

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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April 6, 2015

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 6th day of April 2015, at the Barton County Courthouse.

Members present:

Kenny Schremmer, Commissioner, 1st District, Chairman
Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner, 2nd District
Don Davis, Commissioner, 3rd District
Alicia Straub, 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 Schartz moved to approve the agenda.
Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the minutes of the March 30, 2015 Regular Meeting.
Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

II. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:

Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of March 23, 2015, and ending April 6, 2015.

Commissioner Davis moved to approve appropriations for the period of March 23, 2015 to April 6, 2015 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. COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE: Request for Approval – Added / Abated / Escaped / Refunded Taxes for 2014:

-Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk, will present a listing of Added / Abated / Escaped / Refunded Taxes for 2014. Orders for these actions are kept on file in the County Clerk's Office. These are used to correct assessments and are requested by the County Appraiser's Office or the County Clerk's Office.

Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk, presented the following tax roll adjustments and noted we were actually adding back more tax than was being abated/refunded this time:

BATCH #8				
Property Types	Values	Escaped Taxes	Added / Abated	Refunds
Gas				
Oil				
Personal Property	10,918		\$1,564.14	\$18.07
Real Estate				

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16/20 M Trucks				
State Assessed Utilities				
Special Assessments				
Grand Totals	10,918		\$1,564.14	\$18.07
Total Taxes	\$1,564.14			
Total Records Selected	12			

Commissioner Straub moved to approve the Listing of Added / Abated / Escaped / Refunded Taxes for 2014 as presented by the County Clerk. Direct the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.
 Commissioner Scharz seconded the motion.
 All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. PROCLAMATION 2015-06: County Day of Recognition for National Service:

-America's Counties turn to national service and volunteerism as a cost-effective strategy to meet local needs. In doing so, participants in National, State and Local Service Organizations, such as the Volunteers in Action, Meals on Wheels, and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) Medical Transportation, address the most pressing challenges facing cities and our nation. Linn Hogg, Volunteers in Action/RSVP, will ask that the Commission adopt a Proclamation declaring April 7, 2015, as "County Day of Recognition for National Service".

Linn Hogg, Volunteers in Action/RSVP, read a portion of the proclamation and acknowledged the many volunteer drivers present at the meeting. Hogg said they currently provide an average of 79 rides per month, up from 50 rides per month the previous year and noted a total of 29 volunteers drive residents in Barton County to non-emergency medical appointments. Hogg explained the drivers use their own vehicle or the wheel chair lift van to transport. Their only compensation is enough gas to cover the drive. In 2014, volunteers gave 109 people 594 rides. Already in 2015, they have provided 72 people 237 rides. A major part of this program is funded by Barton County and not only have senior citizens used the program, it is open to anyone in the County, regardless of age, gender, race or income.

Commissioner Scharz moved to adopt Proclamation 2015-06, County Day of Recognition for National Service.
 Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.
 All voted aye. Motion passed.

C. PROCLAMATION 2015-07: Child Abuse Prevention Month – April, 2015:

-The Family Crisis Center has requested that a Proclamation be adopted declaring April, 2015, as Child Abuse Prevention Month. The Proclamation states that children are our most valuable resources. As child abuse can have long-term psychological, emotional and physical effects, it is essential that we reduce or eliminate risk and promote the well-being of children.

Laura Patzner, FCC Director, noted the Child Advocacy Center was formed in 2012. Patzner introduced some of their community partners: Doug McNett, The Center; Cindy Meter, Central Kansas CASA; Deb Higgins, Great Bend Regional; Sarah Schenek, Casey Corbett and Sandy Mosier, staff members.

Cindy Meter said the 250 pinwheels on the west side of the courthouse represent the number of cases they have served.

Commissioner Straub moved to adopt Proclamation 2015-07, Child Abuse Prevention Month – April, 2015.
 Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.
 All voted aye. Motion passed.

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D. PROCLAMATION 2015-08: Sexual Assault Awareness Month:

-April is designated as Sexual Assault Awareness Month to raise public awareness about sexual violence and to educate communities and individuals on how to prevent sexual violence. The Family Crisis Center provides services for sexual assault survivors at no charge and offers educational and professional training for community members and professionals.

Laura Patzner, FCC Director, read the proclamation and noted there is an increase in crime on campuses, high schools and middle schools. Patzner said the national numbers are declining, but explained it is due to under reporting. The "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" event, to be held April 28th, is a way of bringing awareness to the problem. Coordinator Becky Davis gave Commissioner Davis a pair of red high heel shoes to model. Patzner shared that she is a survivor of a sexual assault from 27 years ago.

