

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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June 27, 2016

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 27th day of June 2016, at the Barton County Courthouse.

Members present:

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

Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner, 2nd District

Don Davis, Commissioner, 3rd District, Chairman

Alicia Straub, Commissioner, 4th District

Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner, 5th District

Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

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

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Straub moved to amend the motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Item G.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2016 and the June 20, 2016 Regular Meetings.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

II. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:

-An Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of June 13, 2016, and ending June 27, 2016.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve the appropriations for the period of June 13, 2016, and June 27, 2016 and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. COMMUNICATIONS: Nex-Tech Wireless – Site Lease Agreement:

-Nex-Tech Wireless has requested that the Commission approve a Site Lease Agreement to lease space on the Susank Tower as owned by the County. Under the terms of the agreement, which could extend up to 25 years, Nex-Tech would be allowed install antennas, grid dishes, remote radio units and other related equipment. For that, the County would be compensated at the rate of \$750.00 per month, with annual increases.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, said he negotiated with Nex-Tech and came to an agreement on a \$9,000 annual lease and noted we do not currently need that space on the tower.

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Richard Gaito, Nex-Tech Wireless Contracts & Purchasing Supervisor, said they were looking to improve coverage in this area. Gaito said the lease will begin in August and explained there is a 3% yearly escalator tied to the contract.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve the Site Lease Agreement for the Susank Tower with Nex-Tech Wireless.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. RECOGNITION OF SERVICE: Laurie White, 20th Judicial District Juvenile Services Director:

-Laurie White, 20th Judicial District Juvenile Services Director, will retire June 30, 2016. Since she was hired for the Juvenile Services program in 1998, she has spent the last two decades battling for the rights of area youth. Ms. White, having worked under multiple Governors, Commissioners and Administrators, always strived to ensure that department personnel exhausted every means to help the children referred to the Juvenile Services program. Her efforts impacted the lives of not only clients, but families and communities across Kansas.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, said White has been an excellent department head.

Laurie White, Juvenile Services Director, said she will miss the position and feels for those left behind dealing with the many changes and decisions. White said she appreciated the opportunity to have served and said she is a part-time pastor at King United Methodist Church and volunteers as a care portal coordinator and will remain in the Barton County area.

Commissioner Straub moved to thank Mrs. White for her dedicated service, thank you.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Davis and the Commissioners presented White with a clock.

C. JUVENILE SERVICES: Appointment of Interim Director:

-With the retirement of Ms. White, it is appropriate to appoint an Interim Director. It is suggested that Marissa Woodmansee, currently serving as Juvenile Intake and Assessment Coordinator for that department, be appointed. Ms. Woodmansee has been with the 20th Judicial District Juvenile Services program since 1999.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, said with so much uncertainty at the State level regarding Juvenile Services, it seems appropriate to appoint an Interim Director at this time rather than a formal director.

Laurie White, Juvenile Services Director, said both Marissa Woodmansee and Mike Daniels has been her right hand for many years and noted when she has been gone from the office; she always knew operations would continue as normal. White said it was quite difficult to choose between the two of them. White said Woodmansee was well rounded, knowledgeable in all aspects of the agency and understands the fiscal side as well.

Commissioner Schartz said it speaks highly of her leadership to have two employees who are capable of taking over.

Marissa Woodmansee thanked the Commissioners for the opportunity and said there will be challenges going forward.

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Commissioner Straub moved to appoint Marissa Woodmansee as the 20th Judicial District Juvenile Services Interim Director.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

D. SOLID WASTE: Local Recycling Grant:

-In the 2016 Operating Budget, the Commission allocated \$15,000.00 under Solid Waste for recycling with an understanding that applications would be accepted locally for the monies. Eligible are any County department, agency, organization, recycling center, city, school district or community college located in Barton County. The application would need to demonstrate a positive economic and environmental impact in the County, be consistent with the Barton County Solid Waste Management Plan, benefit the County and its residents and increase recycling. Sunflower Diversified Services submitted the only application.

