

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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September 14, 2021

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 14th day of September 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
Barry McManaman, Interim County Administrator

Members absent:

Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

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

Commissioner Krier moved on item E, (*NOTE: listed as Item D*) I would like to table that for now and talk to the recipients that are here in a study session immediately afterward which the meeting's going to be very short and then we'll talk to you in a study session about your projects, okay?

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Esfeld moved to approve the agenda with the change.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Minutes of the September 7, 2021, Regular Meeting are not available.

II. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:

-An Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of August 30, 2021 and ending September 14, 2021.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve appropriations for the period of August 30, 2021, to September 14, 2021 and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.

Commissioner Krier 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 #11	VALUES	ESCAPED TAXES	ADDED / ABATED	REFUNDS
Gas				
Oil				
Personal Property				
Real Estate	(205,131)		\$ (30,871.98)	\$ 20,615.50
16/20 M Trucks				
State Assessed Utilities				
Special Assessments				
Grand Totals	(205,131)	-	\$ (30,871.98)	\$ 20,615.50
Total Taxes	\$ (30,871.98)			
Total Records Selected	7			

Commissioner Esfeld said she looked over these and wasn't sure why it was showing up on Batch 11 as all real estate because two of the major records are for oil for an exemption. Commissioner Esfeld suggested Zimmerman check into it.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to table Item A until further investigation can happen. Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.

Donna Zimmerman said she would pass it back to Wendy and visit with her about it. All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. PROCLAMATION 2021-13: National Recovery Month, September, 2021:

-Substance misuse is estimated to cost society \$740 billion each year in health care costs, lost productivity and criminal justice costs. In addition, the impact of substance misuse on family dynamics increases the likelihood of Acute Childhood Experiences (ACEs). Amy Boxberger, CKCC Director and Rise Up Central Kansas community member, will present Proclamation 2021-13, National Recovery Month, September, 2021, which details the impact of recovery through better management of health, home, purpose and community.

Amy Boxberger, CKCC Director and Rise Up Central Kansas community member, said Rise Up was started in 2018 as a revolutionary voice to build a trauma informed community of resilience. As we know, there is an estimated \$740 billion spent each year in health care costs, lost productivity and criminal justice costs associated with substance misuse. Rise Up was formed to build a uniform community of caring. Boxberger said understanding and knowing that a lot of adverse childhood experiences can be the driving force of what causes substance misuse. Having people come to the table and step out of their comfort zone, coming to a commission meeting is probably the high end of discomfort, it is for me.

Amy Ferguson, Barton County Health Department, thanked the commissioners for seeing them today and seeing the recovery community as relevant. The Recovery community is so interested in giving back to the community that they have taken part in damaging. Ferguson said they are proud to be able to provide for their families and being in the community as role models.

Haley, Tina, Valencia, Mercedes, and Jacob read Proclamation 2021-13.

Commissioner Esfeld stressed importance of sobriety and Rise Up. Sobriety puts families back together.

Commissioner Esfeld moved to adopt Proclamation 2021-13, National Recovery Month, September, 2021.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion, but first would like to say Barb you just amaze me when you do things like that.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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Joxberger said Rise Up Central Kansas is part of Central Kansas Partnership. September 24th Oxford is hosting a Narcan March.

C. PROCLAMATION 2021-14: In Support of the 2021 Great Bend Airport Airfest:

-The City of Great Bend, Kansas, and the Great Bend Municipal Airport will welcome the Warbirds for a three-day event that includes educational tours, warbird and aircraft displays, historical displays, warbird and helicopter rides and airshows. On the evening of September 18, 2021, there will be a Veteran's Recognition Ceremony. The proposed Proclamation calls on all citizens of Barton County to attend the event and honor veterans. In addition, Chairman James R. Daily will draw winners for the County's ticket giveaway.

Christina Hayes, City of Great Bend Community Coordinator / CVB Director, read Proclamation 2021-14. and said they have tickets for the drawing. Commissioner Daily pulled county employee, Daniel R. Perez. Hayes said the second drawing came from their Facebook post where they had over 87 comments and participants had to tag and share the Facebook post in order to be eligible for tickets. Commissioner Daily pulled the following four winners of two tickets each: Tim Gohl; Tina Louisa; Geneva Applebee; Heather Marsh.

