

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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October 19, 2009

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 19th day of October 2009, at the Hoisington Annex Building, 352 W 12th Street, Hoisington, Kansas.

Members present:

Kenny Schremmer, Commissioner, 1st District (Chairman Pro-Tem)
Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner, 2nd District
John Edmonds, Commissioner, 3rd District
Kirby Krier, Commissioner, 4th District
Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner, 5th District, Chairperson
Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk
Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator

I. APPOINTMENTS:

II. OPENING BUSINESS:

Commissioner Schartz called the **EVENING** meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Commissioner Krier moved to approve the agenda.
Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2009 Regular Meeting.
Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Schartz introduced County Elected Officials and staff in attendance:

Kevin Wondra, County Treasurer
Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk
Marcia Johnson, Register of Deeds
Greg Armstrong, Sheriff
Larry Holliday, Undersheriff
John Debes, Information Technology Director
Judy Goreham, Environmental Manager
Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator
Amy Miller, Emergency Risk Manager
Diana Watson, Administrative Assistant

Jonathan Mitchell, Hoisington City Manager, introduced various Hoisington officials.

III. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:

-An Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of September 28, 2009, through October 12, 2009.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve appropriations for the period of September 28, 2009 through October 12, 2009.
Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.
Commissioner Schremmer, Commissioner Kruckenberg, Commissioner Krier and Commissioner Schartz all voted aye.
Commissioner Edmonds abstained.
Motion passed 4 - 0.

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IV. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. HOISINGTON MAIN STREET: Membership:

-Under the Hoisington Main Street program, enthusiastic leaders and a multitude of community partners work together to support and continually improve the quality of life demonstrated in a clean, safe environment. Efforts include leading the process to downtown revitalization, gaining partner involvement and support and implementing their strategic plan as designed. Hoisington Main Street members will request that the Commission consider the renewal of membership.

Denise Schreiber, new Hoisington Main Street Director, asked Paula Manweiler to provide details. She provided written documentation to the Commission.

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

Kathy Burt
Kristen Decker
Jeff Zuhler
Jonathan Mitchell
Bruce Bitter

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve membership with Hoisington Main Street. Membership fee of \$2500.00 to be paid from Finance General Account of the General Fund, Miscellaneous line 10-24-6050.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

Commissioner Schremmer, Commissioner Kruckenberg and Commissioner Schartz voted aye.

Commissioner Edmonds and Commissioner Krier voted nay.

Motioned passed 3 -2.

B. 2009 TAX SALE:

-The 2009 Tax Sale was held on October 13, 2009. At the time of the sale, 15 tracts remained. With Commissioner Kenny Schremmer donating his services at the auction, the County was able to sell all tracts. The County collected \$10,945.00, with another \$120.00 collected for filing fees. Of that, there is a possibility of \$7,687.20 returned as an overage. The overages – purchases more than taxes owed – may be redeemed by persons with an interest in the property sold and fees.

Kevin Wondra, County Treasurer, provided an update and noted of the 15 properties sold at the sale, 12 were vacant lots. He thanked Commissioner Schremmer for his auction services.

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TRACT	PROPERTY	OWED	SOLD FOR*	DIFFERENCE
0002	1917 Holland Street, Great Bend KS	\$ 330.22	\$ 50.00	\$ (280.22)
0003	1915 Hubbard Street, Great Bend KS	\$ 937.01	\$ 10.00	\$ (927.01)
0005	1916 Hubbard Street, Great Bend KS	\$ 423.28	\$ 10.00	\$ (413.28)
0007	1610 Hubbard Street, Great Bend KS	\$ 4,302.25	\$ 200.00	\$ (4,102.25)
0009	1613 16th Street, Great Bend KS	\$ 1,100.09	\$ 10.00	\$ (1,090.09)
0012	None shown, City of Great Bend	\$ 277.41	\$ 10.00	\$ (267.41)
0013	1205 Morphy Street, Great Bend, Kansas	\$ 1,440.40	\$ 5.00	\$ (1,435.40)
0021	1205 Monroe Street, Great Bend KS	\$ 6,998.77	\$ 10.00	\$ (6,988.77)
0056	West 11th Street, Hoisington KS	\$ 568.64	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,431.36
0062	East E Street, Ellinwood KS	\$ 754.18	\$ 10.00	\$ (744.18)
0064	412 East 4th Street, Ellinwood, KS	\$ 1,256.40	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 4,943.60
0071	211 West Pohlman Street, Ellinwood KS	\$ 1,113.59	\$ 50.00	\$ (1,063.59)
0074	Property: Rock Street, Pawnee Rock KS	\$ 215.98	\$ 5.00	\$ (210.98)
0087	2nd Street, Great Bend, Kansas	\$ 762.76	\$ 2,075.00	\$ 1,312.24
0090	NE 20 Road	\$ 306.84	\$ 300.00	\$ (6.84)
		\$ 20,787.82	\$ 10,945.00	\$ (9,842.82)