Phil Hathcock, Solid Waste Director, said the grant is to be presented to the applicant that meets the following criteria: Demonstration of positive economic and environmental impact in the County; consistency with the Barton County Solid Waste Management Plan; benefit to Barton County residents, businesses and industry and increase the number of persons who recycle or increase the volume of recycled material. Hathcock said Sunflower Diversified again submitted the only application and noted Sunflower's proposal includes repairing or replacing a box truck for route services, repairs to equipment, construction of collection storage units at businesses, purchasing fans for processing area and advertisement.

Commissioner Straub had asked how much recyclable material is kept out of the landfill by the services Sunflower provides. Hathcock said over 280,000 tons of material.

Commissioner Straub moved to approve the 2016 Local Recycling Grant to Sunflower Diversified Services in the amount of \$15,000.00. The Grant is to be paid from the Solid Waste Budget, Recycling Grant Line, 140-68-5905.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

E. ROAD AND BRIDGE: Sand Dredge – Update of Cable Anchor System:

-In November, 2014, the Commission approved the purchase of a Cutterhead Suction Dredge from Custom Dredge. The County took possession of the dredge and it was placed at the Ellinwood, Kansas, sand pit in October, 2015. Since that time, the cable anchor system has caused problems. A solution, which involves moving the cable anchor system, has been developed. It is proposed that the cost, \$21,696.00, be split with the CDW, the manufacturer.

Dale Phillips, Road and Bridge Director, said they discovered the design of the dredge could be improved by replacing the cable anchoring system and said they have been working with the manufacturer to make the necessary modifications. Phillips said CDW has agreed to share half of the cost and noted the work could be done in September. Phillips said they used to purchase sand at approximately \$3.70/ton and noted the costs to pump sand since purchasing the new sand dredge is only \$1.10/ton.

Mike Moos, Road & Bridge main dredge operator, said by updating the cable system, the daily production would increase significantly. Moos said the cost for the cable is \$1,000, plus labor installation costs and noted both shives have already been ruined.

Commissioner Straub asked if the 1 year warranty expires in October. Moos said, yes, it is a typical standard warranty. Moos added that a lot of the items are "wear" items.

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Commissioner Schartz moved to approve an update to the cable anchor system on the Cutterhead Suction Dredge. The \$21,696.00 cost to be split with CDW. The County's share, \$10,848.00, to be paid from the Road and Bridge Fund, Improvements Other Buildings Line, 002-92-6309.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

F. FACILITIES MANAGEMENT: Purchase of Replacement Equipment:

-Gary Bruner, Facilities Management Maintenance Person, has asked that the Commission consider the purchase of a hard floor scrubber for cleaning the existing Terazzo and tile floors in the Courthouse and a carpet extractor - essentially a commercial shampooer. It is suggested that Clarke equipment, totaling \$5,550.00, be purchased from Sage. Monies are available in the Equipment Replacement Fund for this purchase.

Gary Bruner, Facilities Maintenance Representative, said our current equipment is over 15 years old and noted the scrubber only runs about 15 minutes and would like it to run 2 ½ - 3 hours. Bruner said there is a 3 year parts / 2 year labor warranty on the equipment.

The following quotes were received:

Epic Supply LLC, Topeka	Autoscrubber Vantage 14"	\$3,511
	EX40T 16ST (carpet Extractor)	<u>\$2,777</u>
		\$6,288
Sage	Clarke Track S16 (Extractor)	\$2,350
	Vantage 14 (Scrubber)	<u>\$3,200</u>
		\$5,550

Commissioner Schartz moved to purchase a Clarke Track S16 Extractor for \$2,350.00 and a Clarke Vantage 14 Scrubber for \$3,200.00 from Sage Products. Total cost, \$5,550.00, to be paid from the Equipment Replacement Fund, General Line, 072-00-6380.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ADDED ITEM G. EMERGENCY/RISK MANAGEMENT: Declaration of a State of Local Disaster Emergency:

- Beginning on May 22, 2016 and continuing until May 31, 2016, Barton County and numerous other counties throughout the State experienced tornadoes, thunderstorms, heavy rains, flooding and flash flooding. The Kansas Division of Emergency Management has requested that the Emergency Management Directors collect estimated damages to public infrastructure throughout the State of Kansas in an effort to obtain a Federal Disaster Declaration.