Commissioner Hutchinson personally funded five more tickets out of that batch. Commissioner Daily pulled Matthew Patzner, Richard Allen, Keaton Goering, Aracely Poblano, and David Paden.

Hayes reminded the Commissioners of their invitation to the Veterans Association ceremony and thanked the commissioners for all their help.

Commissioner Krier said the first tickets drawn were awarded due to the donation from Barton County to the AirFest.

Commissioner Krier moved to adopt Proclamation 2021-14, In Support of the Great Bend Airport AirFest. I also want to thank Shawn Hutchinson.

Commissioner Daily said absolutely.

Commissioner Hutchinson said thank you.

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

D. COMMISSION: Barton County Façade Improvement Grant:

-The Façade Improvement Grant program has \$224,175.00 in available funding. The Commissioners will review multiple applications to determine award amounts up to 75% of eligible project costs, with a maximum award of \$20,000.00. Awards will be given based on the project's size and visual impact. The program prioritizes retailers and restaurants and project applications that commit more than the minimum required match amount.

(ITEM TABLED)

Commissioner Esfeld moved to add Item A back into the agenda so that we can make a motion on that. Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Wendy Prosser, County Appraiser, said a couple of abatements are for classification changes and there was a parcel of land at the airport they put wind turbines on. Not used exclusively for exempt purposes. The city applied for exemption again. Prosser said the board actually granted the exemption for 2019, 2020 and 2021. It is abating the back taxes. No oil records included in Batch 11.

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

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

V. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Sue Cooper: People need clarification on the Façade Grant Applications.
- Comm Daily: Yes, we mentioned that before.

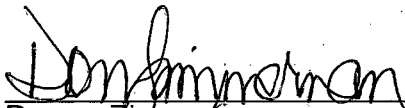
VII. ADJOURN.

Commissioner Krier moved to adjourn at 9:34 A.M.

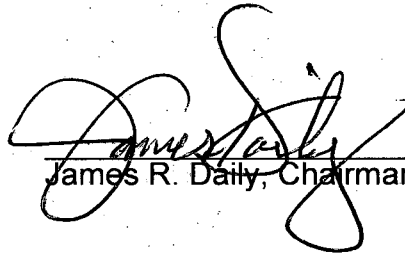
Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk



James R. Daily, Chairman

EXECUTIVE SESSION: (Held during study session)

At 2:12 P.M. Commissioner Schartz moved to go into Executive Session for twenty (20) minutes with the people in the room in attendance. (Commissioners; Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor; Barry McManaman, Interim County Administrator; Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk; Dena Popp, 911 Director; and Liz Nolan, 911 Supervisor)

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

At 2:32 P.M. Commissioner Hutchinson moved to get out of executive session.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Hutchinson stated no action was taken.

PROCLAMATION 2021-13

**NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH
September, 2021**

WHEREAS, the misuse of tobacco, alcohol, illicit drugs and prescription opioids is costly to our Nation, exacting more than \$740 billion annually in health care costs, lost productivity and criminal justice costs according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse; and

WHEREAS, impacts on family dynamics caused by substance misuse may include strained relationships, financial hardships, poor performance at work or in school, exposure to other drugs, reckless behavior, theft or other criminal behavior; and

WHEREAS, testing for Acute Childhood Experiences (ACEs) includes abuse, neglect and household dysfunction, specifically listing physical, emotional and sexual abuse; mental illness; incarceration; household violence and absent parents, the possibility of which is increased in homes affected by alcohol, illicit drug and prescription opioids use and misuse; and

WHEREAS, recovery is a process of change through which people improve their health and wellness, live self-directed lives and strive to reach their full potential by better managing health, home, purpose and community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, that September, 2021, shall be known as National Recovery Month; and

FURTHER, that Rise Up Central Kansas, united with Central Kansas Partnership, is one of the local resources for prevention, intervention, recovery and resilience-based services; and

