

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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January 12, 2009

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 12th day of January 2009, at the Barton County Courthouse.

Members present:

Kenny Schremmer, Commissioner, 1st District, Chairman

Kirby Krier, Commissioner, 4th District

Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner, 5th District (Chairman Pro-Tem)

Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator

Members absent:

Betty Chlumsky, Commissioner, 2nd District

Joe Wilson, Commissioner, 3rd District

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

Commissioner Schremmer 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 Krier moved to approve the minutes of the December 29, 2008 and January 5, 2009 regular meetings.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

A. RECOGNITION OF SERVICE: County Officials:

-The County recognizes that persons holding elected positions give a great deal of themselves. Elected officials must always be available to the public, taking away a great deal of time from personal commitments. In light of the service provided to the citizens of Barton County, the Commission will recognize Commissioners Betty Chlumsky and Joe Wilson and Sheriff Buck Causey for outstanding community service.

Commissioner Krier moved to recognize Commissioners Betty Chlumsky and Joe Wilson and Sheriff Buck Causey for outstanding community service.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

III. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:

-An Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the 13th month. Generally, this run consists of expenses as were accrued in 2008 and a billing was not available for payment in December.

Commissioner Krier moved to approve appropriations for the 13th month.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

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IV. RECESS FOR SWEARING IN OF OFFICIALS:

-The following officials will be sworn in: John Edmonds and Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioners; Kevin Wondra, County Treasurer; Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk; Marcia Johnson, Register of Deeds; Doug Matthews, County Attorney; and Greg Armstrong, Sheriff. The swearing in ceremony will be held at 9:15 am in Courtroom A. Following the ceremony, the County will host a reception in the Courthouse rotunda.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, provided details.

At 9:07 A.M. Commissioner Krier moved to recess the commission meeting until 9:45 A.M. so that county officials may be sworn into office.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

V. RETURN – The Commission will return to Chambers at 9:45 a.m.:

At 9:45 A.M. Commissioner Schartz moved to return to the regular commission meeting.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

New members present:

Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner, 2nd District

John Edmonds, Commissioner, 3rd District

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. ELECTION FOR CHAIRMAN AND CHAIRMAN PRO TEM OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY

COMMISSIONERS:

Nominations are in order for the 2009 Commission Chairman and Chairman Pro Tem as is allowed under Kansas Statute 19-219. The Board of County Commissioners consists of Commissioners John Edmonds, Kirby Krier, Homer Kruckenberg, Jennifer Schartz and Kenny Schremmer.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, provided details.

Commissioner Krier moved to appoint Jennifer Schartz as Chairman of the Barton County Commission for 2009.

Commissioner Edmonds seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Schartz moved to appoint Kenny Schremmer as Chairman Pro Tem of the Barton County Commission for 2009.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Schremmer reviewed the past year's accomplishments. Most of our goals for 2008 were met and the County is in very good financial condition.

B. RESOLUTION 2009-01: Requesting Waiver Under K.S.A. 75-1120a:

-It is standard procedure to request a waiver of the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120a relating to the preparation of financial statements and financial reports each year. The basis is that statements prepared in conformity with this statute are of no significant value to Barton County nor to the general public.

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Janet Crane, Financial Officer, presented details and stressed the Resolution was for the 2008 financial statements and not for 2009. Crane reported the county prepares financial statements in the modified cash basis of accounting and it's in accordance with the budget laws of the State of Kansas. We don't present them according to generally accepted accounting principles.

Commissioner Edmonds said he is opposed to the GAAP waiver.

Commissioner Krier moved to adopt Resolution 2009-01, Requesting Waiver Under KSA 75-1120a.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

Commissioner Schartz, Commissioner Schremmer, Commissioner Krier and Commissioner Kruckenberg all voted aye.

Commissioner Edmonds voted nay.

Motion passed 4 to 1.

ADDED ITEM: RECESS:

At 10:06 a.m. Commissioner Krier moved to recess for 5 minutes.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING:

At 10:13 a.m. Commissioner Schremmer moved to return to regular meeting.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

. RESOLUTION 2009-02: 2009 Tax Sale:

Resolution 2009-02 authorizes certain tracts of real estate for tax years 2006 through 2008 with delinquent taxes and those properties not sold during the tax sale held in 2008 to be sold for auction. The monies collected at the tax sale would be used to pay the delinquent property taxes on the tracts. This money is then distributed to the various taxing entities in the County. This Resolution also authorizes abstract work to be performed in preparation for the tax sale.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, presented details.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to adopt Resolution 2009-02, 2009 Tax Sale.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

D. RESOLUTION 2009-03: Designation of the Official County Newspaper:

-Resolution 2009-03 calls for the designation of the official County newspaper. The newspaper selected must meet the qualifications as prescribed by K.S.A. 65-101(b)(1) through (4). To meet this statute, and to best reach the citizens of Barton County, the Commission shall consider the designation of The Tribune.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, presented details.

Commissioner Kruckenberg moved to adopt Resolution 2009-03, Designation of the Official County Newspaper.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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E. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Small Business Development Center:

-The Kansas Small Business Development Center (KSBDC) increases economic prosperity in Kansas by helping entrepreneurs and small businesses start and grow through professional consulting, training and resources. A KSBDC outreach center is a cost effective strategy for establishing collaborative partnerships and expanding services as it minimizes overhead and maximizes service delivery. It is suggested that KSBDC partner with the County, the City of Great Bend and Barton Community College for a local center.

