

# Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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December 21, 2015

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 21st day of December 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, Commissioner, 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 December 14, 2015 Regular Meeting.  
Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **II. OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business.

## **III. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **A. LETTER OF APPRECIATION: Clark Rusco, County Engineer:**

-Upon his retirement, it is suggested that the Commission thank Clark Rusco, County Engineer, for his service. Mr. Rusco was hired on August 13, 2001. He has been involved with various projects, updates and committees since his hire, bringing millions of grant dollars into Barton County for local improvements. In addition to improvements with roads, bridges and railroad crossings, Mr. Rusco has assisted in establishing Hike and Bike Trails, computerizing Flood Insurance Rate Maps and sign inventory.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, listed some of Clark's many accomplishments.

Dale Phillips said Clark has been a great asset to Barton County with common sense engineering and noted he will be missed.

Commissioner Schremmer said Rusco assisted a lot with the landfill improvements, the K-4 Overlook, Juco road, grant funding, signage and many other things. Schremmer said Boyd Road is a fine work of art and also said Clark will be missed.

Commissioner Schartz said she enjoyed Commission road trips with Clark Rusco as he is a wealth of information. Schartz said she is not fearful for the future of engineering as Barry McManaman is a good hire for his replacement, but noted she is sad to see Rusco go.

Commissioner Kruckenberg and Commissioner Davis both thanked Rusco for his service.

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Commissioner Straub said Barton County is losing a wealth of information, but also gaining new information with McManaman.

Rusco said he has always enjoyed working for Barton County and said it was nice to come home and generate some improvements.

Commissioner Schremmer read a letter of appreciation for Rusco.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve both the Letter and the Certificate of Appreciation for Clark Rusco, County Engineer, on his retirement.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **B. COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE: Request for Approval – Added / Abated / Escaped / Refunded Taxes – Batch #2:**

-Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk, will present a listing of Added / Abated / Escaped / Refunded Taxes. This order is to correct a groundwater special assessment that was certified by the Groundwater Management District to an incorrect parcel. 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 Clerk's Office.

Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk, said the Groundwater Management District incorrectly certified the assessment to the wrong parcel and noted this action corrects that.

Commissioner Straub moved to approve the Listing of Added / Abated / Escaped / Refunded Taxes as presented by County Clerk, Donna Zimmerman. Batch 2 moves a \$558.79 groundwater special assessment from an incorrectly identified property to a correct one and direct the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **C. COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE: Request for Approval – Added / Abated / Escaped / Refunded Taxes – Batch #3:**

-Ms. Zimmerman will present a listing of Added / Abated / Escaped / Refunded Taxes. 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 for ten oil leases moved into two separate trusts and noted the net result was fourteen cents:

<b>BATCH #3</b>				
<b>Property Types</b>	<b>Values</b>	<b>Escaped Taxes</b>	<b>Added / Abated</b>	<b>Refunds</b>
Gas				
Oil	1		\$00.14	
Personal Property				
Real Estate				
16/20 M Trucks				
State Assessed Utilities				
Special Assessments				
<b>Grand Totals</b>	1		\$00.14	
<b>Total Taxes</b>	\$00.14			
<b>Total Records Selected</b>	12			

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Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the Listing of Added / Abated / Escaped / Refunded Taxes as presented by the County Clerk and reviewed by the County Appraiser and direct the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **D. COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE: Cereal Malt Beverage License Renewals:**

-Per K.S.A. 41-2702, no retailer shall sell any cereal malt beverage without having secured a license for that business. When a business is located in the unincorporated portion of the County, that application shall be made to the Board of County Commissioners. Ms. Zimmerman will present the applications for 2016.

Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk, presented the following applications:

- Kaiser Service (2 licenses)
- Kiowa Kitchen
- Lake Barton Golf Club
- Odin Community Club
- Odin Store
- The Rack Billiard Café
- Spuds Build-A-Burger

Zimmerman said the Sheriff's Office performed background checks and explained Kaiser Services has purchase separate licenses, one for "Consumption on the Premises" and one for "Sale in Original and Unopened Containers".

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the 2016 Cereal Malt Beverage Licenses for the listed businesses.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **E. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: South Central Regional Council for Homeland Security:**

-The South Central Regional Council for Homeland Security supports statewide all-hazard preparedness while reducing vulnerabilities. The Council works to accomplish this by building capabilities and developing comprehensive strategies in partnership with other government agencies and the private sector. Amy Miller, Emergency \ Risk Manager, has served as Barton County's representative since 2006. At this time, the Commission will consider her reappointment for a two year term.

