

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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March 2, 2009

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 2nd day of March 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 Kruckenberg moved to approve the agenda.
Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2009 and February 23, 2009 Regular Meetings.
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 16, 2009 through March 2, 2009.

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

Commissioner Schremmer, Commissioner Kruckenberg, Commissioner Krier and Commissioner Schartz voted aye.
Commissioner Edmonds abstained.
Motion passed 4 - 0.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

A. APPRAISER'S OFFICE: Bulk Mailing Proposals:

-The Appraiser's Office accepted proposals until February 6, 2009, for the bulk mailing of valuation notices from the two companies that provide this service. Included in the specifications was the cost of services to include mailing the notices, mailing labels and envelopes. This item was tabled on February 23, 2009.

Barbara Konrade-Stierlen, County Appraiser, reported that Postal Presort of Wichita would not rebid their \$7,299 proposal as they bid the same for all Counties they serve.

Konrade-Stierlen read a letter from Roy Myers, Golden Belt Printing, which stated the County already had his best bid for service at \$7,999.

Roy Myers, Golden Belt Printing, was also present.

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Bid summary:

<i>BIDDER</i>	<i>BID AMOUNT</i>	<i>ADDITIONAL COST</i>
Postal Presort - Wichita	.52 per parcel	.07 addt pages and .015 addt inserts
Golden Belt Printing – Great Bend	.53 per parcel	.35 addt prop owner with other variables for multiple owners

Per Kansas statute, notices must be mailed out on or before March 1st. The County has received an extension until March 16th.

Commissioner Schartz recommended we accept the bid from Golden Belt Printing in the estimated price of \$7,999.00 for bulk mailing valuation notices. Service cost has been factored into the Appraiser's Account of the General Fund as an anticipated operational cost.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. RESOLUTION 2009-10: A Resolution Declaring a State of Local Disaster Emergency:

-At the Tuesday, February 17, 2009, Barton County Commission Meeting, a Resolution declaring a state of local disaster emergency was adopted, thus enacting the burning ban. As extremely dry weather conditions create a fire hazard, open campfires and fires are prohibited under the ban. In addition, the burning of fence rows, fields, wildlands, ravines, trash and debris may be done upon issuance of a written permit by the Fire Chief having jurisdiction of the area where the burning is to take place. At this time, the Commission will consider extending the ban until 12 noon, March 9, 2009, with the adoption of another Resolution.

Amy Miller, Emergency Risk Manager, recommended the burning ban be continued due to lack of noticeable precipitation.

Commissioner Krier moved to adopt Resolution 2009-10, A Resolution Declaring a State of Local Disaster Emergency.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. REMODELING PROJECT: Juvenile Services Offices:

-In 2005, Juvenile Services was relocated to the Barton County Office Building at 12th and Kansas, Great Bend. Since that time, staff members have struggled with space and climate conditions. Linnea Winter, Architect, has been asked to speak with the Commission to determine if the heating and ventilation system could be improved. If approved, Ms. Winter will be hired to prepare plans, develop a request for proposal and supervise work.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, presented details.

Linnea Winter, architect, was also present.

Commissioner Krier moved to hire Linnea Winter, Architect, for no more than \$2,500.00, to develop and coordinate an improvement project relation to heating and ventilation in the Juvenile Services portion of the Barton County Office Building, 12th and Kansas, Great Bend. Services to be paid from the Capital Improvement Fund, General Designation line, 45-10-4310.

Commissioner Edmonds seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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C. INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT: Appropriation Request:

-Senator Pat Roberts recently asked that various governmental entities submit request funding for certain projects by March 1, 2009. Given the project deadline, a summit of County officials discussed certain needed improvements and a request was submitted to Senator Roberts. At this time, Mr. Boeckman will discuss the submitted project of a Railroad Avenue overlay from Washington Street to Highway 56.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, provided Railroad Avenue project overlay details. The total project cost is \$300,000 with a request for appropriation at \$240,352 in federal monies. This is the first time the County has requested an appropriation.

Information Only. No Action Required.

D. SHERIFF'S OFFICE: Greater Western Kansas Regional Juvenile Detention Facility:

-Barton County has the option of placing juveniles in the Greater Western Kansas Regional Juvenile Detention Facility in Trego County. In order to qualify for preferred placement, the County has been asked to approve the Restated Fee Agreement. It should be noted that Barton County rarely uses this facility. Located closer to the County, other placement facilities have a lower rate.

Sheriff Greg Armstrong provided details and explained Bob Johnson's in Hutchinson is less expensive to use, but this would provide a back-up plan in the event Bob Johnson's is full.

Commissioner Krier moved to approve the Restated Fee Agreement and continue as a participating county in the Great Western Kansas Regional Juvenile Detention Facility.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

E. WETLANDS AND WILDLIFE NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY: Marketing and Comprehensive Action Plan for Marketing/Public Relations:

-Barton County received an agreement from the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) for the Scenic Byway, Comprehensive Action Plan for Marketing / Public Relations. Under the agreement, pass through funds will be used to develop a marketing plan for the Wetlands and Wildlife National Scenic Byway, followed by a comprehensive action plan for marketing/public relations that will support travelers. The total of the grant is \$120,000, with monies to be reimbursed for actual expenses. A total of \$30,000 in matching funds is required. The matching funds are available in the Wetlands and Wildlife Scenic Byway Grant Fund.

Janet Crane, Financial Officer, explained the grant is an action plan for marketing the Kansas Wetlands & Wildlife National Scenic Byway. The action plan would include developing and implementing a comprehensive five year marketing advertising public relation strategy plan for the Byway.

They broke the project cost into three areas: the development of an initial marketing plan, marketing materials for the local awareness campaign and marketing material for sustainable marketing campaign which is inclusive of the five year marketing strategy.

Commissioner Krier moved to approve the agreement for the Scenic Byway Project, Comprehensive Action Plan for Marketing / Public Relations Grant with the Kansas Department of Transportation. The required \$30,000 match for the \$120,000 grant to be encumbered from the Wetlands and Wildlife Scenic Byway Fund, Professional Services line, 60-10-4330.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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F. SOUTH HOMESTEAD TOWNSHIP: Appointment:

-On December 29, 2008, the Commission accepted the resignation of Steven Peterson as the South Homestead Township Clerk. At the recommendation of the remaining township board members, the Commission will consider the re-appointment of Mr. Peterson. It is the responsibility of the Commission to formally make such appointments.

Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk, explained that Steve Peterson had previously served on the board, resigned in December and has asked for reappointment. The remaining board members recommended his reappointment.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to appoint Steve Peterson as the South Homestead Township Clerk. Said term to expire in 2011.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

V. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Donna Zimmerman: Commissioners will canvass results of the Hoisington 1st Ward Primary Election on Friday 3/06/09 at 8:30am in the County Clerk's Office.
- Comm Krier: Commissioners considering one evening agenda meeting per quarter at 7pm Monday night in Great Bend, Hoisington, Ellinwood, and Claflin.

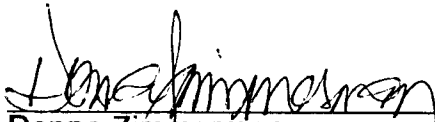
II. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Krier made a motion to adjourn at 9:28 A.M.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:


Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk


Jennifer Schartz, Chairperson