

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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October 10, 2016

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 10th day of October 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
Bev Schmeidler, Assistant Deputy County Clerk
Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

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

Commissioner Straub said she would like to see about adding an Item F to the agenda to continue the discussion about the non-elected personnel issues. Just a short 10 minute session should be sufficient.

Commissioner Kruckenberg asked have you been apprised of this Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Davis said, no, I think everything was covered last week.

Commissioner Straub said, unfortunately, the only way to discuss non-elected personnel issues is in an executive session.

Commissioner Davis said this is true and asked the others if they felt there was anything to discuss.

Commissioner Kruckenberg said he didn't.

Commissioner Schartz said that she would always appreciate a heads-up if something like this is going to be requested so that she has a couple of minutes to think about things.

Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Kruckenberg said they agreed.

Commissioner Straub clarified she was not asking for action to be taken, just asking for a discussion period to discuss those non-elected personnel issues which cannot be done in open session.

Commissioner Davis said that's true. Okay, we'll add Item F.

Commissioner Schartz said we have to take a vote.

Commissioner Davis said that Commissioner Straub made the motion, would someone like to second it?

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

Commissioner Kruckenberg said things need to be squared away beforehand which is why he is voting no.

Commissioner Schremmer, Commissioner Schartz and Commissioner Straub voted aye.

Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Kruckenberg voted nay.

Motion passed 3 - 2.

Commissioner Schremmer said he doesn't like surprises either. It seems like Commissioner Straub comes in with something every time at the last minute.

Commissioner Straub said these are the same issues discussed last week.

Commissioner Davis said that wasn't the issue they were talking about and asked why she doesn't give them a heads-up and why she doesn't call them.

Commissioner Straub said she feels that would be a violation of the open meetings act and would not violate that.

Commissioner Davis said it was not a violation of open meetings for her to call him and give him a heads-up on what she has in mind.

Commissioner Straub said she would let the public determine that.

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Commissioner Davis said, "Write that down, Dale. If I could fire you, I'd do it today."

Becky Wornkey said it is ridiculous to be talking like that. You don't have that authority, because we elect her.

Commissioner Davis apologized.

Commissioner Straub said, to be clear, this is to discuss the non-elected personnel issues as a continuation of last week and previous executive sessions.

Commissioner Davis asked if there was a consideration for the approval of the agenda with the change.

Commissioner Schartz said so moved.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

Minutes of the October 5, 2016, Regular Meeting were not available.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

A. KANSAS REGISTER OF DEEDS ASSOCIATION: Pam Wornkey, President:

-Pam Wornkey, Barton County Register of Deeds, has been elected as President of the Kansas Register of Deeds Association (KROD). Wornkey will serve for the rest of 2016 and all of 2017. She had previously served as the association's Vice-President. Each Kansas County is represented in the KROD.

Pam Wornkey, Register of Deeds, said it was an honor and a privilege to be elected by her peers from across the State. Wornkey also said it is an honor and pleasure to represent Barton County.

Commissioner Davis congratulated Wornkey.

Information Only. No Action Required.

B. PROCLAMATION 2016-10: Domestic Violence Awareness Month, October, 2016:

-Given the number of victims touched by domestic violence, the importance of working with survivors and the need to hold perpetrators accountable, the Commission will be asked by Rachel C. Angel, Executive Director, and Joanne Wondra, Community Engagement Coordinator, Family Crisis Center, to recognize October, 2016, as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Rachel C. Angel, Family Crisis Center Executive Director, asked the Commissioners to sign the Proclamation and introduced staff members present at the meeting:

Becky Davis, Program Director Domestic & Sexual Violence Center

Joanne Wondra, Community Engagement Coordinator

Cheryl Clark, Shelter Coordinator

Kasey Dalke, Program Director Child Advocacy Center

Commissioner Schartz said the figures are alarming and noted she does not think she knows anyone who is a victim of domestic violence, but it is not always visible and you may not know what goes on in someone's home.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to adopt Proclamation 2016-10, Domestic Violence Awareness Month, October, 2016.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

voted aye. Motion passed.

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C. SHERIFF'S OFFICE: Purchase of a Replacement Detention Transport Vehicle:

-A 2010 Dodge Grand Caravan, with over 215,000 miles, is frequently used for out-of-state and long-distance transports. It is becoming undependable. Sheriff Brian Bellendir suggests that it be traded. After accepting bids, he recommends the purchase of a 2017 Grand Caravan SE (RTKH53) from Marmie Motors Inc. If approved, it is suggested that Equipment Replacement funds be used for the purchase.

Sheriff Bellendir said the 2010 Dodge Grand Caravan has over 215,000 miles on it and noted the vehicle is frequently out-of-state and on long-distance transports. Bellendir said they are beginning to see maintenance issues as well as questions of dependability. Typically, the Sheriff's Office does not budget for replacement of jail transport vehicles, therefore, they requesting replacement of this vehicle from the Equipment Replacement Fund.

