

# Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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June 14, 2021

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 14th day of June 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 Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2021, Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business.

## **III. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **A. ORDER OF VACATION: Cheyenne Estates II Subdivision:**

-On March 27, 1984, the Commission adopted a Plat establishing Cheyenne Estates II, a subdivision in the SW/4, Sec. 3-T19S-R13W. At this time, the Commission will consider vacating that plat.

Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor, said back in 1984, landowners had this piece of land platted as a subdivision with the idea of selling plots which never happened. This land sold a couple of years ago and the new owners would like to remove the subdivision as they do not plan on following the lots as they were laid out. Hoffman said this land has always been agricultural.

Judy Goreham said they would never be able to develop the plots now because of the Barton County Zoning Regulations. Goreham said half acre lots are too small and not allowed. On March 9, 2021, they held a public hearing and all landowners within 1,000 feet were invited to voice opposition. Goreham said no one voiced any opposition.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked the location of the land. Goreham said it was on NE 20, north of the college blacktop one mile and back east a little bit. Cheyenne Estates II is a 5-acre tract. Cheyenne Estates I does exist with houses.

Commissioner Schartz said we probably have a lot of things that need taken care of. Goreham said we do, we just have to take care of them as they come up. For example, the platted area of the City of Beaver actually goes much farther north than what you see. A lot of things were addressed in 2013 when they redid the zoning map. Goreham said this was a unique situation and was actually reviewed in 2013.

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Elma Kraft owned the property and lived out there and was not interested in changing it. Redwing is another example and does not even come close to the plats.

Commissioner Esfeld moved to adopt the Order of Vacation, Cheyenne Estates II Subdivision.  
Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **B. CITY OF GREAT BEND: Great Bend Airport Airfest Sponsorship:**

-The Great Bend Airport Airfest will be held at the Great Bend Municipal Airport September 17 – 19, 2021. This sponsor-driven event generally includes rides and tours of historic warbirds, airshow, veteran recognition and displays. At this time, the Commission will consider event sponsorship.

Christina Hayes, Great Bend City Community Coordinator, said the state of Kansas named 21 things in 2021 that you should do in Kansas and Great Bend had six of those items and said they also named a couple of extra items. Great Bend is known for the SRCA dragstrip and Cheyenne Bottoms. Hayes said they added the Airfest as the 10<sup>th</sup> item. Hayes said they are still focused on the army airbase and noted they had Doc and Fifi last year and are focusing on full family entertainment this year. Hayes said Martin Miller does a good job of pulling in the big dogs and noted Olathe, Kansas City and Wichita are always asking the Great Bend Airport to be a part of the Kansas tour each year. Will have war birds, vintage, historic, military, and acrobatic aircraft. The event fills hotel rooms in Great Bend, Larned, Ellinwood and Hoisington. Very expensive and impressive event. Invited the Commissioners to the Veterans' ceremony on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at Airfest. Hayes said this is a \$150,000 event that will probably bring in \$10,000 to \$15,000 plus.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked how much will be raised. Hayes said they plan to charge a \$10 gate fee, dependent upon sponsors to keep the cost down. Hutchinson asked what the deficit will be. Martin Miller said a little north of \$150,000 and noted sponsors make up 80-90% of the cost. Miller said no airshow on the planet charges only a \$10 gate fee.

Commissioner Daily said sponsors underwrite the event. The money at the gate will help off-set the cost. Hayes said they are not making any money on this event. On Friday, school age children will get in free and said eight full schools from outside our community are coming.

Commissioner Schartz asked what this event means for our economy. Hayes has a tool that helps them know the economic impact and can provide it later. Schartz asked who the entertainers are. Hayes said [greatbendairfest.com](http://greatbendairfest.com) has that information. Miller said the Golden Knights will be here. A comedic act will also be here.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked if it has been a deficit in the past or a money maker and noted this is exactly the type of event he wants to support. Miller said they have already booked \$108,000 in entertainment and \$23,000 in fuel. Miller estimated about \$176,000 for their cost and said they only had a bit of a loss last year but had a small cushion from the previous year. Miller said they lost about \$8,000 last year and a sponsor jumped in to help. Hayes said the city does put in \$25,000 every three years, plus money from her budget. We probably put in \$50,000 in money and manpower.

Commissioner Daily said we had the Thunderbirds and the Blue Angels in the 90's which was quite an undertaking getting those acts. It has always been a shot in the arm for the city and the county as it brings in folks from all across the state.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to provide \$8,350 in sponsorship funding for the Great Bend Airfest. Sponsorship paid through the Finance General Account in the General Fund, Economic Development line, 001-26-6880 and that will match what Great Bend is doing financially only.

