

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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February 2, 2009

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 2nd day of February 2009, at the Barton County Courthouse.

Members present:

Kenny Schremmer, Commissioner, 1st District *(Chairman Pro-Tem)*
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

Members absent:

Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner, 2nd District

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

Commissioner Schartz called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. and noted Commissioner Kruckenberg had surgery and would not be back for a few weeks.

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

The minutes of the January 26, 2009 regular meeting were not available.

II. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:

-An Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of January 19, 2009 through February 2, 2009.

Commissioner Krier moved to approve appropriations for the period of January 19, 2009 through February 2, 2009.
Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

Commissioner Edmonds said there were two items on the appropriations that he had a conflict with, so he would abstain from voting.

Commissioner Schremmer, Commissioner Krier and Commissioner Schartz all voted aye.
Commissioner Edmonds abstained.
Motion passed.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. RESOLUTION 2009-04: Establishing Commission Districts for Barton County, Kansas, and Rescinding Resolution 2006-04, Same, Adopted January 9, 2006:

-On November 2, 2002, Barton County voters approved a change to five Commission Districts. At that time, each district was defined. However, under Kansas statutes, at least once every three years, the Commission shall revisit the issue to assure that the districts are as compact and equal in population as possible.

Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk, presented details on the districts as described in Resolution 2009-04.

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Commissioner Schremmer moved to adopt Resolution 2009-04, Establishing Commission Districts for Barton County, Kansas, and Rescinding Resolution 2006-04, Same, Adopted January 9, 2006.
Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. FUNDING REQUEST: Barton County Arts Council:

-In the 2009 Operating Budget, the Commission approved an appropriation of \$7,725 for the Barton County Arts Council. This local program brings art to the County and surrounding areas. Planned events for 2009 include a continuing series of outdoor concerts at Brit Spaugh, invitational art show in conjunction with the Wings & Wetlands Birding Festival and activities for all ages at the Arts Center.

Karen Neuforth, Arts Council, presented details.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to authorize an allocation of \$7,725.00 for 2009 financial support for the Barton County Arts Council. Payment to be made from Finance General Account, Arts Council line – 10-24-5075.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

Commissioner Edmonds responded he never considered it appropriate for government to support the arts. He said in these economic times it would be prudent not to do this, even if it were a good idea.

Commissioner Schremmer and Commissioner Schartz voted aye.

Commissioner Edmonds and Commissioner Krier voted nay.

Motion Failed 2 – 2.

Karen Neuforth followed with more comments.

Commissioner Edmonds noted that he supports the arts, just not the use of taxpayers' money for the arts. Commissioner Schartz said the arts support tourism and economic development and we need to continue to support the arts and the Strategic Plan.

C. 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.

Jim Johnson, Sunflower Diversified First Step Recycling Program, introduced Sarah Krom, Coordinator of Adult Services, and Dan Zimmerschaud, Manager of First Step Recycling.

They provided an overview of the operation.

Commissioner Edmonds asked why this funding was coming out of the Finance General Account, and suggested it should come out of the Landfill Account.

Richard Boeckman will research this matter.

Commissioner Krier agreed this funding should come out of the Landfill account.

Commissioner Edmonds moved to table.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

Commissioner Schartz said they had a motion and a second to table this item to next week.

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

Commissioner Schremmer voted nay.

Motion passed 3 – 1.

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D. 2009 TAX SALE: Barton County Abstract:

-As there are no other abstract companies in Barton County, Mr. Boeckman took the liberty of contacting Barton County Abstract reference abstracting services for the 2009 Tax Sale. Barton County Abstract is willing to provide the needed services at \$60.00 per parcel. This rate remains unchanged from the last two years.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, provided details and noted there were 162 parcels currently on the 2009 Tax Sale, but many of these will be redeemed before the sale.

Commissioner Krier moved to approve a \$60.00 per parcel price for abstracting work provided by Barton County Abstract as relates to the 2009 Tax Sale.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

E. REGISTER OF DEEDS: Office Upgrade:

-In order to improve work space in the Register of Deeds Office, it is suggested that the counter tops be replaced. Marcia Johnson, Register of Deeds, received proposals for such work. Thomas Quality Homes submitted the low bid \$1,925.00 for installing three new formica counter tops.

Marcia Johnson, Register of Deeds, provided details on the following bids with the funding for the project taken from the Capital Improvement Fund.

Bids include:

<i>Thomas Quality Homes</i>	<i>\$1,925.00</i>
<i>Home Connection</i>	<i>\$2,640.00</i>
<i>C. V. Cale</i>	<i>\$3,417.00</i>

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve the Thomas Quality Homes proposal of \$1,925.00 for replacement countertops in the Register of Deeds Office. Funding for said purchase to be paid through the Capital Improvement Fund, General Expense, 45-10-4310.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

V. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Comm Schartz: Three Commissioners will attend KAC New Commissioner training in Topeka Feb 4- 5.

VII. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Krier made a motion to adjourn at 9:54 A.M.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk

Jennifer Schartz, Chairperson

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