Commissioner Davis moved to adopt Proclamation 2015-08, Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Commissioner Straub seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.

E. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: Update of the County's Exchange Server:

-The County purchased its current Exchange Server, used for housing email accounts and archiving, in 2008. John Debes, Information Technology, researched options related to contracting out the service and replacing the server. In comparing costs, the County would avoid spending monies over time if the current server is replaced. Nex-Tech has bid a replacement at \$26,405.00. Included in the cost is a three year warranty and assistance with the actual replacement. Monies are available in Equipment Replacement for this purchase.

John Debes, Information Technology Director, said the current server is 6 ½ years old and needs replaced. Debes recommended less expensive option of buying a new server and keeping it in house.

Option 1: Nex-Tech host our exchange through a third party (Intermedia). \$11 per month per e-mail account. Currently have 255 e-mail accounts (Approximately 10-15 aliases---would forward the e-mails on to another account not be included). \$2,640 per month / \$31,680 per year.

Option 2: Purchase new server to replace current server purchased in 2008. Allows us to keep our Exchange server and archived e-mails in-house. Nex-tech would help switch old server and help set-up the new server for \$26,405. 3 year warranty. If replaced after 3 years, would save approximately \$63,360.

Commissioner Schartz said there are security concerns with the cloud. Schools get cloud hosting for free, but the county government is not included. Debes agreed that he is not comfortable with having secure info on the cloud.

Commissioner Schartz moved to accept the \$26,405.00 bid from Nex-Tech for the purchase of a Lenovo ThinkServer RD250 2U Rack Server, Intel Xeon E-2630 Processor and other needed equipment, Microsoft Exchange Server 2013 Standard License software and licenses. The cost to be paid from the Equipment Replacement Account, General Use line, 072-00-6380.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.

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F. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: Installation of Panic Buttons:

-Mr. Debes researched options related to the installation of panic buttons and / or software for installation in County offices. After reviewing several packages, he suggests the purchase of software from ePanic Button. Under this system, a discreet click of a mouse, keystroke or optional hardware rapidly sends desktop alerts, SMS text and email messages. The alerts can be customized by level of urgency to assure targeted assistance. Sixty users can be equipped with the system for \$1,500.00 per year.

John Debes, Information Technology Director, provided the following details and recommended ePanic Button and noted this system can also include outlying offices. Debes explained that a pre-recorded message can be sent to 911, courthouse security, sheriff, etc.

Option 1: Install discreetly mounted call buttons at each desk / or a couple buttons per office. Can be wired or wireless.

Option 2: Load each PC with software that would allow an operator to discreetly click an icon to send a silent pre-programmed message (either text or e-mail or both) to select individuals.

Reviewed 5 companies. Two of the companies are in England and their web pages do not mention an office in the United States so they were not contacted.

Tested 2 of the 3 remaining companies (ePanic Button and Community Response Systems (CRS)). The 3rd option required installation of a separate server at \$10,000. Did not test that company.

Richard Boeckman said he recently attended a "Shooter in the Building" workshop and realized the courthouse and outlying buildings are at risk.

Commissioner Davis moved to sign the contract with ePanic Button. The cost of 60 users, for the price of \$1,500.00, to be paid from the Finance General Account of the General Fund, Miscellaneous Contractual line, 001-26-5755.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion and pointed out that it is a yearly fee. All voted aye. Motion passed.

G. BARTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION: Board Appointments:

-The County has sought three applicants for the Barton County Planning Commission. The focus of the Planning Commission is to plan for the proper growth and development of Barton County through the enactment of planning and zoning laws for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare. Although all applicants must reside in Barton County, the majority of members must be from the unincorporated area.

Judy Goreham, Environmental Manager, said all three members who termed March 31, 2015 have reapplied for reappointment. Goreham said these members have served for quite some time. Their knowledge, experience and dedication is very much appreciated. Goreham said the idea of a 9 member board provides a good mix of ideas and input and noted at least 5 of the members have to reside in the unincorporated area of the county. The planning commission meets once a month with occasional special meetings.

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NAME	REQUIREMENT	APPOINTED	TERMS
Russell R. Carson	Unincorporated	3/26/2012	3/31/2015
Toni Rice	Unincorporated	4/9/2012	3/31/2015
Richard Ahlvers	Unincorporated	3/26/2012	3/31/2015
James Welch	Unincorporated	4/1/2013	3/31/2016
Billie Bonomo	Unincorporated	4/1/2013	3/31/2016
Mary Anne Stoskopf	Unincorporated	4/1/2013	3/31/2016
Christy Tustin	Unincorporated	3/31/2014	3/31/2017
Dianne J. Morse	City	3/31/2014	3/31/2017
Earl Moses	City	3/31/2014	3/31/2017

Commissioner Schartz moved to reappoint Russell Carson, Toni Rice and Richard Ahlvers to the Barton County Planning Commission for uncompensated positions terming March 31, 2018. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.

H. County Engineer: Emergency Bridge Repair:

-It has been determined that the Bridge #200, located 2.7 miles east of Great Bend is in need of repair. Clark Rusco, County Engineer, has received a bid from L & M Contractors for the work. Under the bid, L & M will furnish equipment, labor and supplies with the County providing the pump truck and grout. The cost of the repair is expected to cost no more than \$20,000.00.

Clark Rusco, County Engineer, said the erosion was found when the biannual inspection was done and hopes this repair holds until the bridge makes the 2016 bid letting.

Bridge #200 is a 80' reinforced concrete box (RBC) in need of emergency repairs. L & M Contractors can provide a crew to core holes in the bottom slab, remove the concrete from the holes, fill holes with flowable fill and form up the exterior edges of the RCB.

Barton County will provide the pump truck and grout for the repair. L & M Contractors to furnish all equipment, labor, supplies, etc. at a cost of \$285 per hour plus \$480 for core bit offsite preparation and mobilization. Repairs not to exceed \$20,000. L & M can start tomorrow.

Boeckman said that typically, the County would go out for bids, but this is an emergency repair.

Curt Mauler, L & M Contractors, said that the problem is deep and said the bridge will probably be closed only one day on Wednesday.

Commissioner Kruckenberg moved to approve the repair of Bridge #200, located 2.7 miles east of Great Bend by L & M Contractors, Mr. Mauler, with support from the Road and Bridge Department, at a cost of no more than \$20,000.00. Cost to be paid from the Special Bridge Fund, Operation and Construction line, 003-92-6190-92.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.

ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

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VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Shelly Schneider, Health Dept Director: Have made it through one pertussis incubation period. Are started their second incubation period. Are well on their way through the pertussis outbreak.
- Comm Scharz: Tuesday is Election Day, be sure to vote.

VII. ADJOURN:

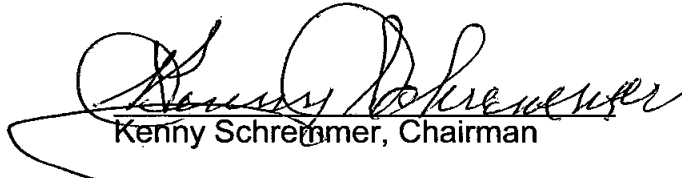
Commissioner Davis made a motion to adjourn at 10:02 A.M.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:


Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk


Kenny Schreiner, Chairman

PROCLAMATION 2015-06

County Day of Recognition for National Service

WHEREAS, service to others is a hallmark of the American character and being central to how we meet our challenges, America's Counties turn to national service and volunteerism as a cost-effective strategy to meet local needs; and

WHEREAS, participants in National, State and Local Service Organizations, such as the Volunteers in Action, Meals on Wheels, and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) Medical Transportation, address the most pressing challenges facing our cities and nation; and

WHEREAS, these services expand economic opportunity by creating more sustainable, resilient communities and providing education, offering a unique public-private partnership that invests in community solutions and leverages non-federal resources to strengthen community impact and increase the return on taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS, program participants demonstrate commitment, dedication and patriotism by making an intensive commitment to service, a commitment ripples through communities, bringing attention to the programs, those that serve and those that are served; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation for National and Community Service, the National Association of Counties and Counties nationwide share in a priority to engage citizens, improve lives and strengthen communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, recognizes April 7, 2015, as County Day of Recognition for National Service; and

FURTHER, that those local volunteers in programs such as Volunteers in Action, Meals on Wheels, and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) Medical Transportation, are recognized for their commitment to improving the lives of their families, friends and neighbors; and

FURTHER, that the Commission encourages all residents to recognize the positive impact of national service in our county and thank those who serve and to find ways to give back to their communities.

