

# Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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March 24, 2008

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 2008, at the Barton County Courthouse.

*Members present:*

Kenny Schremmer, Commissioner, 1st District, Chairman

Betty Chlumsky, Commissioner, 2nd District

Joe Wilson, Commissioner, 3rd District

Rick Scheufler, Commissioner, 4th District

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

Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator

## **I. OPENING BUSINESS:**

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

Commissioner Scheufler moved to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2008 regular meeting.

Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **II. OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business.

## **III. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **A. COMMUNICATIONS: Communications Tower at Road and Bridge:**

-The County owns various communications towers. One such tower was erected over 40 years ago at the Road and Bridge Shop. This tower has decayed over the years to the point where it is potentially dangerous. Scott Ekberg, Communications Director, has received bids to relocate the Road and Bridge radio repeater to another tower site in preparation for demolition of the tower.

Scott Ekberg, Communications Director, provided details.

*A summary of this project includes:*

- *Mobile Radio Service bid the project at \$5,739.48*
- *Work includes installing the antennae and coax on the Doonan tower at 300', upgrade to the ground system, moving and connecting the repeater.*
- *Work would start as soon as possible after approval is given by the Commission.*

Commissioner Scheufler moved to accept the Mobile Radio Service, Inc. quote of \$5739.48.

Cost to be paid from the Equipment Replacement Fund, Road and Bridge line, 46-10-4610.

Commissioner Chlumsky seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion carried.

### **B. ROAD AND BRIDGE: Purchase of Replacement Vehicle:**

-The Road and Bridge Department has worked to fund the purchase of a replacement vehicle. Planned as out-right purchase of a 2008 crew cab and chassis, 4 X 4 vehicle, the purchased vehicle will replace a 1995 Chevrolet that will be sold at a future auction.

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Dale Phillips, Road and Bridge Director, presented the bids as developed under County specifications.

<i>Ralph Baird Motors, Larned</i>	<i>\$31,855.00</i>
<i>Doonan GMC, Great Bend</i>	<i>No Bid-GMC quit building the specified truck</i>
<i>Manweiler Chevrolet, Hoisington</i>	<i>\$52,298.00</i>
<i>Marmie Motors, Inc, Great Bend</i>	<i>\$36,498.00</i>
<i>Marmie Ford, Inc, Great Bend</i>	<i>\$29,881.00</i>

Commissioner Wilson moved to purchase a 2008 Cab and Chassis, Crew Cab, 4 x 4 Pickup from Marmie Ford, Inc. for the cost of \$29,881.00. Payment to be made from the Road and Bridge Fund, Operation and Construction Equipment line, 11-10-4425.

Commissioner Chlumsky seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **C. SOLID WASTE: Computerized Scale Software:**

-For a number of years, the County has run an in-house scale software at the Landfill. With innovations in private technology since the software was written, it is suggested that packaged software be purchased. Mark Witt, Solid Waste Manager, recently developed specifications for such software and accepted bids. In order to be considered, the successful bidder must supply software that provides an integrated operational and financial accounting system for vehicle processing; waste flow tracking; regulatory reporting; origin, waste and hauler vehicle data files; billing/invoice processing; receipt processing; aging, journals, activity and open order reporting; customer data files; online customer inquiry and complete accounts receivable functionality. Monies have been included in the Landfill's operating budget for this purchase.

Mark Witt, Solid Waste Manager, provided details and the following bids:

<i>System Support Group Inc.-Staten Island, NY</i>	<i>\$17,550.00</i>
<i>Carolina Software-Wilmington, NC</i>	<i>\$12,920.00</i>

Commissioner Chlumsky moved to purchase scale software from Carolina Software, Inc. for the cost of \$12,920.00. Payment to be made from Solid Waste Fund, Office Furniture and Equipment line, 36-10-4415.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **D. AMERICANS WITH DISABILITY ACT: Third Floor Restroom:**

-The Americans with Disability Act (ADA) requires, generally, that restrooms be of such size and fixtures of such height that the facilities can be used by all persons. The County has received a proposal for meeting all requirements for a restroom on the third floor of the Courthouse. Although the Courthouse has ADA compliant facilities, a retrofit of the third floor restroom will provide a greater convenience for the court system.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, and Don Buhrle, Don Buhrle Plumbing, provided details. The needed improvements include:

- Change of flush handle
- Installation of grab bars
- Widen doors

Commissioner Wilson moved to accept the bid of Don Buhrle Plumbing for the cost of \$15,680.00 to upgrade the courthouse's third floor restroom for ADA accessibility. Payment to be made from the Capital Improvement Fund, General Designation, Building and Fixed Equipment line, 45-10-4310.

Commissioner Chlumsky seconded the motion.

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All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **E. COUNTY SERVICES: Informational Update:**

-Richard Boeckman, County Counselor \ Administrator, will provide the informational report of work completed during the last period. The report, which will be made available to the media, will serve as a public reminder of the services provided by the County on a regular basis.

Information Only. No Action Required.

Barb Konrade-Stierlen was introduced as the new Barton County Appraiser.

## **IV. ENDING BUSINESS:**

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

## **V. OTHER BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Wilson moved to formulate a press release in regards to the quarter cent sales tax the City of Great Bend is requesting of voters. Commissioner Wilson said he thought the County Commissioners should have a position statement.

Commissioner Scheufler seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **RECESS:**

At 9:35 a.m. Commissioner Wilson made a motion to recess until 3:00 p.m. today.

Commissioner Chlumsky seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **RECONVENE:**

At 3:00 p.m. Commissioner Scheufler moved to reconvene.

Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Schremmer read a proposed press release on the Proposed Quarter Cent Sales Tax.

Commissioner Wilson moved to have Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk and News Facilitator, release to the press all of the names she has acquired that are of a press nature, to let this be released and made public to all, including City and State government.

Commissioner Scheufler seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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

- Bob Peter, Ellinwood City Administrator: Thanked the County on behalf of the City of Ellinwood for taking a position on this issue.

Commissioner Scheufler: It was a well thought out press release and was appropriate. It's a positive approach as opposed to an isolated approach. We need to look at a regional approach for Economic Development.

Commissioner Wilson: Has over 4,000 voters in his district who live inside the Great Bend City limits. He would encourage them to choose a united approach.

Commissioner Chlumsky: Lives in Great Bend, but we have other cities in our County who need Help. She noted she supports the press release.

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Commissioner Schartz: Noted she was proud to sit on this board. Supports the statement released and likes the regional approach.

Commissioner Schremmer: His district is basically all rural. This tax would be good for all of Barton County. He is dedicated to seeing the Strategic Plan through.

## **VI. ADJOURN:**

Commissioner Scheufler made a motion to adjourn at 3:13 p.m.

Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

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Donna Zimmerman  
Barton County Clerk

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Kenny Schremmer, Chairman