

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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March 30, 2022

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 30th day of March 2022, at the Barton County Courthouse.

Members present:

Kirby Krier, Commissioner, 1st District
Barb Esfeld, Commissioner, 2nd District, *(Chairman Pro-Tem)*
Shawn Hutchinson, Commissioner, 3rd District, Chairman
Jon Prescott, Commissioner, 4th District
Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner, 5th District
Bev Schmeidler, County Clerk
Matt Patzner, Director of Operations
Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

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

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

Commissioner Krier moved to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2022, Regular Meeting. Minutes of the March 23, 2022, Regular Meeting were not available
Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:

-An Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of March 16, 2022, and ending March 30, 2022.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the appropriations for the period of March 16, 2022, to March 30, 2022 and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.
Commissioner Prescott seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

A. GREAT BEND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Financial Support:

-Sara Hayden, Great Bend Economic Development (GBED) President, will provide details. As of March 16, 2022, Great Bend Economic Development, had raised \$435,714.00 in total assets through tax credits and private and municipal support for the planned childcare facility in Great Bend. At the March 16, 2022, Commission meeting, Hayden asked for a match from the County of \$435,714.00. This would allow GBED to use \$871,428.00 to aid in the submission of a matching-funds grant. The Commission tabled the matter on March 16, 2022. It is anticipated that the Commission will receive an update on funding at this time.

Sara Hayden, Great Bend Economic Development (GBED) President, said she was back to ask for consideration of the commissioners to match the \$435,714.00 that Great Bend Economic Development had raised.

Commissioner Prescott said this was an incredible project and desperately needed but he wondered about sustainability. Everyone has been struggling to find people to work, he asked Hayden what her contingency plan was to make sure there were enough employees to run the daycare center. Hayden

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They will be paying an elevated wage across the board for the teachers. They want to have apprenticeships and internships, getting high school and college students interested in the field.

Commissioner Prescott said if revenue projections fall short, how would they make up for it to continue sustainability. Hayden said for the first year they had, in a sense, padded the budget to include that contingency covered by grant funds. They will continue to seek out grants.

Commissioner Schartz said since the building would be paid, it would be sustainable at an earlier stage.

Commissioner Hutchinson said he had been asked what Barton County was doing to help “lifers”. Commissioner Hutchinson said there was not a better way to help local people than by providing quality childcare.

Commissioner Schartz moved to provide \$435,714.00 in support funding to Great Bend Economic Development, Inc. for a grant match for the childcare facility project. Funding to be paid from the Capital Improvement Fund, Building & Fixed Equipment General Line, 071-00-6305.

Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. PROCLAMATION 2022-05: Sexual Assault Awareness Month:

-Kylee Graves, Family Crisis Center Executive Director, will present the Proclamation. April is designated as Sexual Assault Awareness Month to raise public awareness about sexual violence and to educate communities and individuals on how to prevent sexual violence. The Family Crisis Center provides services for sexual assault survivors at no charge and offers educational and professional training for community members and professionals.

Kylee Graves, Family Crisis Center Executive Director, said she was the new Executive Director since mid-February and introduced Jamie Fager.

Jamie Fager, Sexual Assault Program Director, read the proclamation. Fager added that in FY2021, they saw 34 sexual assault victims. 25 were women, 2 men and 7 children. Fager invited everyone to wear teal on April 5th for sexual violence awareness.

Commissioner Krier moved to adopt Proclamation 2022-05, Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. PROCLAMATION 2022-06: Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month:

-Kylee Graves will present details. The Family Crisis Center requests that a Proclamation be adopted declaring April, 2022, as Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month. The Proclamation states that child abuse and neglect can be reduced by making sure families have the support needed to raise children in a healthy environment and that there are dedicated individuals and organizations in Barton County working to counter these problems.

Anna Osburn, Child Advocacy Program Director, read the proclamation. Osburn said they served 180 children in 2021, 110 non-offending caregivers, 180 forensic interviews, 7 medical assessments and 18 educational presentations. Osburn thanked Juvenile Services for providing space when they were displaced from their offices.

