

# Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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July 26, 2021

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 26th day of July 2021, at the Barton County Courthouse.

## *Members present:*

Kirby Krier, Commissioner, 1st District  
Barb Esfeld, Commissioner, 2nd District  
Shawn Hutchinson, Commissioner, 3<sup>rd</sup> District (*Chairman Pro-Tem*)  
James R. Daily, Commissioner, 4th District, Chairman  
Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner, 5th District  
Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk  
Phil Hathcock, County Administrator  
Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor

## **I. OPENING BUSINESS:**

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

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2021, Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **RESOLUTION 2021-15: A Resolution Establishing a Regular Meeting Schedule for the County Commission and Rescinding Resolution 2017-12, Same, Adopted July 24, 2017:**

-KSA 19-206 authorizes the Commission to meet in regular session on such days and at such times each month as may be determined. Said meeting schedule is to be established through the adoption of a Resolution. A discussion to determine if the Commission wishes to meet weekly on Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. in regular session, rather than Mondays, resulted in this item being tabled on July 19, 2021. Chairman James R. Daily will lead this week's discussion on the adoption of the proposed Resolution to change the meeting date to Wednesdays.

Commissioner Daily said as he thought about it further, the newspapers would get the information a week late which is no good.

Commissioner Hutchinson said we could let it die and bring it up at another time.

Commissioner Esfeld said she visited with a few department heads who said Mondays are busy for them.

Commissioner Krier suggested starting at 10:00 A.M. instead of 9:00 A.M. in order to allow people to get their day started.

Commissioner Schartz said they didn't have time last week to discuss this and suggested let it die for now and discuss again later.

Commissioner Daily suggested we contact the news media to see if we can make it work down the line.

Commissioner Krier suggested no action be taken.

## **III. NEW BUSINESS:**

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## **CENTRAL KANSAS COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS: Behavioral Health Revised Budget for Fiscal Year 2022:**

-The Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC) provided an opportunity for agencies to apply for Behavioral Health funding to support services to lower revocation rates as a supplement to the regular grant. Although Central Kansas Community Corrections submitted a request of \$55,350.00, KDOC allocated only \$15,350.00. Excluded was the proposed peer mentoring program, as KDOC denied any new positions in FY22. A revised budget is submitted to reflect changes in programming for behavioral health planning and vouchers for indigent offenders.

Amy Boxberger, CKCC Director, said they did not receive everything as requested. Boxberger explained the peer mentoring program was not funded which leaves \$15,350 for indigent services.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the Fiscal Year 2022 Revised Budget Narrative and Budget Summary – Behavioral Health in the amount of \$15,350.00 and authorize the Commission Chairman to sign Grant Forms as needed.

Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **B. REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL: 2021 Highway Striping Project:**

-Barton County accepted proposals for the 2021 Highway Striping Project until July 13, 2021. Works includes centerline and edge line striping on approximately 101 miles of County roadway. Straight-Line Striping, Inc. submitted bidding documents that provided for an estimated quantity of both white and yellow paint as well as the glass beads needed to stripe. The actual quantities of each material used by the contractor will be paid for at the unit prices submitted.

Curry McManaman, County Engineer, said the Road & Bridge department is in the middle of their sand bluing program and following that will be busy with chip sealing. The roads will then need striped. McManaman said the only bid received was from Straight Line Striping who has done their work for several years. They will stripe 101 miles which is 1.45 million lineal feet.

Commissioner Krier moved to award the contract for the 2021 Highway Striping Project to Straight Line Striping Inc for bid price of \$107,972.53. Bid cost to be paid from the Road and Bridge Fund, Contract Construction Line, 002-92-6250. In addition, to authorize the Commission Chairman to sign the Notice of Award and the Project Agreement.

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion.

Commissioner Schartz said \$107,000 is a lot of money to put down. Schartz said since the county has always done it, they must continue, otherwise they could have a lot of liability.

Commissioner Krier said the taxpayers especially want the white striping. Krier said it is money well spent and very much a safety issue.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked if there are any local companies who could do the work. McManaman said there are no local companies and said he contacted a couple of companies out of the Wichita area, but they did not bid. They add glass beads in the paint for reflectivity. McManaman said he visited with Casey Klassen who said a Dow Chemical Plant froze and said some vendors are struggling to find paint. The project should take a week or two to complete.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked Darren Williams if this is something Road & Bridge should look at doing in the future. Williams said it requires pretty specialized training and specialized equipment.

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## ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

## V. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Karen Winkelman: Approximately 30 COVID isolation (infectious) cases. Last week Monday would have reported 32 positive cases and as of yesterday there are 70 cases. Vaccine plays a big part in this. Deaths are still at 51. Over 11,000 doses of vaccine given. 122 doses given last week. Only testing symptomatic individuals. Quarantine is still 14 days. Shorter quarantine is not recommended for the Delta variant.
- Comm Daily: How many of the new cases are the Delta variant. Winkelman said she didn't have that number but said the variant is here.
- Comm Krier: Is there is a different test for the variant. Winkelman said there is an additional test.
- Winkelman: Variants are not unexpected. Dr Lee Norman said Thursday that he looks at "risk-based decision making". Timely reporting has been a continuing issue. Has had multiple conversations with the testing facilities. Still struggling getting that information from them. There was an instance this last Saturday but was not entered into the KDHE system until Monday afternoon. Can't stress enough the importance of reporting. The sooner they are aware, the sooner they can respond.
- Comm Daily: Asked Winkelman her thoughts on incentives being offered for vaccinations. Winkelman said the money could be better used.
- Comm Schartz: What is the percentage of the county population vaccinated. Winkelman said last week for 12 years and up, we were at 40.3%, but we're still low.
- Comm Schartz: What is the news on vaccine for children under 12 years. Will provide it as soon as it becomes able.
- Winkelman: Had an outbreak last week at Riverbend. An outbreak is 5 or more infected. Much milder cases. The majority had been vaccinated. One hospitalization.
- Comm Esfeld: Learned the Health Dept will be going to the college to offer vaccinations. Winkelman said yes, currently working with the college to provide onsite vaccinations. Looking at 2 dates in mid-August right after students arrive.
- Comm Esfeld: Asked if the schools will be requiring masks when children return to school. Winkelman said she had not heard yet.

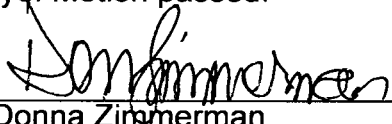
## VI. ADJOURN.


Commissioner Krier moved to adjourn at 9:28 A.M.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

  
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Donna Zimmerman  
Barton County Clerk

  
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James R. Daily, Chairman

## EXECUTIVE SESSION: 911 Communications (held during study session):

At 10:50 A.M. Commissioner Hutchinson moved that we go into executive session between 10:50 A.M. and 11:05 A.M. with the commissioners, Dena, Phil, Donna, and the county counselor to discuss non-elected personnel.

Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

At 11:05 A.M. Commissioner Schartz moved to come out of executive session.

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.