

# Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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April 20, 2009

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 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

## *Members absent:*

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator

## **I. OPENING BUSINESS:**

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

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Kruckenberg moved to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2009 Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

'I voted aye. Motion passed.

## **II. OLD BUSINESS:**

### **A. RESOLUTION 2009-16: Appointment of County Appraiser:**

-By statute, a County Appraiser must be appointed for a four year term every fourth year following July 1, 1993. The appointment must be made by resolution and must be submitted to the Property Valuation Division of the State of Kansas. A resolution has been prepared appointing Barbara Konrade-Stierlen to the term beginning July 1, 2009.

Donna Zimmerman, Barton County Clerk, provided details.

The Commissioners said they were fortunate to have a qualified appraiser like Barbara and said they appreciated her and had heard good comments about the job she's done.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to adopt Resolution 2009-16, Appointment of County Appraiser.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **III. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **A. AARP – Tax Preparation:**

-Earlier this year, local members of the AARP used conference space in the Courthouse to prepare tax returns for eligible citizens.

Marlene Feist, representing AARP, thanked the Commissioners for letting them meet in the Courthouse two afternoons per week preparing tax returns from February through April. Feist said their program is run by eight volunteers and that their services are free to the public, mostly serving those over 65 years age.

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## **B. PAWNEE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION: Lobbying Efforts:**

-Since 2005, the Pawnee County Economic Development Commission has received \$5,000.00 annually in support funding from Barton County to assist with economic growth. In what has grown to be a 22 County region, the group pursues expansion and development of the State Complex west of Larned. The complex includes the Larned State Hospital, Correctional Mental Health Facilities and the Juvenile Correctional Facilities. Rita Kurtz, Past Chair of the Economic Development Commission, and Kim Barnes, Treasurer and Legislative Chair, will provide a report on activities to date and ask that the Commission consider support funding for 2009.

Kim Barnes, Treasurer and Legislative Chair of the Economic Development Commission, and Rita Kurtz, Past Chair, provided details. Barnes noted 1,213 employees work at the State complex with 253 of those employees residing in Barton County. Barnes asked for \$5,000.00 in support funding for 2009 from Barton County to assist with economic growth.

Commissioner Kruckenberg responded he was frustrated with lobbyists.

Commissioner Krier stated legislators should carry our message and noted no other County is helping us with Great Bend Packing closing.

Commissioner Schartz noted there were 253 residents of Barton County who are employed at Larned State Hospital whose interests we need to protect. We put money into recruitment of business and we should be pro-active about retaining jobs as well. She supports the idea of regionalism and just because the State Hospital is across the County line, doesn't diminish its impact on our local economy.

Commissioner Kruckenberg agreed that a regional approach was worth supporting even if there was disagreement about the use of lobbyists.

Commissioner Schremmer said he would support the effort because his constituents asked him to due to the County involvement at the facility.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to provide \$2,500.00 in support funding to the Pawnee County Economic Development Commission for their efforts in improving the State Complex. Support monies to be paid from the Finance General Account of the General Fund, Pawnee County Economic Development line, 10-24-5050.

There was no second to this motion.

Commissioner Kruckenberg moved to provide \$3700.00 in support funding to the Pawnee County Economic Development Commission.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

Commissioner Schartz, Commissioner Schremmer and Commissioner Kruckenberg voted aye.

Commissioner Krier and Commissioner Edmonds voted nay.

Motion passed 3 – 2.

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

-Mr. Boeckman 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.

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## IV. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

## V. OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business.


## VI. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Krier made a motion to adjourn at 9:29 A.M.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Donna Zimmerman  
Barton County Clerk



Jennifer Schartz, Chairperson