Commissioner Esfeld asked how many were employed at the Family Crisis Center. Kylee Graves said there were 26 total employees. They have an outreach office in Pratt, a shelter in Great Bend and are opening a shelter in Larned.

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Commissioner Schartz asked Graves how they were funded. Graves said 100% grant funded. Commissioner Schartz asked were the needs being met. Graves said during COVID, extra funds were received. Now those were being cut back and they may get less than they received in the past.

Commissioner Esfeld moved to adopt Proclamation 2022-06, Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

C. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: South Central Regional Council for Homeland Security:

-Amy Miller, Emergency Risk Manager, will provide details. The South Central Regional Council for Homeland Security supports statewide all-hazard preparedness while reducing vulnerabilities. The Council works to accomplish this by building capabilities and developing comprehensive strategies in partnership with other government agencies and the private sector. Miller has served as Barton County's representative since 2006. At this time, the Commission will consider her reappointment for a two-year term.

Amy Miller, Emergency Risk Manager, said Barton County was part of a Homeland Security Regional Council. The South Central Regional Council was made up of 19 counties. The council decides how grant money was to be assigned and what projects would be supported. Asked to be appointed.

Commissioner Krier moved to appoint Amy Miller, probably the best in the State of Kansas, Barton County Emergency Risk Manager, to the South Central Regional Council for Homeland Security for a two-year term ending December 31, 2023. Direct the Commission Chairman to sign the appointment.

Commissioner Hutchinson said I can not think of anyone better either.

Commissioner Krier said I gave a tape to Matt this morning. Back when the Hoisington tornado, she was, the State put a tape together of how to do Emergency Management, she is on it.

Miller said back then I thought that would be the one Federal Disaster that Barton County would get with any luck and that has not turned out to be true.

Commissioner Krier said it just continued, hasn't it.

Commissioner Prescott seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked Miller to speak about the Emergency Declaration just put in place. Miller said Tuesday, she received a call from the state telling her that Tanker 95, a wildland firefighting plane would be coming into the Great Bend Airport to be filled with water for the Pawnee County fires. Miller said there has been an agreement for a number of years with American Red Cross to house their trailer at the Road & Bridge facility. She received a call about 9:30 Tuesday evening that they needed to get the trailer. Great Bend Fire Chief Luke McCormick pulled the trailer to Pawnee County. Several Barton County fire departments assisted Pawnee County.

Commissioner Hutchinson read an update from Pawnee County Commissioner Bob Rein regarding the fires.

Miller said in regards to a burn ban, the fire chiefs were still wanting to maintain and decide about people burning. Each individual fire chief can work with the people in their area.

D. JOINT MEETING OVERVIEW: Great Bend City Council:

-Chairman Shawn Hutchinson will be joined by the Commission in this discussion. The Commission met the Great Bend City Council the evening of March 28, 2022.

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Commissioner Hutchinson said he felt at the beginning of the meeting, a lot of people were moving in different directions, but by the end of it, they were moving in the same direction. Very positive.

Commissioner Schartz felt the City of Great Bend should be asked to give more money for the childcare center. That was discussed and Jolene Biggs, Great Bend City Council, explained the use of the funds they received through the pandemic and Barton County had more money.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked if the commission should meet more regularly with city councils. He asked how many times in the last 18 years or so.

Commissioner Schartz said she did not remember a time.

Commissioner Esfeld felt it was a good meeting. Discussed ways to work together and save money.

Commissioner Prescott said it was refreshing to see that the county and the city had aligning visions.

Commissioner Hutchinson said he was surprised to learn that 77% of all goods purchased in Barton County were purchased in Great Bend. The City of Great Bend provides 46.7% of property tax collected. Commissioner Hutchinson added that Great Bend Economic Development was a Barton County initiative. They can take money invested and reinvest the profits into a new project.

Commissioner Schartz said she remembered meeting with all of the cities in the county in the past. It did not really go anywhere, never got traction.

Commissioner Krier said they learned from a banker and realtor at the meeting, that there were only 24 houses for sale in Great Bend, Ellinwood and Hoisington.

Commissioner Hutchinson said 15 in Great Bend. Hayden said that number for Great Bend was now 12.

