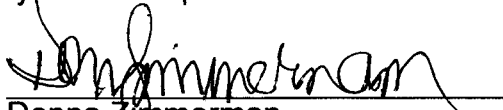
VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business.

VII. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Schartz made a motion to adjourn at 9: A.M.
Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk



Kenny Schremmer, Chairman