

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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May 18, 2022

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 18th day of May 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 Krier seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Esfeld moved to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2022, and the May 11, 2022, Regular Meetings.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no Old Business.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

A. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARD: Natasha Beneke, Sheriff's Office:

-Bailey Rankin, ERC President, will provide details. The Employee Relations Committee (ERC) recommends outstanding individuals for the "Employees Recognition Award". At this time, the Commission will be asked to recognize Natasha Beneke, Records Clerk, Sheriff's Office. Ms. Beneke was nominated, in part, for her effectiveness, commitment and attitude relative to her duties.

Bailey Rankin, ERC President, said Natasha Beneke was nominated for the 4th Quarter of 2021 and had been employed at the Sheriff's Office since 2013. Rankin said she was told that Beneke goes above and beyond at work and off the clock.

Commissioner Hutchinson said there was an actual reward with the recognition. Rankin said the recipients receive one day of personal leave.

Commissioner Krier moved to join the ERC in presenting Natasha Beneke, Sheriff's Office, with the Employee Recognition Award, Fourth Quarter, 2021.

Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. SOLID WASTE: Appointment of Interim Director:

Matt Patzner, Director of Operations, will provide details. In order for the Solid Waste Department to operate efficiently, it is suggested that Jennifer Hamby be appointment as the Interim Director. Ms.

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Hamby has served as office manager at the Landfill since 2010. She received her Manager of Landfill Operations certification through the Solid Waste Association of North America in 2019.

Matt Patzner, Director of Operations, said Barton County was fortunate to have someone like Hamby to step into the position and asked the commission to appoint her Interim Director.

Commissioner Schartz said it spoke well of Phil Hathcock to have someone trained and ready to take over operation of the landfill.

Commissioner Krier moved to appoint Jennifer Hamby as the Interim Solid Waste Director effective May 14, 2022.

Commissioner Prescott seconded the motion.

Commissioner Krier said we witnessed when Commissioner Esfeld left the Appraiser's Office, she had in place a multitude of good people to replace her. I am with Jennifer; I applaud Phil for having that in place. We want all the departments to consider this and make sure that this happens.

Commissioner Schartz said that happened when Donna Zimmerman left the Clerk's Office too. She had somebody in place for that succession planning that is so important to keep the county running. Commissioner Esfeld said I know Jennifer, she has been, you always hear Phil talk about Jennifer. You know, we might have not seen her but she was behind the scenes making things work so it is good that we get to see her and see her step up.

Commissioner Prescott said thank you for your loyalty and your commitment.

Hamby said I appreciate this opportunity to take this role on, I am very excited.

Commissioner Hutchinson said we have not voted yet.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2022-15: Resolution Transferring and Carrying Over 2021 Unexpended Funds to the Capital Improvement and Equipment Replacement Funds:

-Mr. Patzner will present details. After accounting of all 2021 transactions, monies are suggested for transfer to the Capital Improvement and Equipment Replacement Funds.

Matt Patzner, Director of Operations, said it is the County's practice to transfer unexpended funds from one year to the next. After discussions with the Commissioners and in light of uncertainty with the economy, the proposed transfers will better position the County for the future. The following transfers are proposed:

To Capital Improvement, Total Transfer – \$1,480,638.48

General Fund	\$1,000,000.00
Federal Funds Exchange	\$190,638.48
Road and Bridge	\$100,000.00
Special Bridge	\$190,000.00

To Equipment Replacement, Total Transfer – \$257,361.52

Road and Bridge	\$209,361.52
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Commissioner Prescott asked Patzner if these were ARPA funds. Patzner said that was part of it along with other unexpended funds.

Commissioner Schartz said now it was Barton County's money to be used with no strings attached.

Commissioner Krier asked Patzner how much was being kept in carryover funds. Patzner said he will get those numbers to the commissioners soon.

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Commissioner Krier asked if they would carryover funds for Road & Bridge due to oil prices. Patzner said he did not have an exact amount but it would be a higher cash carry forward than usually seen due to prices.

Commissioner Esfeld moved to adopt Resolution 2022-15, A Resolution Transferring and Carrying Over 2021 Unexpended Funds to the Capital Improvement and Equipment Replacement Funds. Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.

IV. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

V. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Commissioner Esfeld – Senator Caryn Tyson, State Treasurer Candidate, will be at the Chamber of Commerce on Friday from 10:00-11:00 A.M.
- Commissioner Krier – Condolences for former County Commissioner Jim Daily upon the passing of his wife.

VI. ADJOURN.

Commissioner Prescott moved to adjourn at 9:17 A.M. Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.

TEST: 
Bev Schmeidler
Barton County Clerk


Shawn Hutchinson, Chairman