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Commissioner Krier seconded the motion but I would like to add that we will be looked at as at least eight elite sponsors so I'd like to have those tickets, two that would go to the county employees at a random drawing and the other six go to Christina to give away to the general public.

Commissioner Esfeld asked if that would put us in the elite status. I thought it was \$1,000 for the elite. Hayes said on the back you will get the big status.

Commissioner Esfeld said she wanted to make sure we did not need to modify that.

Commissioner Krier asked if we needed to amend his motion.

Commissioner Daily asked do we need to amend his motion.

Commissioner Krier said would you like to continue with your motion.

Commissioner Hutchinson said he did not think he needed to amend it because that is going to give us the sponsorship package and basically, I think what Commissioner Krier is saying is that we would like for something to go to the county employees, but we would like the vast majority of it to then go back towards the ability to market and give away to the general public.

Comm Hutchinson agreed to the modified motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Martin Miller said this is a big deal to have the county's support. Amy Miller is a big help; Road & Bridge will make sure the road is mowed and the Sheriff's Office will also be helping. Miller said we are getting great support from the county.

Commissioner Daily asked what the safety radius is. Miller said they will close a 5-mile radius. Hayes said they will have a Pontiac drag race event and SRCA dragstrip will work with the city to keep people off the required areas.

## **C. HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Kansas Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Coordinator Mentor**

### **Program:**

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) has developed the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Coordinator Mentor Program. This program will prepare new local agency WIC Coordinators for their role by connecting them with experienced mentors that can provide guidance and support. Bev Frizell, WIC Supervisor / Registered Dietician, has been invited to become a mentor under the new program.

Karen Winkelman, Health Director, said KDHE had partnered with the WIC Program and came up with a pilot project to help new WIC coordinators and is called the WIC Coordinator Mentor Program. Phase I is online development training modules that have been developed by KDHE for new employees. Phase II is the mentor program. Bev Frizell has been chosen by KDHE to serve on the mentor program. Winkelman said we are very fortunate to have Bev at the Health Department for the past 30 years. Winkelman said it is a great honor for Bev and also a good representation of our Health Department.

Winkelman presented Bev Frizell with a certificate of achievement.

Commissioner Daily thanked Bev Frizell for her service.

Commissioner Schartz moved to congratulate Bev Frizell on her invitation to the Kansas WIC Coordinator Mentor Program.

Commissioner Daily seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **D. BOARD APPOINTMENT: Health Department Advisory Committee:**

-Barton County solicited applicants for uncompensated positions for the Health Department Advisory Committee. The Health Department Advisory Committee provides guidance, recommendation and assistance to the Barton County Health Department staff. Ms. Winkelman will present the application from Jan Watkins, RN.

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Karen Winkelman, Health Director, said there are a total of nine uncompensated positions with three open positions at this time. Winkelman said they are 2-year terms and said she received an application from Jan Watkins who has lived in Barton County for several years and has been a nurse for 45 years. Winkelman said Watkins, who retired in June 2020, would fill the position that terms on December 31, 2022.

Commissioner Schartz moved to appoint Jan Watkins, RN, to the Health Department Advisory Committee. The uncompensated position will term December 31, 2022.

Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## COVID UPDATE:

Winkelman said there are 2,526 positive cases. Three of those have been our active cases this week. Three will come off quarantine today with a remaining Three on quarantine. Commissioner Schartz asked if any of those are from the variant. Winkelman said those cases are not.

## E. JUVENILE SERVICES: Purchase of a Replacement Vehicle:

-20th Judicial District Juvenile Services requested bids for a new or used program Sports Utility Vehicle (SUV). The bid includes the trade-in of a 2016 Dodge Caravan and 2014 Nissan Altima. The replacement vehicle will be used to travel the five-County Judicial District as well across the state for mandatory field visits for all youth in custody. The Juvenile Services budget has resources available as a replacement vehicle was included in this year's budget.

Marissa Woodmansee, Juvenile Services Director, said they put out bids in early May. They are increasing their fleet by one vehicle from five to four. They drove 15,800 miles and are down to 7,000 miles since COVID.

Commissioner Krier moved to approve the purchase of a used 2019 Jeep Cherokee Latitude 4WD with 13,023 miles from Marmies, or like vehicle, with the trade-in of the 2016 Dodge Caravan and 2014 Nissan Altima. The bid cost of \$7,900.00 to be paid as follows:

BUDGET	Line Name	Line Number	Amount
Juvenile Intake & Assessment	Equipment	100-72-6325	\$1,975.00
Juvenile Intensive Supervised Probation	Equipment	105-76-6325	\$1,975.00
Juvenile Justice Case Management	Equipment	120-82-6325	\$1,975.00
Immediate Intervention	Equipment	128-87-6325	\$1,975.00
Total			\$7,900.00

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion and added a thank you for going with a used vehicle. I think that is what Commissioner Krier was alluding to there and we appreciate your due diligence, and we did make sure that that due diligence was done in study session as far as making sure that anyone else had a similar vehicle had the opportunity to bid on that so way to go. I will second that.

