

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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July 13, 2015

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 13th day of July 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 July 6, 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 June 29, 2015, and ending July 13, 2015.

Commissioner Davis moved to approve the appropriations for the period of June 29, 2015 to July 13, 2015 and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.
Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. KSU / BARTON COUNTY EXTENSION COUNCIL: 2016 Budget Request:

-Per KSA 2-610, Extension Councils must present budget requests to their supporting County Commissions by July 15 of each year. Representatives from the Extension Council will now present details for the budget request for Operating Year 2016.

Lori Waters, Barton County Extension Council Board Vice-Chair, introduced Donna Krug, Director of Family Consumer Science; Bernie Unruh, 4-H and Youth Development; Alicia Boor, Agriculture National Resources; and Interns Sahyra Lujan and Audree Aguilera. Waters also introduced board members Andrea Birzer, Steve Tustin and Deanna Essmiller. Waters said due to the state budget crisis, the Extension Council is not sure how much funding will be received from K-State this year.

Commissioner Straub said she fully supports 4-H and extension and has personally benefited from the programs. Straub asked if the programs could be maintained at \$215,000 (the same level granted last year). Waters said \$215,000.00 is the same amount they received in 2009 and said it would severely hurt

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Waters said they have a couple of vehicles that need significant work and also noted they would not be able to give pay raises to their employees.

Historical summary of funds awarded, County assessed valuations and mill levy for Extension Service follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Assessed Value</u>	<u>Mill Levy</u>
2015	2014	\$215,000	270,067,190	.797
2014	2013	\$180,000	272,753,179	.660
2013	2012	\$204,250	268,729,682	.760
2012	2011	\$204,250	257,270,901	.794
2011	2010	\$204,250	242,343,325	.843
2010	2009	\$204,250	228,550,721	.894
2009	2008	\$215,000	241,997,749	.888
2008	2007	\$209,100	213,302,770	.980
2007	2006	\$201,000	206,376,190	.974
2006	2005	\$195,000	196,623,885	.992
2005	2004	\$191,054	172,108,641	1.110
2004	2003	\$181,382	167,901,110	1.080
2003	2002	\$188,000	160,253,525	1.173
2002	2001	\$192,000	163,167,415	1.177
2001	2000	\$188,520	155,824,756	1.210
2000	1999	\$172,000	143,432,223	1.199

Commissioner Straub moved to approve the 2016 Budget Request of the KSU / Barton County Extension Council at \$220,500.00.

Motion died for lack of a second.

Andrea Birzer, Extension Board Secretary, said she would like to see the support continued. She grew up in a 4-H family and learned skills that have helped her as a teacher and in life in general.

Kelly Wondra, Past Extension Board President, said he is embarrassed the extension has to worry about their budget. His children do not have video games, they have 4-H.

Commissioner Schartz said no one can deny what they're saying, but reality is that we're down 6 mills. No one will see a pay raise next year.

Wondra said he does not envy the commissioners position; he would just like to see an investment in our kids and the future.

Commissioner Davis said there are 15 different organizations asking for money. The total increase requested is \$15,200 and Extension is asking for \$5,000 of that amount.

Commissioner Straub said the vehicles are a concern. The safety of the children traveling in those vans is a concern to her personally. Straub said she fully supports \$220,500.

Commissioner Schremmer asked for an explanation on the difference between 4-H and Extension. Wondra said 4-H is volunteer help. The Extension Council organizes the business part of the fair, such as booking concerts, organizing events, arranging for the carnival, etc.

Berry Unruh, Barton County Extension, said Extension visits all 1st grade classrooms in the County as well as Holyrod for the Organ Wise program, works the 4th grade Ag-Day, 5th grade Body Walk as well as with 6th and 7th grades on nutrition/health education.

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Weather Hicks, 4-H parent, said she visited the commission last year and spoke about her son and issues he has had in the past. Hicks said he has gone through the court system and completed probation and community service and now this year he is working with 4-H and has learned public speaking and life skills as a result of 4-H programs. Hicks said her son has anxiety issues, but with the help of 4-H and school, he was able to compete at the State Rabbit Convention and placed second in his age group.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the 2016 Budget Request of the KSU / Barton County Extension Council at \$215,000.00. Direct Staff to incorporate this support funding into the County's 2016 Operating Budget.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT: Acceptance of a Magnum MLT 3060 Light Tower:

-The South Central Kansas Regional Homeland Security Council, through the North Central Regional Planning Commission, has awarded a Magnum MLT 3060 Light Tower, trailer mounted, to Barton County. The light tower may be utilized by local emergency response agencies within Barton County as well as within the South Central Kansas Homeland Security Region. The County will be responsible for maintaining the equipment on inventory, maintenance and insurance coverage.