Amy Miller, Emergency/Risk Manager, said every two years, a representative is appointed and said she has served since 2006. Miller explained the South Central Regional Council is one of seven councils in the State that receive Homeland Security Funds.

Commissioner Schartz commented this is kind of the silver lining that came out of Katrina. Miller said due to both Katrina and 9-11.

Commissioner Straub moved to appoint Amy Miller, Barton County Emergency Management Director, to the South Central Regional Council for Homeland Security for a two-year term ending December 31, 2017, and direct the Commission Chairman to sign the appointment letter.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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## **EMERGENCY RISK MANAGEMENT: Local Emergency Planning Committee:**

-The Barton County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) is comprised of representatives from the following groups: state/local officials; law enforcement; firefighting; emergency management; health; hospital; broadcast media and/or communications media; transportation; local environmental group; community service/civic group; emergency medical services; and facilities/industries regulated by SARA Title III. Nominations have been sought for appointment according to LEPC bylaws.

Amy Miller, Emergency/Risk Manager, said the group of volunteers meet 4 times a year to discuss a variety of emergency planning topics and develop exercises. Miller noted there are three new appointments and several to be reappointed. Miller read the list of appointees and noted that one of the big issues that came out of Katrina was planning for pets.

### **New Appointments:**

- Alicia Straub, Local Official - Barton County Board of County Commissioners
- Brittney Glenn, Ellinwood EMS Director
- Karen VanBrimmer, Hoisington City Council

### **Reappointments:**

- Amy Miller, Emergency Management
- Heather Acheson, Golden Belt Humane Society
- Donald Halbower, American Red Cross
- Phillip Hathcock, Landfill Manager
- Chris Komarek, Ellinwood Fire Chief
- EMS Sara Krom, Sunflower Diversified Services
- Dale Phillips, Road and Bridge Director
- Martin Miller, Great Bend Airport
- Julie Smith, United Way of Central Kansas
- Scott Fleming, Hoisington EMS Director

This represents approximately half of the group; there will be more appointments again next year.

Commissioner Davis moved to approve the membership list of the Barton County Local Emergency Planning Committee as read by Amy Miller and directed Amy Miller, Emergency Management Director, to forward the list of nominees to the Kansas Division of Emergency Management and the Kansas Commission on Emergency Planning and Response.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **G. ROAD AND BRIDGE: EMC Insurance Settlement – 1990 Peterbilt 357 Truck:**

-A 1990 Peterbilt 357 Truck was totaled in an accident in October of this year. EMC Insurance has offered Barton County \$15,500.00 less the policy deductible of \$1,000.00, for a net of \$14,500.00. After researching like vehicles, Road and Bridge confirms that this is a fair settlement price.

Dale Phillips, Road & Bridge Director, said several months back, a 1990 Peterbilt truck was involved in an accident. The insurance company totaled the vehicle, so Phillips asked for approval of the insurance claim.

Commissioner Davis moved to accept the EMC Insurance Settlement of \$14,500.00 for the 1990 Peterbilt 357 Truck. Direct Ms. Miller to work with EMC on settling the matter. Monies, when received, will be deposited in the Road and Bridge, Sale of Property Revenue line, 002-00-4271.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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## **ROAD AND BRIDGE: Replacement of Totaled 1990 Peterbilt:**

-Anticipating that a wrecked 1990 Peterbilt would be totaled by EMC Insurance, the Road and Bridge Department contacted Doonan Peterbilt reference the purchase of a replacement. Doonan's provided a price based on previous competitive bids for similar trucks, less attachments. It is noted, that once purchased, the vehicle will be retrofitted with a hydraulic system capable of operating snow plow and salt / sand spreaders currently used by the department. Further, the cost is being offset by the insurance payout of the totaled vehicle.

Dale Phillips, Road & Bridge Director, said there were no bids taken and said they went back to Doonan's for a quote from bids received earlier in the year. The list price for the truck was \$209,682, but with discounts and government pricing, the truck price is \$129,950. The price for the heavy duty bed was \$44,895 making the total cost to replace the truck \$174,845.

Commissioner Davis said Peterbilt had a price hike in July. Davis said Doonan's is helping us out by honoring the quote from April.

Commissioner Schremmer noted that the larger truck will be better for pushing snow and said used trucks have been tried, but don't work as well.

Phillips said the revenue from transfers to equipment replacement helps with equipment purchases and said they plan long-term when buying equipment.

Commissioner Straub said she feels their job, as commissioners, is to provide equipment, but also to make prudent decisions. Straub asked how this purchase will affect the reserves in the equipment replacement fund for next year. Phillips said FEMA money and KDOT money will be transferred to the equipment replacement fund, as well as transferring everything else possible to fund equipment replacement.

Commissioner Straub asked if the money has to be transferred before the purchase. Phillips said it will be transferred before the check is written.

Commissioner Davis moved to purchase a 2016 Peterbilt 367 Tandem Axle Dump Truck with High Lift Tailgate from Doonan Peterbilt for a total of \$174,845.00. Price to be paid from the Equipment Replacement Fund, Road and Bridge line, 072-00-6485.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

Passed 4-1, Straub voted nay.

## **I. ROAD AND BRIDGE DEPARTMENT: Sale of Two IHC Tandem Axle Dump Trucks:**

-The Road and Bridge Department accepted bids for the sale of two 1992 IHC Tandem Axle Dump Trucks and certain equipment. Namely, one is being sold with a snow plow and the other with a snow plow and spreader. Bids were accepted until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 8, 2015. Monies collected for the sale of both units will be deposited in the Road and Bridge Fund.

Dale Phillips, Road & Bridge Director, said the first two trucks were sold to the City of Hoisington at an earlier date. Phillips presented the following sealed bids that were opened December 8, 2015:

Steve Wilhelm

#60 \$10,850 *Bidders first choice*

#62 \$11,350

Craig Beran

#60 \$10,000

#62 \$ 9,000

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## L&M Construction

#60 \$10,520

#62 \$10,520 *Bidders first choice*

Commissioner Schartz moved to sell a 1992 IHC Tandem Axel Dump Truck with certain equipment, commonly known in the Road and Bridge Fleet as #60, to Steve Wilhelm for \$10,850.00. Sale price to be deposited in the Road and Bridge Revenue line, Sale of Property, 002-00-4271 and moved to sell a 1992 IHC Tandem Axel Dump Truck with certain equipment, commonly known in the Road and Bridge Fleet as #62, to L&M Construction for \$10,520.00. Sale price to be deposited in the Road and Bridge Revenue line, Sale of Property, 002-00-4271.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

Commissioner Schremmer, Commissioner Kruckenberg, Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Schartz all vote aye.

Commissioner Straub voted nay.

Motion passed 4 – 1.

Commissioner Straub said she voted against the purchase and is voting against the sale of the used trucks.

Phillips noted the trucks are sold as is.

## **J. BOARD APPOINTMENTS: The Center for Counseling and Consultation:**

-The County recently solicited for open positions on The Center for Counseling and Consultation Governing Board. This Board reviews and makes recommendations on mental health services in Barton County and the surrounding area. Commissioner Jennifer Schartz and Bob Suelter have both applied for appointment to terms expiring in December, 2018.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, said there are three positions terming. Boeckman said there were two applications received and said they will continue to advertise for the third position.

Applications were received from:

Jennifer Schartz

Bob Suelter

Current Board:

APPOINTMENT	DATE APPOINTED	TERM DATE
Bob Suelter	1/21/2014	12/31/2015
Elise Snapp	1/2/2013	12/31/2015
Jennifer Schartz	1/2/2013	12/31/2015
Perry Smith	2/10/2014	12/31/2016
Kevin Sundahl	1/21/2014	12/31/2016

Commissioner Straub asked if the appointment of these board members causes a liability to the County considering the recent issues with the Center. Boeckman said he does not think so, but he has notified our insurance carrier.

Commissioner Schartz said the lawsuit is against the Center as a whole and explained that individuals are not named.

Commissioner Straub asked if they are required to appoint members. Boeckman said yes by statute.

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Commissioner Kruckenberg moved to appoint Jennifer Schartz and Bob Suelter to The Center for Counseling and Consultation Governing Board. The positions, terming December 31, 2018, are uncompensated.

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

## **K. 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.

## **IV. ENDING BUSINESS:**

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

## **V. OTHER BUSINESS:**

There was no other business.

## **VI. ADJOURN:**

Commissioner Kruckenberg made a motion to adjourn at 10:05 A.M.  
Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

  
Donna Zimmerman  
Barton County Clerk

  
Kenny Schremmer, Chairman