

# Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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August 22, 2023

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 22nd day of August 2023, at the 1500 Kansas location.

*Members present:*

- Duane Reif, Commissioner, 1<sup>st</sup> District
- Barb Esfeld, Commissioner, 2<sup>nd</sup> District, *(Chairman Pro-Tem)*
- Shawn Hutchinson, Commissioner, 3<sup>rd</sup> District, *Chairman*
- Tricia Schlessiger, Commissioner, 4<sup>th</sup> District
- Donna Zimmerman, Commissioner, 5<sup>th</sup> District
- Bev Schmeidler, County Clerk
- Matt Patzner, County Administrator
- Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor

**I. OPENING BUSINESS:**

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

Commissioner Esfeld moved to approve the agenda.  
 Commissioner Zimmerman seconded the motion.  
 All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Zimmerman moved to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2023, Regular Meeting.  
 Commissioner Schlessiger seconded the motion.  
 All voted aye. Motion passed.  
 The August 15, 2023, Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting minutes were not available.

**II. OLD BUSINESS:**

-There was no Old Business.

**III. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE: Request for Approval – Added / Abated / Escaped / Refunded Taxes:**

-Bev Schmeidler, 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.

Bev Schmeidler, County Clerk, presented details.

BATCH #11	VALUES	ESCAPED TAXES	ADDED / ABATED	REFUNDS
Gas				
Oil				
Personal Property	16,157		(\$101.68)	
Real Estate				
16/20 M Trucks				
State Assessed Utilities				
Special Assessments				
<b>Grand Totals</b>	<b>16,157</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>(\$101.68)</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
Total Taxes	(\$101.68)			
Total Records Selected	48			

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Commissioner Esfeld moved to approve the Listing of 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 Commission.

Commissioner Reif seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **B. 2022 AUDIT REPORT:**

-Jami Benyshek, Senior Audit Manager, AdamsBrown, will present the 2022 Audit Report to the Commission. The report will cover the financial condition of Barton County from January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022.

Jami Benyshek, Senior Audit Manager, AdamsBrown, said Barton County had an unmodified opinion on the audit report. This means it was a clean audit opinion which was the best type of opinion they could issue. 2022 ended with \$25,157,000 of unencumbered cash.

Commissioner Zimmerman said it was interesting that the year started with \$22 million and ended with \$25 million.

Benyshek said a lot of that was due to the ARPA funding received in 2022 but had not yet spent. There was one statute violation noted. The Solid Waste Fund went over budget authority. There was no repercussion, they just had to note it. Because over \$750,000 was spent in 2022, a single audit had to be performed as well. They looked at the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund. There were a couple of significant deficiencies. Some payroll allocations were incorrectly applied to a grant, the total was \$156. It was a very small amount, but the Federal Government requires them to note it. The second item was reporting, making sure that all reports submitted were complete and accurate. A couple of audit recommendations: that offices taking money to the Treasurer be sure that their report matches the Treasurer's report and review retention policies for all types of records.

Commissioner Hutchinson said \$156 discrepancy was not too bad.

Commissioner Reif moved to accept the 2022 Audit Report as submitted by AdamsBrown.

Commissioner Schlessiger seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## ***No Executive Session Held***

## **C. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

-Chairman Shawn Hutchinson will present. Any Commissioner may make a motion for the board to recess to executive session at this time as allowed by K.S.A. 75-4319. Any motion must contain the justification for the executive session, the subject matter to be discussed, any individuals in addition to the board who will attend the executive session and the time at which the regular session shall resume.

## **IV. ENDING BUSINESS:**

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

## **V. OTHER BUSINESS:**

There was no other business.

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## **VI. ADJOURN:**

Commissioner Zimmerman made a motion to adjourn at 9:10 A.M.

Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Bev Schmeidler  
Barton County Clerk

  
Shawn Hutchinson, Chairman