Amy Miller, Emergency Risk Manager, said Kansas is divided into seven Regional Councils for Homeland Security. Barton County is included in the 19 county South Central Region which includes Barber, Barton, Butler, Cowley, Comanche, Edwards, Harper, Harvey, Kingman, Kiowa, Marion, McPherson, Pawnee, Pratt, Reno, Rice, Sedgwick, Stafford, and Sumner counties. The Council supports statewide all-hazard preparedness while reducing vulnerabilities.

February, a project was developed by Kingman County Emergency Management to acquire portable light towers that would provide scene lighting for night time operations. The proposed equipment was a 6 KW generator outfitted with a light tower and mounted on a trailer. The light tower can easily be moved by any vehicle that has a two-inch ball receiver hitch and a four-prong trailer light.

Miller said notification of the project was sent out to all emergency response agencies in Barton County. Several agencies volunteered; however, Sheriff Brian Bellendir was the first one to respond. The trailer will be stored at the County's shooting range. Miller said by accepting the light tower, Barton County agrees that it is a deployable resource within the 19 county South Central Homeland Security Region and it is to be made available to other counties if they request it and it is not needed in Barton County at the time. On May 14, the Sheriff picked up the light tower and received training from the dealer.

Sheriff Brian Bellendir said it was already used at the fair last weekend for security.

Commissioner Straub moved that we approve the transfer of Property Agreement, Acceptance of Homeland Security Grant Equipment for Barton County and return the agreement to the North Central Regional Planning Commission.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

C. LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES: Enterpol Software, Huber & Associates:

-Several years ago, the County undertook a project to connect law enforcement officers with both communications and the court system through integrated computer aided dispatch, records management software and other applications that shared data. After a search for a less expensive system, with better vendor service, it is recommended that the County contract with Huber & Associates for their Enterpol Software. In addition to improved services, local agencies would have access to a shared data base with

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Other cities and counties in Kansas using the software. The cost of the services would be split between Barton County and the Claflin, Ellinwood, Great Bend and Hoisington Police Departments.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator/Interim 911 Director, said, for example, if a deputy stops you for speeding, the officer calls 911 for information. 911 has access to databases for information on the person they stopped. Boeckman said all entities previously contracted with Global for CAD (computer assisted dispatch).

Rodney Viessman, Huber & Associates, said the business started in 1986 is headquartered in Jefferson, Missouri with approximately 70 employees. Viessman said they have a presence in a number of states and noted approximately 60 agencies in Kansas use their software. They are Microsoft Gold and IBM Premier Business Partner and offer 24/7 support by phone, email and web portal. Their "bi-directional clear" software package allows officers to enter data in the "forms first" data entry method, allowing data entered to be automatically put into the system with an error check system built in. KIBRS validation ensures that reports are completed accurately and completely. For example, a domestic case must have a victim, a perpetrator and a relationship, etc.

Viessman said another feature is "silent dispatch" which allows the dispatcher to send information to the officer electronically which reduces the amount of radio traffic and keeps sensitive information off of the radio for everyone to hear. The software includes "car-to-car chat" and "car-to-dispatch chat" and "officer initiated incidents". Enterpol replication allows the officers to complete reports in their car, saving time and resources.

Enterpol Investment Analysis summary:

Yearly maintenance - \$30,408 (compared to Global at \$85,854)

Upfront cost to Barton County - \$77,000 (will pay for itself in 1.82 years)

The system including mobile dispatch (will pay for itself in 2.35 years)

Commissioner Schartz said the Sheriff's portion is \$78,000, but we also have the County Attorney and 911 amounts to fund. We have approximately \$100,000 to invest. Schartz said the sheriff uses leftover computers, and asked if they will work with the new software or will he need new computers. Sheriff Brian Bellendir said they will work and noted John Debes' department does a good job of recycling computers.

John Debes, Information Technology Director, said, they should run the software.

Boeckman said Barton County would pay and then bill the agencies. That money would then be used for startup as well as maintenance, which is the same way the Global payments were handled. Boeckman said they received verification from the other agencies that they wish to proceed. The contract with Global will automatically renew unless canceled by a certain date, so a decision is needed soon.

Commissioner Davis stated it might keep the officers on the road more if they don't have to go into the office as much and may reduce overtime.

Sheriff Bellendir said they are still making paper copies with Global because it is a mystery how to get it to validate in order to be sent to the State.