Commissioner Krier added that in the last few years, 50% of the homes purchased in Barton County were by people from out of state.

E. COMMISSION: Community Development Block Grant – INA Alert:

-Matt Patzner, Director of Operations, will provide details. INA Alert was provided a Barton County CDBG award in 2019. INA Alert is changing banks and requests the release of the current uniform commercial code (UCC). Should the Commission opt to release the current UCC, an updated UCC will be filed upon notification from the client's bank.

Matt Patzner, Director of Operations, said INA Alert Inc. was changing banks and requested approval from the commission.

Commissioner Krier moved to approve the request from INA Alert to allow Great Plains Development, Inc. to release the current uniform commercial code and to file a new uniform commercial code upon the request of INA Alert's new bank.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

F. COMPUTER INFORMATION CONCEPTS: Annual Peopleware Agreement:

-Matt Patzner will present details. In 2013, the County purchased a commercial software package from Computer Information Concepts, Inc. (CIC). The software includes tax administration, budgetary / fund accounting, indexing / imaging, payroll / personnel and time / attendance. Added since that time are
als for the Treasurer and the Appraiser. After meeting with CIC personnel to discuss certain service

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ues, the Commission will be asked to move forward with the Annual Peopleware Agreement with the expectation that CIC will continue to implement improvements.

Matt Patzner, Director of Operations, said the renewal was originally for \$49,745.00. The commissioners met with Department Heads March 2nd to identify issues with CIC. A letter of complaint was sent and CIC personnel met with Barton County officials to address the issues. The company agreed to provide support until the matters were resolved. There were two different options currently. The commission could approve the agreement as it currently sits including remote backup in disasters for \$49,745.00 or a new contract without the remote backup in disasters and we could do that in house.

Dereck Hollingshead, IT Director, said we currently backup all other servers, we would backup the CIC server and it would save around \$7,000.00 each year. There would need to be an additional server purchased for a one-time cost. Hollingshead said that would be around \$6,800.00 to \$7,000.00 or \$8,000.00.

Commissioner Schartz asked Hollingshead if this were something he supported. Hollingshead replied yes.

Commissioner Schartz said bringing CIC officials in was a good idea, but not sure anything was resolved yet.

Patzner said they did reach out to some department heads about specific issues and felt it was encouraging to hear how they plan to handle things moving forward. Having an account manager specific to Barton County will help.

Commissioner Esfeld said she felt it was important for Hollingshead to stay attached to CIC and attend their conference. CIC has had growing pains because they took on a lot of counties early on and she was disappointed to hear that the maintenance updates were behind.

Commissioner Esfeld moved to approve the Annual Peopleware Agreement with Computer Information Concepts, without the remote backup. The agreement cost to be \$42,625.00, to be paid from the Courthouse General Account of the General Fund, CIC Maintenance Fees Line, 001-18-5476. Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.

G. HEALTH DEPARTMENT: KDHE Family Planning Grant:

-The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) announced that the State Fiscal Year 2022 Family Planning grant program award to Barton County is increased by \$1,622.00, bringing the total award to \$57,325.00. The increase funding, provided for contraceptives and other local priorities, must be expended by March 31, 2022.

Matt Patzner, Director of Operations, said the increase in funding would be used to support current program activities.

Commissioner Krier moved to accept the \$1,622.00 in additional funding from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment for the State Fiscal Year 2022 Family Planning Grant. Funds to be deposited in the Health Fund, Family Planning line, 006-00-4765. Commissioner Prescott seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.

ENDING BUSINESS:

Announcements

2. Appointments

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OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business.

VII. ADJOURN.

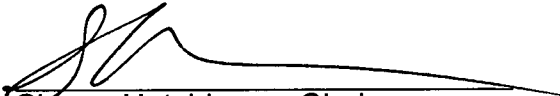
Commissioner Krier moved to adjourn at 9:59 A.M.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:


Bev Schmeidler
Barton County Clerk


Shawn Hutchinson, Chairman

EXECUTIVE SESSION: (Done in Study Session)

No notes taken

Those present: all five commissioners
County Counselor
Sheriff