The Sheriff's Office solicited bids from four dealerships in Hoisington and Great Bend. Dove Chevrolet and Marmie Chrysler were the only two dealerships providing bids. The low bid of \$20,593 was received from Marmie Chrysler. Dove Chevrolet bid \$22,580.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve the trade of a 2010 Dodge Grand Caravan for a 2017 Grand Caravan and that is an SE (TRKH53). Marmie Motors Inc has priced the trade at \$20,593.00. The price is to be paid through the Equipment Replacement Fund, the General Use Line, 072-00-6380. Commissioner Straub seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.

D. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS: Longevity Pay:

-Longevity pay is a supplemental compensation benefit designed for the employee who has established a long term commitment to public service with Barton County. Once a full-time employee has reached five years of continuous service, that employee will be rewarded longevity in the amount of \$3.00 for each month of service, with half that for part-time employees. Longevity payment, which is contingent on budgetary conditions, may be awarded in November of each year. At this time, Richard Boeckman, County Counselor / Administrator, will ask that the Commission consider the award of longevity pay.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, said Matt Patzner put together information for study session last week. Boeckman said the total amount for longevity pay is \$53,299.50 and noted the County budgeted \$56,000 for longevity pay for 2016.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to award longevity payment for eligible employees in appreciation of the long-term commitment to public service with Barton County.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

E. 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.

Information Only. No Action Required.

F. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 9:19 A.M. Commissioner Straub moved to go into Executive Session for a period of ten (10) minutes to discuss personnel issues of non-elected personnel with the meeting to resume at 9:30 A.M. with only the Commissioners in attendance.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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At 9:31 A.M. Commissioner Schartz moved we come out of Executive Session.
Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Davis asked for a motion to resume regular session.
Commissioner Schartz so moved.
Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commissioner Davis announced the situation was being handled. They informed each other as a result of their compliance from last week.

Commissioner Schremmer added that everyone was now on the same page.

IV. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

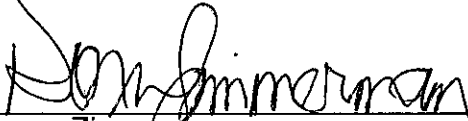
V. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Comm Schremmer: Will not be at next week's meeting.
- Comm Davis: Reminded everyone about the dedication of the Veteran's Memorial on November 11th.
- Comm Schartz: Requested better weather for the dedication this year.

VI. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Kruckenberg made a motion to adjourn at 9:37 A.M.
Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk



Don Davis, Chairman

**PROCLAMATION 2016-10
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH – OCTOBER, 2016**

WHEREAS, family and relationships are often counted among life's greatest blessings, and tragically, many Kansans' relationships are tarnished by violence and fear; and

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity, due to the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, economic and coercive control or abuse; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that 1 in 5 women and 1 in 7 men have been the victim of severe physical violence by an intimate partner, which translates into 12 million people nationally and approximately 557,275 Kansas or 20% of the Kansas population; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice reports that intimate partner homicides comprise 14% percent of all homicides in the United States and women are twice as likely as men to be killed by an intimate partner; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas Bureau of Investigations reports that 16.5% of all homicides in Kansas in 2014 were related to domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, in Kansas in 2014, one domestic violence murder occurred every 22.8 days; and

WHEREAS, in Kansas in 2014, one domestic violence incident was reported to law enforcement every 42 minutes, 12 seconds; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, the Family Crisis Center, Inc.'s Domestic and Sexual Violence Center answered 3,349 crisis calls, sheltered 81 women, men and children, and worked with 198 domestic violence survivors; and

WHEREAS, as this violence is inconsistent with the values of our community, it will not be excused or tolerated and we, as a community, must learn about domestic violence and the impact on survivors, families and the community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, in declaring October as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month", the Barton County Commissioners encourage all citizens to speak out against domestic violence, to provide support for survivors of these crimes, to encourage community leaders to hold perpetrators accountable, and to make domestic violence prevention efforts a priority by hosting events, by creating policies at school and work, and by working with Family Crisis Center, Inc.'s Domestic and Sexual Violence Center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, that October 2016 shall be known as "DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH".

Adopted this 10th day of October, 2016.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

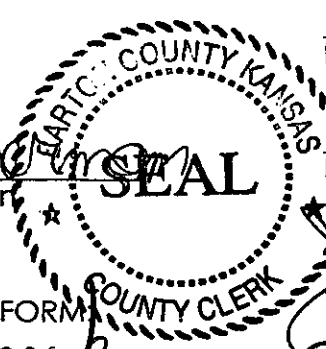


Don Davis, Chair

ATTEST:



Donna Zimmermann
County Clerk






Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner



Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Richard A. Boeckman,
County Counselor



Kenny Schlemmer, Commissioner



Alicia Straub, Commissioner