Commissioner Schartz moved to purchase the Enterpol Software with Training, Maintenance and CAD Options from Huber and Associates for a total upfront cost of \$182,074.04. Cost to be paid from the Equipment Replacement Fund, General line, 072-00-6380. Total first year cost to include:

Barton County Communications	\$ 20,637.05
Barton County Attorney	\$ 1,375.80

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Barton County Sheriff	\$ 78,732.79
Ellinwood Police Department	\$ 6,879.02
Hoisington Police Department	\$ 13,758.03
Clafin Police Department	\$ 1,375.80
Great Bend Police Department	\$ 59,315.54
That's a total of	\$182,074.04

The outside agencies will be billed for their share of the project.
 Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.
 All voted aye. Motion passed.

D. SOLID WASTE: Proposed Purchase of a Replacement Vehicle:

-The Solid Waste Department utilizes three pickup trucks. Typical needs include traveling to the various worksites at the Landfill, to perform recycling activities in and around Barton County and for attending meeting and training opportunities across the State. A well-used 1995 Ford F250 has experienced costly mechanical failures and needs to be replaced.

Phil Hathcock, Solid Waste Director, said the trucks are used for recycling, taking e-waste to Rice County and training travel. He asked for bids from local vendors. Marmies said it will take 10-12 weeks to get the Ford F150. The Dodge is on their lot and only \$50 more than the Ford. Used vehicles were also considered.

Bids received include:

Doonans	2015 GMC 1500	\$26,126.76
Dove	2015 Chevy 1500	\$26,280.83
Manweiler	No Bid	
Marmies	2015 Ford F150	\$25,916.00
Marmies	2015 Dodge 1500	\$25,965.00

Commissioner Straub moved that we accept the bid for the 2015 Dodge 1500 Quad Cab pickup from Marmie Motors for the Solid Waste Department. Vehicular Equipment line, 140-68-6205.
 Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.
 All voted aye. Motion passed.

E. BOARD APPOINTMENTS: Memorial Parks Advisory Committee:

-The Memorial Park Advisory Committee is charged with advising and assisting the Commission regarding the care and maintenance of the Barton County Owned and Operated Memorial Parks and Cemetery. With not less than five, nor more than seven members, there are two positions open, terming in July, 2019. Michael Lang has applied for reappointment. Mr. Boeckman will provide details.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, said Mic Lang, who has served as the Chair, has done a lot of work and has applied for re-appointment.

Current appointees include:

APPOINTMENT	REQUIREMENT	DATE APPOINTED	TERM DATE
Mic Lang	Resident, 4 yr trm	8/12/2013	Expired
Margaret Potter	Resident, 4 yr trm	6/4/2012	Expired
John Haberman	Resident, 4 yr trm	8/12/2013	7/1/2016
Charlotte E Kluga	Resident, 4 year trm	2/2/2015	7/1/2018
Paige Lofland	Resident, 4 yr trm	10/6/2014	7/1/2018
Dan Esfeld	Resident, 4 yr trm	10/20/2014	7/1/2018
Stanley Jantz	Resident, 4 yr trm	6/29/2015	7/1/2019

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Commissioner Davis moved to appoint Michael Lang to the Barton County Memorial Park Advisory Committee. Uncompensated term ends July 1, 2019.
Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

F. GOLDEN BELT VETERANS MEMORIAL: Project Update:

-The County has met the requirements to proceed with the engraving of the first stone with veterans' names at the Golden Belt Veterans Memorial.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, said names were forwarded to the engraver in Ellis, Kansas. The proof was received and was reviewed last Friday. The plan is to dedicate this stone on Veteran's Day in November. Boeckman noted there have already been over 50 names received for the second stone.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Richard Boeckman: Wrote an appeal on behalf of the Family Crisis Center stating the City of Great Bend was willing to be the grantee. Received a response from KHRC dated July 9th stating, due to the efforts by the county, they will consider the City of Great Bend as grantee.
- Laura Patzner: It is now in the hands of the grantors. The money is still available.
- Comm Schartz: Thanked the Great Bend City Council for helping this agency. Glad the City knows how to handle its money.
- Comm Straub: Presented the First Place Commissioner's Cookie Jar from the County Fair. Thanked Vernon and Marian DeWerff.

Information Only. No Action Required.

V. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

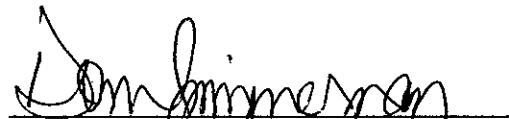
VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business.

VII. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Davis made a motion to adjourn at 10:29 A.M.
Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:


Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk


Kenny Schremmer, Chairman