Commissioner Daily said we approve the good process that Marissa has gone through and the vehicle that she has chosen.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## F. BOARD APPOINTMENT: Behavioral Health Advisory Council:

-It has been suggested that a coordinated community effort be developed under the Behavioral Health Advisory Council (BHAC). Through intentional collaboration, the BHCA will provide oversight and assessment for agencies seeking to enhance community wellness. Those involved will promote collaboration, assess needs and develop community oversight for reporting. Amy Boxberger, CKCC Director; Ms. Woodmansee and Julie Kramp, Executive Director for The Center, will ask that the Commission join the BHAC through the appointment of a BHCA member.

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Amy Boxberger, CKCC Director, asked the Commission for support of the Behavioral Health Advisory Council that is being formed. To satisfy the terms of a new Federal Grant, they need to provide an oversight committee of community leaders. Recognizing our local leaders were being pulled in many different directions, a consolidated effort was born. They will work to promote collaboration and develop oversight on budgeting. They are working with Marissa Woodmansee and Julie Kramp on the Stepping Up initiative on reducing the number of mentally ill in jail. Youth crew is also being developed by Marissa Woodmansee. In addition to asking for an appointment on the council, they are also asking to provide public information on the collaboration.

Commissioner Daily asked if all the members had advisory boards and this council would oversee all the other boards. Boxberger said yes and said this advisory board will be specifically for this initiative. Boxberger said they have a lot of special things going on that helps support people with behavioral health needs and noted they are working to change the trajectories of families.

Julie Kramp, The Center Executive Director, said how those resources can work together is one of the big benefits.

Marissa Woodmansee, Juvenile Services Director, said allows opportunity to know what is working and what is not working. When things are not working it creates chaos.

Commissioner Daily moved to appoint Commissioner Barb Esfeld as the Primary and Commissioner Jennifer Schartz as the Alternate Barton County representatives to this Behavioral Health Advisory Council.

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **G. KANSAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION: 45th Annual KCCA Conference:**

-The Kansas County Commissioners Association (KCCA) held its 45th Annual KCCA Conference in Liberal last week. The in-person conference included such topics as the legal framework of budgets, economic growth, legislation, health care, appraisal, succession planning and safety. Commissioner Barb Esfeld attended the event and will provide an overview of the topics presented.

Commissioner Barb Esfeld said their day and a half conference started with the Kansas County Budget Legal framework session. This session went over how to calculate the revenue neutral rate, which is very complex. Went over the legalities of SB 13 and HB 2104. They strongly encouraged counties and entities to have a hearing even if you do not think you will exceed your RNR. If an entity budgets over by even one dollar the Treasurer will have to refund taxes. Can still hold a hearing even if you think you are not going over. Esfeld said the biggest take home for this session was to take in citizen comments and address them all year long and not just during budget season.

Other sessions included:

- Essential Building Blocks for Growth, Star bonds, rural housing, Angel Investors tax credit.
- Jay Hall Legislative Update: Learn the three P's: politics, personalities, and priorities. SB13 prohibits valuation increases due to normal maintenance. Also allows Treasurer to accept partial payments even when taxpayer was not delinquent.
- Legislative Post Audit: Can run a report of all non-profits that are in competition.
- ARPA funding: Jay Hall's next article will include information on how to make the plan.
- Legislative items that did not pass: Tax breaks on "for-profit" health clubs. They should not be exempt.
- Elected Appraisers: Other states do it. It is a bad idea.
- NACO: Does a lot to bring money back to the states. They were helpful in bringing in ARPA funding.
- Small Hospitals: Discussion on how to keep them open. Many are run by the County.

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David Harper, Director of PVD/Motor Vehicles: June 30, 2021, was the deadline for renewal of driver's licenses that expired between March 12, 2020, and March 31, 2021. Extension due to COVID.

- Interim Appraiser: Commission can appoint an interim appraiser who is not a certified appraiser for six months. Will allow a staff member who is close to completing their education to have time to get their certification. If a county does not have an appraiser, the State steps in. It is costly.
- Met in groups by population: Discussed how to retain employees, salaries and how to implement fun items such as our picnic and recognizing employees.
- Succession planning. Succession planning at 5 years or less. Need to have a vision, objectives, and the right people to carry them out. Biggest challenge is with leaders who do not support it.
- Next years' conference will be moved back to April.