Mark Mingenback, Chairman of Barton County Economic Development Advisory Board, detailed the Advisory Board's recommendations in reference to the Center.

The following individual(s) presented information or made comments:

Dr. Carl Heilman, President of Barton Community College

Advisory Board Members: Wally Eldridge, Loren Unruh, Karen Neuforth and Jeremy Lewis also present.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to pledge \$12,000.00 from the General Fund, Finance General Account, Economic Development line, 10-24-5045, for the Kansas Small Business Development Center contingent on participation by the City of Great Bend and Barton Community College.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

F. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Great Bend Convention and Visitors Bureau – Fulfillment:

-Barton County and the Great Bend Convention and Visitor Bureau (CVB) are partnered with others in the development of the Wetlands and Wildlife National Scenic Byway. As a part of the project, a determination must be made on fulfillment – the handling of requests for information in various forms including email, telephone and mail out. It is suggested that the County enter into a contractual agreement with the CVB to perform the service. With a base cost of \$15,000.00, the agreement would be reviewed at the end of one year to determine any cost adjustment.

Mark Mingenback, Barton County Economic Development Advisory Board, provided details and the recommendation of the Barton County Economic Development Advisory Board,

The following individual(s) presented information or made comments:

Cris Collier

Loren Unruh

Dale Phillips, Road & Bridge Director

Fulfillment Proposal		
Personnel	One-half salary of Certified Interpretive Host	\$11,000.00
Postage and Supplies	Based on 500 mail outs	\$2,500.00
Equipment, Overhead		\$1,500.00
Total		\$15,000.00

Commissioner Schremmer moved to direct the County Counselor/Administrator to develop an agreement with the Great Bend Convention and Visitors Bureau to provide fulfillment related services for the Wetlands and Wildlife National Scenic Byway for a one year period. Cost of services, set at no more than \$15,000.00, to be paid from the General Fund, Finance General Account, Economic Development line, 10-24-5045.

Commissioner Edmonds seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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G. DISCUSSION: Commission Meetings on Tuesdays Following a Holiday:

-On federal holidays, County office buildings are closed. On occasion, these holidays fall on a Monday. Given that Commission meetings are held on Mondays, this generally results in no meeting during those weeks. Commissioner Schartz has asked that a formal decision be made to change the practice and begin meeting on Tuesdays following Monday holidays.

Thursday, January 1, 2009	New Year's Day Observed
Monday, January 19	Martin Luther King Day
Monday, February 16	Presidents Day
Friday, April 10 (1/2 day)	Good Friday
Monday, May 25	Memorial Day
Friday, July 3 (observed)	Independence Day
Monday, September 7	Labor Day
Wednesday, November 11	Veterans Day Observed
Thursday, November 26	Thanksgiving
Friday, November 27	in conjunction
Friday, December 25	Christmas
Friday, January 1, 2010	New Year's Day

Commissioner Edmonds moved to adopt the Tuesday meeting day after a Monday holiday and so moved to change the meeting time from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the same location.

Chuck Smith, Great Bend Tribune, Kenny Titus, KVGB, and Kera Mashek, KSN, voiced their concerns about changing the Commission meeting time to 7:00 p.m. as it would conflict with other school board and city council meetings that are covered by the media.

Edmonds motion died for lack of a second.

Commissioner Edmonds moved that on those Mondays when a holiday closed the Courthouse, that the usual Commission meeting occur on Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

H. COUNTY SERVICES: Informational Update:

-Mr. Boeckman will provide the informational report of work completed during the last period. The report, which will be made available to the media, will serve as a public reminder of the services provided by the County on a regular basis.

Information Only. No Action Required.

VII. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS:

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- Comm Edmonds: Asked if Sheriff Armstrong's compensation would be discussed again? Richard Boeckman said the Commissioners signed pay authorization and the issue has been resolved. He is being paid consistent with the County's Administrative Manual.
- Comm Schartz: After we signed the authorization form, Armstrong came back to request additional money. Said the Commission held firm. Armstrong was told when he is qualified he was free to come back to the Commission to discuss his salary.
- Comm Kruckenberg: Asked if Armstrong was going to try to quiz out on the qualification requirements and if not, would he have to go to school? Richard Boeckman said Armstrong plans to quiz out, and if not, would attend 16 weeks of school and would be paid for time and mileage.
- Comm Schartz: The Undersheriff also has to become qualified and attend training.
- Richard Boeckman: Kansas Statutes provide for the Sheriff to go to the Law Enforcement Training Center after elected and he has a certain period of time to do that.

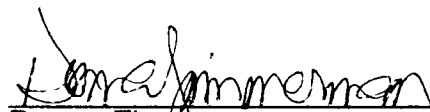
IX. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Kruckenberg made a motion to adjourn at 11:10 a.m.

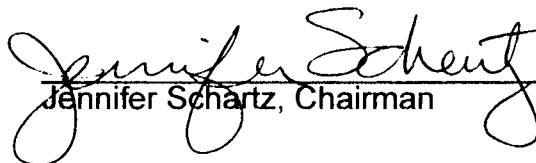
Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk



Jennifer Schartz, Chairman