

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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February 17, 2009

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 17th day of February 2009, at the Barton County Courthouse.

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. OPENING BUSINESS:

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

Commissioner Krier moved to approve the agenda with the addition of item H, a burning ban discussion. Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Edmonds moved to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2009 regular meeting.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:

An Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of February 2, 2009 through February 16, 2009.

Commissioner Krier moved to approve appropriations for the period of February 2, 2009 through February 16, 2009.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

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

Commissioner Edmonds abstained on grounds of a conflict of interest.

Motion passed 4 – 0.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

A. FUNDING REQUEST: First Step Recycling:

-In the 2009 Operating Budget, the Commission approved an appropriation of \$12,000 for Sunflower Diversified's First Step Recycling Project. This recycling effort accepts items at 1010 Hubbard, Great Bend, and offers regular pickup from area counties and businesses. Item tabled from February 2, 2009.

Commissioner Edmonds moved that the First Step Recycling matter be taken from the table.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, provided details and noted it was legally permissible to fund this request from the Landfill tipping fees.

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Jim Johnson, Sunflower Diversified Services

Commissioner Edmonds moved to authorize an allocation of \$12,000.00 for 2009 Financial Support for First Step Recycling. Payment to be made from the Solid Waste Account, Professional Services line, 36-10-4330.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT: Radon Testing:

-Radon is a radioactive gas that comes from the natural decay of uranium found in nearly all soils. It typically moves up through the ground to the air above and into homes through cracks and other holes in the foundation. Other sources of radon include well water and building materials. As radon cannot be seen, smelled or tasted, testing is the only way to detect a build up.

Lily Akings, Health Director, and Donna Krug, KSU/Barton County Extension Council, provided information on the testing process.

Radon is a breakdown of uranium and found in the soil. Soil porosity is a factor. More compact soil has a higher reading of radon. Three out of the last six years Barton County has been part of a Radon Grant. The Grant purchased approximately 400 test kits and fixed the radon problems in two homes in Barton County. Radon kits are available at Extension Office at a cost of \$4.50 each.

formation Only. No Action Required.

B. RESOLUTION 2009-06: Establishing a High Wind Policy for the Barton County Solid Waste Landfill and Rescinding Resolution 2005-11, Same, Adopted May 2, 2005:

-On May 2, 2005, the Commission adopted a Resolution in response to blowing trash during high wind periods. In addition to determining the wind conditions that call for closure, the Resolution states that notification will be made to affected customers and the media, by phone, within 30 minutes of the decision and that re-openings will be scheduled when the winds end. As operations have been improved with the addition of portable litter fences at disposal areas, revisions have been proposed that will better reflect current policy.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, provided details.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to adopt Resolution 2009-06, Establishing a High Wind Policy for the Barton County Solid Waste Landfill and Rescinding Resolution 2005-11, Same, Adopted May 2, 2005.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

C. INVENTORY OF COUNTY PROPERTY:

-Per KSA 19-2687, each county officer and head of a department shall make an inventory of the personal property owned by the County and located in such office or department. The inventory, which shall be taken during the month of December of each year, shall be filed with the County Clerk on or before December 31 of each year. The inventory shall not include books, records, files, stationery, writing materials and blank legal papers. The information will be presented to the Commission during February of each year. Per Resolution 2005-22, the mandated duties have been assigned to the Information Technology Department.

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John Debes, IT Director, provided details and received a number of questions about incomplete or missing inventories from county departments.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, offered to review the inventory policy and report back to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Krier moved to table.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

D. KANSASWORKS / WORKFORCEONE: Regional Innovation Grant:

-KANSASWORKS brings together applicants and employees in the State of Kansas free of charge. The County has been asked to support a grant that would provide resources to assist in the initiation of a comprehensive, sustainable and integrated 22 county regional planning strategy to identify innovative assets and channel momentum to create a region that's globally competitive and economically vibrant.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, provided details.

Commissioner Krier moved to provide a letter of support to KANSASWORKS / WorkforceONE for the Regional Innovation Grant.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

E. WESTERN KANSAS RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE \ KANSAS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: Comprehensive Energy Legislation:

The Western Kansas Rural Economic Development Alliance, Inc. (wKREDA), working in cooperation with the Kansas Chamber of Commerce, has announced the organization of a coalition to support the comprehensive energy legislation currently before the Kansas legislature.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, detailed the request.

Commissioner Edmonds moved that this Commission instruct Mr. Boeckman to write a letter of support reiterating the pertinent points of Resolution 2007-19 and that letter of support be forwarded to Jeff Glendenning.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

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

Commissioner Kruckenberg voted nay.

Motion passed 4 – 1.

F. MEMBERSHIP: Kansas County Commissioners Association:

-The Commission has received an invoice for the 2009 dues for the Kansas County Commissioners Association. Tied closely to the Kansas Association of Counties, this organization is comprised of the Commissioners serving the 105 counties in Kansas. Education, training, partnering and seeking strategic alliances that benefit the interests of County government and its citizens are its core goals. The Commission will determine if they will join the Association.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, reported the 2009 dues for the Kansas County Commissioners Association were \$667.50

Discussion followed among the Commissioners.

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The following elected officials and department heads voiced their concerns:

Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk
Marcia Johnson, Register of Deeds
Lily Akings, Health Department Director

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

Chuck Smith, Great Bend Tribune

Commissioner Schartz moved to table.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

G. KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES: Introduction to the Commissioner's Job:

-On February 5 and 6, 2009, Chairman Jennifer Schartz and Commissioners Kirby Krier and Kenny Schremmer attended the Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) training course, Introduction to the Commissioner's Job. The program, designed for newly-elected officials and veterans, offered practical information on the role and responsibilities of a Commissioner, guidelines for leadership, skill development and networking opportunities. At this time, the Commission will review the topics discussed and share information as learned.

- Comm Krier: Collaboration-Sheriff's offices help reduce cost of medicine jointly. Media discussion and how helpful they can be to Commissioners
- Comm Schremmer: Collaboration-Buying power, a lot of money could be saved by numbers and strength and volume when Counties ban together with buying power.
Comm Schartz: Kansas Collaborative—Cost of drugs for jails and getting Medicaid payments into the jails for people who qualify. GIS projects-Everyone layering maps helps everyone. Regional Homeland Security projects
- Comm Krier: Collaborative efforts brought simplicity to Sheriff's Office, because by just entering a name they take care of the drugs.

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

Becky Wornkey: Mr. Kruckenberg had been because of medical, but why didn't Mr. Edmonds attend new commissioner's training?

- Comm Edmonds: Being familiar with Kansas Assoc of Counties, elected to not attend. Having spent 12 years in the Kansas Legislature, have some notation of how they work. It's tax season. And finally, he didn't want to spend the county's money.
- Comm. Schartz: All Commissioners are required to finish a NEMS training, etc. If we do not go through that training, our Federal dollars could be in jeopardy. Amy Miller will go over training issues with the Commissioners in a future study session.

Information Only. No Action Required.

ADDED ITEM H: BURNING BAN:

Amy Miller, Emergency Preparedness/Risk Manager, reported that the Fire Chiefs of Claflin, Great Bend and Ellinwood had requested a burning ban due to dry conditions with the ban to take effect at noon today and expiring in one week. A disaster declaration is only be good for 7 days and must be reviewed and declared again, if necessary.

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Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve Resolution 2009-07, declaring a state of local disaster emergency for Barton County and this ban will be adopted today and be in effect until 12:00 noon February 23, 2009.

Commissioner Edmonds seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business.

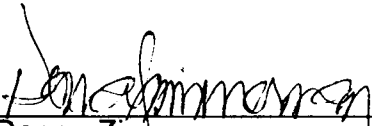
VII. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Krier made a motion to adjourn at 10:48 A.M.

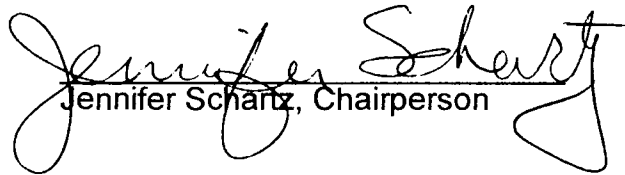
Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk



Jennifer Schartz, Chairperson