Information Only. No Action Required.

## IV. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

## V. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Comm Hutchison: Saw a pretty good turn-out at "Damn It-Do It" day.
- Dale Hogg: First ever event last Saturday and lasted until 5:30pm. National grass-roots movement. 44 people signed up. Tackled four houses in the 900 block of Jefferson. One owner was offended by the name of the event. Primed houses on Friday and painted on Saturday. One home got a new handicap wheelchair ramp and two were cleaned up using a large hopper. Multiple trailer loads of trees and debris.
- Comm Daily: All forty plus people are to be commended for getting involved.
- Dale Hogg: "Just in Time Remodeling" and "Brentwood Builders" helped plus there were sponsors who provided materials. Sad seeing people living in those conditions.
- Comm Esfeld: Prayer in Action group doing the same thing in August. Forms are available for people to sign-up for certain needs. High School kids from the area helping.
- Comm Krier: Jim Jordan and Paige are going to be shadowed by Coffey and Ellis Counties. Coffey County was here last week.
- Comm Esfeld: Jim went all around to learn before he took office. Many who are elected do not do this.


## VI. ADJOURN.

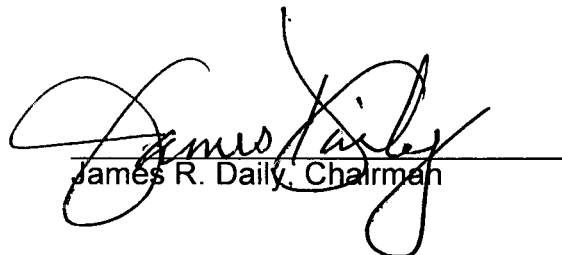
Commissioner Krier moved to adjourn at 10:03 A.M.

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

  
Donna Zimmerman  
Barton County Clerk

  
James R. Daily, Chairman

**ORDER OF VACATION**

**Cheyenne Estates II Subdivision**

**WHEREAS**, on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, considered the vacation of Cheyenne Estates II, SW/4, Sec. 3-T19S-R13W, Barton County, Kansas; and

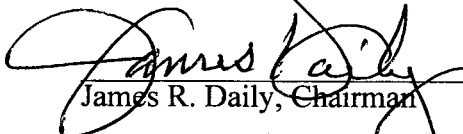
**WHEREAS**, the Cheyenne Estates II subdivisional plat was filed with the Barton County Register of Deeds on March 20, 1984 and included the following legal description:

Cheyenne Estates II subdivision is formally described in a 1984 Plat establishing Cheyenne Estates II in the SW/4, Sec. 3-T19S-R13W: A tract of real estate situated in Barton County, Kansas, in the Southwest Quarter, Section 3, Township 19 South, Range 13 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. and described by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of Lot 10, Cheyenne Estates No. 1, a subdivision duly recorded in the Barton County Register of Deeds office, said point being 508 feet East and 885 feet North of the Southwest corner of Section 3, thence North 0° 04' 15" East on the extension of the West line of said Cheyenne Estates 405.0 feet, thence North 90° 00' 00" East 458.04 feet, thence South 0° 00' 00" West 405.0 feet, thence South 90° 00' 00" West 60.00 feet, thence South 0° 00' 00" West 107.50 feet, thence South 90° 00' 00" West 398.67 feet to the West line of said Cheyenne Estates, thence North 0° 04' 15" East 107.50 feet to the point of beginning. This tract includes and replats the N. 107.5 feet of Lot 10, Cheyenne Estates No. 1 Sub.

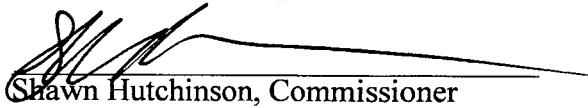
**THEREFORE**, upon the Order of Vacation as adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, that the Cheyenne Estates II Subdivisional Plat is hereby vacated and that said Order shall hereafter be filed with the Office of the Register of Deeds of Barton County, Kansas.

ADOPTED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.

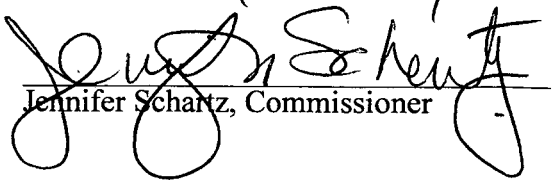
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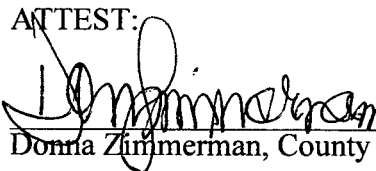
  
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
  
Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor