

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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November 10, 2008

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 10th day of November 2008, at the Barton County Courthouse.

Members present:

Kenny Schremmer, Commissioner, 1st District, Chairman

Joe Wilson, Commissioner, 3rd District

Kirby Krier, Commissioner, 4th District

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

Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator

Member absent:

Betty Chlumsky, Commissioner, 2nd District

I. CANVASS:

-The Commission met as the Board of Canvassers to canvass votes from the November 4, 2008, General Election. The canvass was held at 8:30 a.m. in the County Clerk's Office.

II. APPOINTMENTS:

-As the agenda meeting begins at 1:30 p.m., a few appointments were held this morning.

III. AGENDA MEETING:

-Agenda Meeting at 1:30 p.m.

IV. OPENING BUSINESS:

Commissioner Schremmer called the meeting to order at 1:35 P.M.

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Item E, an update from our County Clerk on the canvassing from today with up to the minute election results.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2008 regular meeting.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

V. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:

-An Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of October 27, 2008 through November 10, 2008.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve appropriations for the period of October 27, 2008 through November 10, 2008.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. BLUE CROSS \ BLUE SHIELD: Insurance Rates:

-The County provides health insurance coverage for employees through Blue Cross \ Blue Shield. The rates are adjusted annually based on usage in past years. Janet Crane, Financial Officer, has worked

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with Alice Oldham, BC \ BS Representative, on developing 2009 rates and a renewal agreement for the County's health insurance. That information will be presented at this time.

In Alice Oldham's absence, Bruce Schultz, BC/BS Representative, and Janet Crane, Financial Officer, provided details and the following information:

FAMILY COVERAGE

	2008	2009	Increase	%
	Family	Family		Increase
Monthly Total	926.56	1,393.28	466.72	50%
County Cost				
Employee Benefit Fund	726.56	813.76	87.20	
Health Insurance Trust Fund - Reserves	0.00	379.52	379.52	
Total County Cost	726.56	1,193.28	466.72	
Employee Pays	200.00	200.00	0.00	
Total Cost of Insurance	926.56	1,393.28	466.72	

SINGLE COVERAGE

	2008	2009	Increase	%
	Single	Single		Increase
Monthly Total	423.32	627.94	204.62	48%
County Cost				
Employee Benefit Fund	399.82	447.80	47.98	
Health Insurance Trust Fund - Reserves	0.00	156.64	156.64	
Total County Cost	399.82	604.44	204.62	
Employee Pays	23.50	23.50	0.00	
Total Cost of Insurance	423.32	627.94	204.62	

SINGLE HEALTH & FAMILY

DENTAL

	2008	2009	Increase	%
	SHFD	SHFD		Increase
Monthly Total	445.42	655.56	210.14	47%
County Cost				
Employee Benefit Fund	415.92	465.84	49.92	
Health Insurance Trust Fund - Reserves	0.00	160.22	160.22	
Total County Cost	415.92	626.06	210.14	
Employee Pays	29.50	29.50	0.00	
Total Cost of Insurance	445.42	655.56	210.14	

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They explained the county will change from a “paid claims” basis to an “incurred” basis of coverage. The 50% increase in policy will be paid \$1,324,551 by the County, \$574,563 from our Health Insurance Trust Fund reserves and \$255,096 by the employees. The HIPPA designation will also be changed to the Commission Chair.

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve the 2009 Insurance Rates and Continuing Health Coverage Agreement with Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT ACCOUNT REGISTRY SERVICE (CDARS): Deposit Placement Agreement:

-Farmers Bank and Trust has submitted a Deposit Placement Agreement to the County. Under the agreement, the County Administrator and \ or the Financial Officer can work with Farmers Bank and Trust on funds to be invested in certificates of deposit.

Janet Crane, Financial Officer, provided details and noted a \$1,000,000 CD (for example) would be placed with 11 different banking institutions with \$100,000 coverage each.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the CDARS Deposit Placement Agreement with Farmers Bank and Trust. Direct the Commission Chairman to sign the said agreement.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

C. LEGISLATIVE ISSUES: KAC Legislative Platform:

-On November 16 – 18, 2008, County officials will meet at the Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) Annual Conference. An important item that will be discussed is the KAC Legislative Platform as distributed to each County. Member Counties will be called to review the issues and determine the platform's final form. It will then be utilized during the upcoming Legislative Session to promote issues related to County Government. Each year, Barton County reviews and considers the KAC Platform and other initiatives that may have local interest.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, lead the discussion.

Commissioner Wilson would like language included that supports the Holcomb power plant. Chairman Schremmer, as the voting delegate, responded that he would discuss at the KAC meeting.

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve the KAC Legislative Platform.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

D. KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES: Second Alternate Voting Delegate:

-As noted, the Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) begins its Annual Conference in Wichita on November 16, 2008. Each year, the Commission designates a voting delegate and first and second voting alternates for the meeting. On October 13, 2008, Commissioner Betty Chlumsky was selected as the Second Alternate Voting Delegate. As she is unable to attend the meeting due to business demands, it is suggested that Commissioner Kirby Krier be appointed to serve in her place.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, provided details.

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Commissioner Wilson moved to appoint Commissioner Kirby Krier as the Second Alternate Voting Delegate for the 2008 KAC Annual Meeting. Direct the Administrator's Office to notify KAC that Commissioner Krier will serve in Commissioner Betty Chlumsky's place.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion

Commissioner Schremmer, Commissioner Schartz and Commissioner Wilson all voted aye.

Commissioner Krier abstained.

Motion passed 3 – 0.

ADDED ITEM E. DONNA ZIMMERMAN, COUNTY CLERK: November 4, 2008 General Election:

-Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk, gave a review of updated results from the November 4, 2008 General Election. She said 232 provisional ballots were tabulated at the canvass and that we finished with 66.89% total voter turnout. Per request, she provided details on those persons elected to township offices. She commented the election went smoothly and that the electronic equipment functioned well.

VIII. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments (*continued*)

IX. OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business.

X. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Schartz made a motion to adjourn at 2:27 P.M.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk

Kenny Schremmer, Chairman