C. DISCUSSION: Government Reorganization:

-Commissioner Kirby Krier has spearheaded an effort to reorganize the local government structure. Included therein would be the elimination of the positions of the County Treasurer, the County Clerk and the Register of Deeds. The duties of the three positions would then be assigned to one professional who would also oversee the functions of each office's statutory duties. Although not detailed in full, duties involve the collection and distribution of taxes, to include vehicles; record minutes and keep records; provide a bookkeeping system that acts as a check and balance; elections; performs budget activities for local municipalities, to include the County; and record certain legal documents to include deeds, liens, mortgages and others. Prior to any action, the County would have to hold an election on the elimination. This item has been scheduled as a means of receiving public input.

Commissioner Krier provided details of his plan to reorganize county government and eliminate the three positions of County Treasurer, Register of Deeds and County Clerk and replace with a "Professional".

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

- Comm Jennifer Schartz – Supports petition process.
- Becky Wornkey – Read prepared statement in opposition to reorganization.
- Marcia Johnson, Register of Deeds – Wyandotte Co combined County/City services while Johnson Co only combined 2 offices and made them all appointed.
- Kathy McGinnis, 9.12 Coalition member – Spoke in opposition.
- Walter Ehrlich – Treasurer Kevin Wondra doing a poor job. Discussed vehicle title.
- Kara Mashek, KSN – Difficult to find someone to take the proposed position
- Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator – detailed the process that would bring the question to a ballot through a Resolution.
- Comm John Edmonds – Petition for any action would be better than a Resolution.
- Comm Schremmer – would not give answer tonight, wanted to hear from the public
- Comm Kruckenberg – commended Commissioner Krier on being bold. Asked public to consider consolidation.
- Lloyd Lewis, Barton County Employee – Expressed consolidation concerns.
- LaRena Hildebrand, Barton County Employee – Expressed consolidation concerns.
- Doris Nitzel – Objected to the proposed consolidation.
- Troy Bressler – Wants to vote on elected officials.
- Mike Schneider, Great Bend Twp Treasurer – We have professionals in elected positions.

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D. RESOLUTION 2009-28: Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund Guidelines:

-In 1987, Barton County received a Kansas Department of Commerce grant to provide monies to new or expanding businesses, thus creating low to moderate income positions, stimulate private investment and to increase the tax base. As loans were paid, the recaptured funds were to be re-used. At this time, the Commission will consider revisions to the guidelines to expand use of collected funds through the adoption of a Resolution.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, provided details and explained the changes allow the County to offer a cash incentive and not be limited to only loans.

Commissioner Krier moved to adopt Resolution 2009-28, Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund Guidelines.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

Commissioner Edmonds stated he was in direct conflict and must abstain.

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

Commissioner Edmonds abstained.

Motion passed 4 – 0.

E. KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES: Voting Delegates:

-The Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) begins its Annual Conference in Overland Park on November 15, 2009. Each year, the Commission designates a voting delegate and first and second voting alternates for the meeting.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, provided details.

Commissioner Krier moved to designate Jennifer Schartz as the Kansas Association of Counties voting delegate with Kenny Schremmer named as first alternate.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Schartz moved to appoint Commissioner Krier as the second alternate.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

F. COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS: Update:

-As a part of their public service, the Commissioners often sit on various boards and committees. This educational item has been scheduled so that each Commissioner can report, as appropriate, on the happenings of their individual assignments.

- Comm Schartz: No report.
- Comm Kruckenberg: Humane Society-little dogs are too noisy and big dogs eat too much.
- Comm Krier: No report.
- Comm Schremmer: SDSI Board-looking at expansion. Governor's Comm-looking at procedures in the event of a massive loss of cattle in Western Kansas.
- Comm Krier: No report

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VI. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

VII. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Judy Goreham, Env Mgr/Zoning Admin: Two boards - Planning Board and Zoning Appeals Board. Two open positions on Zoning Appeals Board. Applicant must reside in the unincorporated area of the County and can not be an elected or appointed official.
- Richard Boeckman: Lily Akings, Health Director, asked him to announce the County has received Additional H1N1 vaccines. This batch will be provided, free of charge, to health care providers only. Additional vaccines are expected.
- Comm Schremmer: Judy Goreham & Sheven Bradley, Environmental Mgmt, work from the Hoisington Annex Building and are available to assist the public.

VIII. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Kruckenberg made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 P.M.
Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:


Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk


Jennifer Schartz, Chairperson