Dated this 6th day of April, 2015.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Kenny Schremmer
Kenny Schremmer, Chair

Don Davis
Don Davis, Commissioner

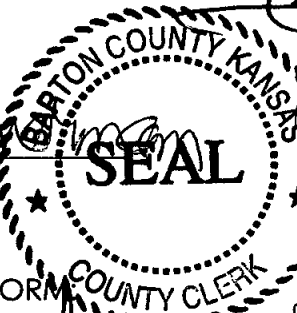
Homer Kruckenberg
Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner

Jennifer Scharz
Jennifer Scharz, Commissioner

Alicia Straub
Alicia Straub, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Donna Zimmerman
Donna Zimmerman
County Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM

Richard A. Boeckman
Richard A. Boeckman,
County Counselor

PROCLAMATION 2015-07
CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, in Federal fiscal year 2014, Kansas reported 65,152 victims of child abuse or neglect; and

WHEREAS child abuse and neglect is a serious problem affecting every segment of our community, and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone in our community; and

WHEREAS, our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of Barton County and Kansas; and

WHEREAS, child abuse can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that can have lifelong consequences for victims of abuse; and

WHEREAS, protective factors are conditions that reduce or eliminate risk and promote the social, emotional, and developmental well-being of children;

WHEREAS, child welfare, education, health, community- and faith-based organizations, businesses and law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention activities succeed because of the meaningful connections and partnerships created between the Dell Hayden Memorial Child Advocacy Center, Department for Children and Families, Barton County Sheriff's office, Claflin Police Department, Ellinwood Police Department, Great Bend Police Department, Hoisington, Police Department, Barton County Attorney's Office, Juvenile Services, Central Kansas CASA, Child Abuse Prevention and Education, Heart of Kansas Family Health Care, Healing Hearts Ranch, The Center, and Great Bend Regional Hospital; and,

WHEREAS, Prevention remains the best defense for our children and families;

WHEREAS, communities must make every effort to promote programs and activities that benefit children and their families; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and contribute to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe, stable, nurturing environment.

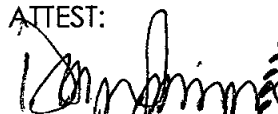
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, that April, 2015 is declared National Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month in Barton County, and urges all citizens to recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to the task of improving the quality of life for all children and families.

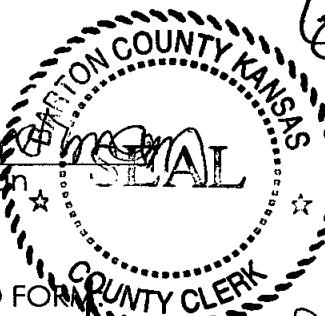
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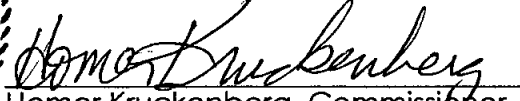

Kenny Schlemmer, Chair

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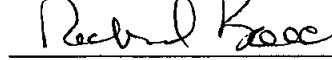

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County Clerk




Don Davis, Commissioner


Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner

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Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner


Alicia Straub, Commissioner

PROCLAMATION 2015-08

Sexual Assault Awareness Month – April, 2015

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month calls attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every person in this community; and

WHEREAS, rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment impact our community, and statistics show one in five women and one in 71 men will be raped at some point in their lives (Black et al., 2011); and

WHEREAS, child sexual abuse prevention must be a priority to confront the reality that one in six boys and one in four girls will experience a sexual assault before the age 18 (Dube et al., 2005); and

WHEREAS, young people experience heightened rates of sexual violence, and youth ages 12-17 were 2.5 times as likely to be victims of rape or sexual assault (Snyder & Sickmund, 2006); and

WHEREAS, on campus one in five women and one in sixteen men are sexually assaulted (Krebs, Lindquist, Warner, Fisher, & Martin, 2007); and

WHEREAS, we must work together to educate our community about sexual violence prevention, supporting survivors, and speaking out against harmful attitudes and actions; and

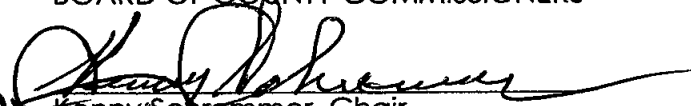
WHEREAS, when we all play a role we can prevent sexual violence. The first step is increasing education, awareness, and community involvement. It's time for all of us to take action to create a safer environment for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, joins advocates and communities across the country in playing an active role to prevent sexual violence;

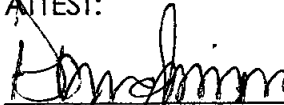
AND, April, 2015, is proclaimed as Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and each day of the year is an opportunity to create change for the future.

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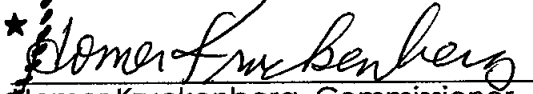

Kenny Schremmer, Chair

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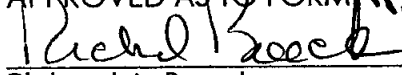

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