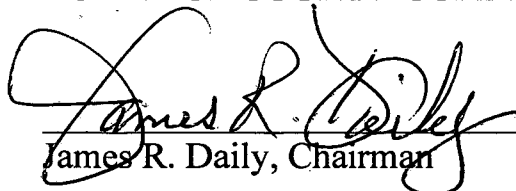
FURTHER, that by building a durable network of mental and physical health professionals, social service workers, school officials, law enforcement personnel and persons with lived experience, Rise Up Central Kansas partners are poised to offer families the means to build resilience, offsetting the effects of ACEs and reducing the public cost of addiction; and

FURTHER, that all families are encouraged to reach out to public or private resources for assistance in dealing with substance misuse prevention, intervention, recovery and resilience; and

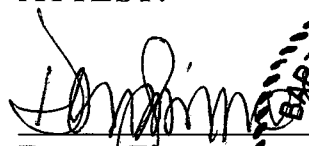
FURTHER, that citizens are urged to meet people with lived experience where they are, being mindful of the work needed to recover from substance misuse, giving grace and opportunities to those persons in our community living in recovery and being present in the lives of our children, building resilience for future generations.

Adopted this 14th day of September, 2021.

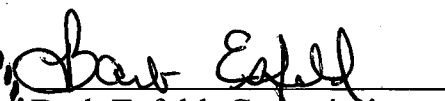
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James R. Daily, Chairman

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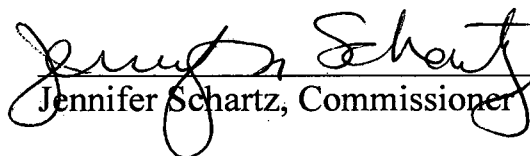

Donna Zimmerman
County Clerk




Barb Esfeld, Commissioner


Shawn Hutchinson, Commissioner


Kirby Krier, Commissioner


Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner

PROCLAMATION 2021-14
IN SUPPORT OF THE 2021 GREAT BEND AIRPORT AIRFEST

WHEREAS, the City of Great Bend, Kansas, and the Great Bend Municipal Airport will welcome the Warbirds & Aerial Entertainment to Barton County for the 2021 Great Bend Airfest; and

WHEREAS, included in the three-day event are educational tours, warbird and aircraft displays, historical displays, warbird and helicopter rides and four different airshows; and

WHEREAS, on the evening of Saturday, September 18, 2021, there will be a Veteran's Recognition Ceremony, Flyover and Speaker Senator Jerry Moran will address the public; and

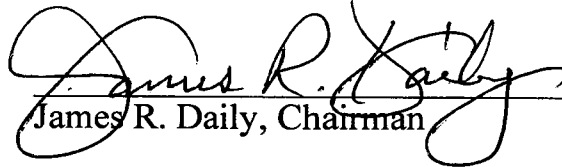
WHEREAS, as a proud sponsor of the Airfest, Barton County has been provided with tickets to the event to share with the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, that all citizens are urged to attend the Great Bend Airport Airfest the weekend of September 17 – 19, 2021; and

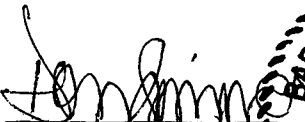
FURTHER, that the Commission expresses its sincere appreciation to all veterans for their service to our Great Nation.

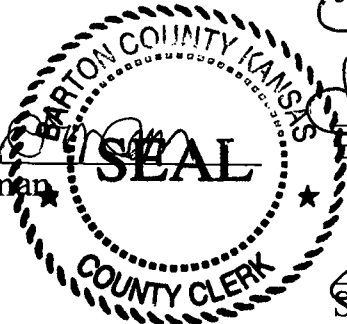
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James R. Daily, Chairman

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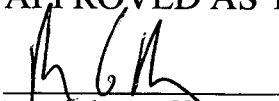

Donna Zimmerman
County Clerk



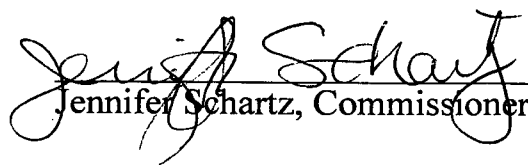

Barb Esfeld, Commissioner


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APPROVED AS TO FORM:


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