Amy Miller, Emergency/Risk Management Director, said, Barton County has not had any significant qualifying damages for a disaster declaration to date, however, Midwest Energy reported damages of approximately \$53,000 on May 24, 2016 to the Kansas Division of Emergency Management. This amount is short of reaching the cost indicator of \$98,716.18 for Barton County to become eligible for federal assistance dollars. Miller said, although Barton County may not qualify for federal assistance, the amount of damages can be counted toward the statewide dollar loss indicator and will help other entities obtain disaster assistance.

Miller reported that during this time period, tornadoes produced damages near Chapman and Abilene on May 25, and on May 26 and 27 heavy rains across south central Kansas resulted in numerous flash flood warnings and the flood stage being reached on several rivers. Barton County has been asked to declare a State of Local Disaster in order for the state and federal officials to determine whether current losses

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will qualify for federal assistance dollars. This declaration will enable the dollar damages from Midwest Energy to be added.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to declare the Declaration of a State of Local Disaster Emergency and forward the Declaration to the Kansas Division of Emergency Management.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

V. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business.

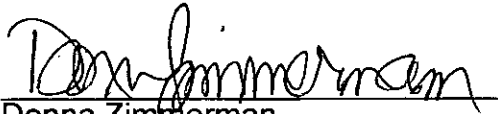
VII. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Schartz made a motion to adjourn at 9:51 A.M.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk



Don Davis, Chairman

**DECLARATION OF A STATE OF LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY
For Barton County, Kansas**

WHEREAS, on the 27th day of June, 2016, the Board of Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas finds that certain conditions have caused, or eminently threatened to cause wide-spread or severe damage, injury or loss of life or property in disaster proportion in Barton County, Kansas;

WHEREAS, K.S.A. 48-932 provides that a state of local disaster or emergency may be declared by the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners or in his absence a majority of the remaining members of any County having a disaster emergency plan, upon a finding by such officer or officers that a disaster has occurred or the threat thereof is imminent within such County; and

WHEREAS, K.S.A. 48-904 defines disaster as "the occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury or loss of life or property resulting from any natural or manmade cause, including but not limited to fire, flood, earthquake, wind, storm, epidemics, contagious or infectious disease, air contamination, blight, drought, infestation, explosion, riot, terrorism or hostile military or paramilitary action"; and

WHEREAS, the County of Barton County within its borders experienced conditions which created obstructions that endangered the health, safety and welfare of persons and property, for the time period of May 22 through May 31, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, that:

1. There was an imminent threat of to cause widespread or severe damage by thunderstorms, heavy rains, flooding, and flash flooding affecting the entire area of Barton County.
2. This Declaration shall be in full force and effect for a period not to exceed seven (7) days from the declared effective date set forth below unless terminated earlier or extended by this issuing authority.

DECLARED by the Barton County Commission Chairman this 27th day of June, 2016.

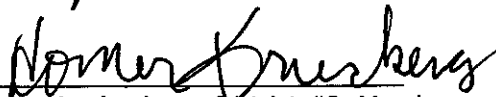
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS




Don Davis, District #3, Chairman



Kenny Schremmer District #1, Member



Homer Kruckenberg, District #2, Member

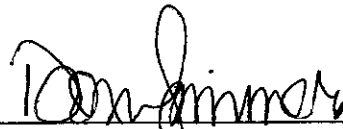


Alicia Straub, District #4, Member



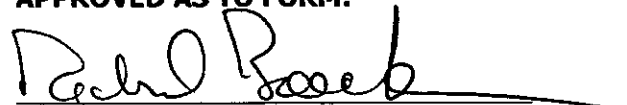
Jennifer Schartz, District #5, Member

ATTEST:


Donna Zimmerman
County Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Richard A. Boeckman
County Counselor