

# Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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October 24, 2023

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 24th day of October 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 Reif seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Zimmerman moved to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2023, and the October 17, 2023, Regular Meetings.

Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **II. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:**

-Bev Schmeidler, County Clerk, will present details. An Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of October 10, 2023, and ending October 24, 2023.

Bev Schmeidler, County Clerk, presented details.

Commissioner Zimmerman moved to approve appropriations for the period of October 10, 2023, to October 24, 2023. Authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.

Commissioner Schlessiger seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **III. OLD BUSINESS:**

-There was no Old Business at this time.

## **IV. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **A. MAPPING: Purchase of Digital Orthoimagery:**

-Bj Wooding, Cartographer, will present details. Barton County has the opportunity to purchase updated aerial imagery as part of the State of Kansas contract for NG911. The State is acquiring 1-foot pixel resolution digital orthoimagery from Surdex Corporation which works well for the rural areas. It is suggested that 3-inch pixel imagery be purchased for the Cities of Claflin, Ellinwood, Great Bend and Hoisington, with the cities sharing the cost. The orthoimagery was last updated in 2018.

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3j Wooding, Cartographer, asked for approval to purchase updated high-resolution imagery for the four main cities in the county. It was last acquired in 2018. The 3-inch pixel resolution is the highest to be obtained by plane without other approval. Wooding said the cities of Great Bend, Hoisington, Ellinwood and Claflin would share the costs.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked Wooding to explain the importance of imagery. Wooding said it had been used since reappraisal time. The first set she had in her office used for appraisal was dated 1984 and 1985. Since that time, it had been acquired in 2005, 2010 and 2018, that the county had paid for. Imagery was also received from the USDA office; they fly for agricultural purposes every 2 years. The state was flying for the Next Gen 911 purposes every 3 years. This imagery was used heavily by the Appraiser's Office, appraising both structures and ag land; Zoning and Planning; Engineering and Road & Bridge utilize it for road work and flood zones. The 3-inch imagery allows the cities to locate manhole covers and fire hydrants. After the Hoisington tornado, imagery was used for finding transformers that had been blown off. Several departments utilize it, and she was not sure how we could do our jobs without it.

Commissioner Esfeld said the Appraiser's Office would not survive without it. The Sheriff and 911 use it regularly as well.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked about the rates and the division of the costs. Wooding said it was an exact duplicate of the 2018 purchase. The area was 79 square miles, and the amount was determined by the number of square miles covering that city.

Commissioner Zimmerman said she understood that it was usually flown after the leaves dropped in the fall. Wooding said recently they had been flying in February and March, after the snow and before the leaves. She was never told the date since it was a mix of different dates when the imagery was taken.

Commissioner Esfeld moved to approve the purchase of digital orthoimagery from Surdex Corporation. Direct the Commission to sign the Photogrammetric Services agreement on behalf of Barton County. The \$28,500.00 cost of the project is to be paid from the Equipment Replacement Fund, Equipment Replacement – General Line, 072-00-6380. Reimbursements from the Cities, totaling \$14,249.62, are to be refunded to the Equipment Replacement Fund. Cost breakdown is as follows:

ORGANIZATION	AMOUNT
Barton County	\$14,250.38
City of Claflin	\$01,443.00
City of Ellinwood	\$01,984.12
City of Great Bend	\$08,658.00
City of Hoisington	\$02,164.50
Total	\$28,500.00

Direct the Administrator's Office to bill the Cities upon receipt of invoice.  
Commissioner Schlessiger seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

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## **3. CITY OF GREAT BEND: Financial Assistance for the City-Wide Clean Up:**

-Matt Patzner, County Administrator, will provide details. For the second consecutive year, the City of Great Bend held a city-wide clean up. During the event, which was held from September 8 – 17, 2023, the City disposed of approximately 160 tons of tires, which is about double from 2022. It is suggested that the County provide the City with a \$15,000.00 allocation to offset the increased cost of this community endeavor. Monies are available in the Solid Waste Fund for this expense.

Commissioner Esfeld left the meeting.

Matt Patzner, County Administrator, presented details.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked Patzner about the number of tires and cost this year versus last year. Patzner said 160 tons of tires this year, approximately 80 tons last year. Last year, it cost the city around \$17,000.00 and this year was upwards of \$40,000.00.

Commissioner Hutchinson said it keeps tires out of ditches.

Commissioner Schlessiger moved to remit \$15,000.00 to the City of Great Bend to offset the cost of tire disposal during the 2023 City-Wide Clean Up. Cost to be paid through the Solid Waste Fund, Recycling Grant Line, 140-68-5905.

Commissioner Zimmerman 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.

## **V. ENDING BUSINESS:**

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

## **VI. OTHER BUSINESS:**

There was no other business.

## **VII. ADJOURN:**


Commissioner Zimmerman made a motion to adjourn at 9:13 A.M.

Commissioner Reif seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

  
Bev Schmeidler  
Barton County Clerk

  
Shawn Hutchinson, Chairman