

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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May 24, 2021

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 24th day of May 2021, at the Barton County Courthouse.

Members present:

Kirby Krier, Commissioner, 1st District
Barb Esfeld, Commissioner, 2nd District
Shawn Hutchinson, Commissioner, 3rd 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.

Roll Call taken by County Clerk.

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

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2021, Regular Meeting.
Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion.
voted aye. Motion passed.

II. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:

-An Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of May 10, 2021, and ending May 24, 2021.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve appropriations for the period of May 10, 2021, to May 24, 2021 and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.
Commissioner Esfeld 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:

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BATCH #8	VALUES	ESCAPED TAXES	ADDED / ABATED	REFUNDS
Gas				
Oil				
Personal Property				
Real Estate	(67,063)		\$ (11,573.98)	\$ 10,874.40
16/20 M Trucks				
State Assessed Utilities				
Special Assessments				
Grand Totals	(67,063)		\$ (11,573.98)	\$ 10,874.40
Total Taxes	\$ (11,573.98)			
Total Records Selected	5			

Commissioner Krier asked why the County Clerk's Office presents instead of the Treasurer or Appraiser. Zimmerman said the adjustments are generally initiated by the Appraiser's Office, sent to the Clerk's Office for processing and then sent on to the Treasurer. This is transparency and suggested by our county auditors. Krier said he understood the process but asked why the Clerk's Office presents them for approval. Zimmerman said the Appraiser's Office offers adjustments when value is considered, but the Clerk's Office initiates adjustments for special assessments and utilities as well. The Clerk's Office processes all adjustments made.

Commissioner Esfeld said that is one of the reasons she wants to review the report as sometimes it is a utility, truck, or personal property. The reports details everything. Esfeld said there can even be mowings from one of the cities.

Commissioner Krier asked if this is our checks and balances. Esfeld and Zimmerman both agreed.

Commissioner Krier moved to approve the Listing of Added / Abated / Escaped / Refunded Taxes as reviewed by the County Appraiser and presented by the Clerk's Office and direct the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.

Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

V. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Comm Krier: Hoisington girls' softball team is competing at state this weekend in Manhattan.
- Comm Esfeld: Attended Legislative coffee last Thursday. Tory Arnberger said there will be a trailer bill on SB13 next year. The legislature understands there are some issues with the bill. There will be a zoom meeting for commissioners on SB13 soon.


VII. ADJOURN.

Commissioner Schartz moved to adjourn at 9:10 A.M.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



 Donna Zimmerman
 Barton County Clerk



 James R. Daily, Chairman

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~~ STUDY SESSION ~~

At 9:18 A.M. Commissioner Schartz moved to go into executive session for the discussion on non-elected personnel and will stay out until 9:35 A.M. This session will include the Commissioners, Phil Hathcock and Donna Zimmerman. It will also include Pam Wornkey. Commissioner Krier seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to end the executive session at 9:35 A.M. and stated no action was taken. Commissioner Krier seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.