

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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September 8, 2009

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 8th day of September 2009, at the Barton County Courthouse.

Members present:

Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner, 5th District, Chairman
Kenny Schremmer, Commissioner, 1st District (Chairman Pro-Tem)
Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner, 2nd District
John Edmonds, Commissioner, 3rd District
Kirby Krier, Commissioner, 4th District
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 Krier moved to approve the minutes of the August 31, 2009 Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

A. PROCLAMATION 2009-03: Patriot Day – Honoring Local First Responders:

-Kyle Radenberg, 9.12 Coalition local organizer, requested that the County join in the Coalition's efforts to honor local first responders on Friday, September 11, 2009. The noon ceremony, held at the Band Shell in Jack Kilby Square, Great Bend, will include music, speeches and a show of patriotism. The Commission is honored to consider the adoption of a Proclamation that recognizes, in part, the talents, time and personal commitment of first responders, their family and friends, as they provide an essential public service.

Kyle Radenberg, 9.12 Coalition local organizer, provided details and read the proclamation.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to adopt Proclamation 2009-03, Patriot Day – Honoring Local First Responders.

Commissioner Edmonds offered the following amendments to Proclamation 2009-03: Paragraphs 5 and 6- add the word "*with*" to the verbiage to read "join *with* the 9.12 Coalition".

Commissioner Schremmer agreed to these amendments.

Commissioner Edmonds seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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B. WETLANDS & WILDLIFE NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY: 2009 Scenic Byway Award for Planning:

-The National Scenic Byways 2009 Conference was held in Denver, Colorado, the last full week in August. At the Conference, the Wetlands & Wildlife National Scenic Byway was presented with the Award for Planning. Sponsored by the America's Byways Resource Center, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and the American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO), the prestigious award recognizes eight projects of excellence from byway nominations across the country. Selection by a panel of byway community experts is based on four criteria, including community involvement and public outreach; partnerships; advancing the goals of the byway's corridor management plan; and, innovation. As a part of earning the award, the Byway hosted extensive community meetings, consulted with experts and tapped online communication venues to encourage public and partner participation in developing a cohesive interpretation plan. Today, the Byway's focused and flexible interpretive plan continues to guide the byway's growth and strengthen its sustainability.

Janet Crane, Financial Officer, provided details and especially thanked Diana Watson who wrote the application that was submitted to America's Byway Resource Center for the Interpretive Planning Award and also for her work to place the Byway on Facebook.

Information Only. No Action Required.

C. PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE: H1N1 Flu:

-Novel H1N1 (referred to as "swine flu" early on) is a new influenza virus causing illness in people. This new virus was first detected in people in the United States in April 2009. This virus is spreading from person-to-person worldwide, probably in much the same way that regular seasonal influenza viruses spread. On June 11, 2009, the World Health Organization (WHO) signaled that a pandemic of novel H1N1 flu was underway according to information provided by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Additionally, human infections with the new H1N1 virus are ongoing in the United States. Most people who have become ill with this new virus have recovered without requiring medical treatment. The CDC routinely works with states to collect, compile and analyze information about influenza, and has done the same for the new H1N1 virus since the beginning of the outbreak. This information is presented in a weekly report.

Lily Akings, Health Director, provided a report on the local impact and explained the H1N1 flu vaccine will be free and participation will be voluntary. Children must have a parental consent form in order to be vaccinated at the school. Akings anticipates the vaccine will become available sometime in October.

Information Only. No Action Required.

D. KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 – Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to KDOT Agreement No. 126-09:

-Barton County was awarded an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 Project for the Overlay of Tenth Street from the Great Bend city limits west to SW 50 Avenue. The original agreement with the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) was completed on July 10, 2009. KDOT Supplemental Agreement No. 1 will require contractors and subcontractors to comply with the Recovery Act's monthly employment reporting requirements.

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Clark Rusco, County Engineer, provided details and noted this project will be let in the September KDOT bid letting.

Commissioner Krier moved to approve the Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to the KDOT Agreement No. 126-09.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

E. RESOLUTION 2009-23: A Resolution Concerning Barton County Contractual Agreements and Rescinding Resolution 2005-28, A Resolution Allowing Certain Officials to Bind Barton County, Kansas, Through Contractual Agreements Adopted September 19, 2005:

-Pursuant to Kansas Statutes, the Commission has the authority to make all contracts and do such other acts required to exercise its administrative powers. This includes the approval of contractual agreements for items related to regular business. As the approvals absorb a great deal of administrative time for the Commission, it has been suggested that department heads be allowed to sign annual agreements related to normal operations after a review by the County Counselor. Resolution 2005-28, A Resolution Allowing Certain Officials to Bind Barton County Kansas, Through Contractual Agreements, was recently suggested for revision to tighten the policy. Generally, revisions more clearly state that all agreements must be approved by the County Counselor and, after review, must carry a notation that the Counselor approved the contractual language.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, provided more detail and the need for a complete contract file to be maintained within the County Administrator's Office.

Commissioner Krier moved to adopt Resolution 2009-23 -- A Resolution Concerning Barton County Contractual Agreements and Rescinding Resolution 2005-28, A Resolution Allowing Certain Officials to Bind Barton County, Kansas, Through Contractual Agreements Adopted September 19, 2005.

Commissioner Edmonds seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

F. EMERGENCY REPAIR: Courthouse Elevator:

-During August, 2009, the Courthouse elevator began to show signs of problems. After shutting down completely, KONE Inc. examined the unit and determined that the hydraulic motor needed to be replaced. The repair cost, \$3,518.00, was authorized as an emergency purpose as allowed by County Resolution. At this time, the Commission will be asked to formally accept the proposal and approve payment from the Facilities Management account of the General Fund.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, provided details.

Commissioner Krier moved to affirm the emergency repair of the courthouse elevator by KONE. The cost, \$3,518.00, to be paid from the Facilities Management Account of the General Fund, Maintenance line, 10-20-4345.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

G. COUNTY SERVICES: Informational Update:

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-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:

- Becky Wornkey: Asked for clarification-"joining 9.12 effort" and not joining the 9.12 Coalition?
- Comm Edmonds: Responded yes, that was precisely the point of the amendment.
- Comm Krier: Asked Richard Boeckman to discuss Special County Mineral Production Tax the schools & county will not receive.
- Richard Boeckman: Co Treasurer received letter 8-31-09 from KS Dept of Revenue. State took \$21,181.45 from the second quarter 2009 Mineral Tax Distribution which is split 50% to the County General Fund and 50% to schools. Boeckman will review statutes to see if this reduction was legal. Janet Crane will formally request additional information from the State, Comm Schartz will contact KAC to see if they tried to lobby on behalf of the Counties and Comm Krier asked for information indicating which legislators voted in favor of this action.

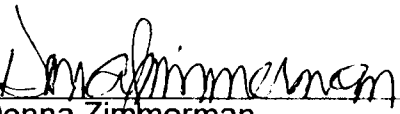
VI. ADJOURN:

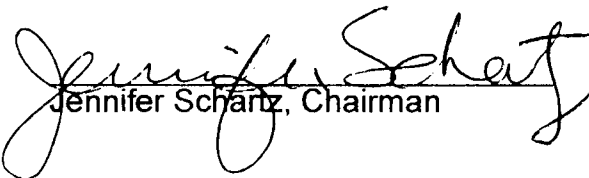
Commissioner Krier made a motion to adjourn at 9:54 A.M.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:


Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk


Jennifer Schantz, Chairman