

# Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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June 1, 2015

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 1st day of June 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  
Bev Schmeidler, Assistant Deputy County Clerk  
Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator

## *Members absent:*

Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner, 5th District (Chairman Pro-Tem)

## **I. OPENING BUSINESS:**

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

Commissioner Davis moved to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Kruckenberg moved to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2015 Regular Meeting.

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 May 18, 2015, and ending June 1, 2015.

Commissioner Davis moved to approve the appropriations for the period of May 18, 2015 to June 1, 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. NEX-TECH: Fiber-to-the-Premise Program:**

Nex-Tech's Fiber-To-The-Premise (FTTP) is the delivery of telephone, broadband (Internet) and television services over optical fiber from a provider's switching equipment to a home/business. Fiber is used instead of any existing copper wire or coaxial cable because it can provide vastly higher bandwidth which, in turn, improves the quality of voice, video and broadband services. Because of the unlimited amount of bandwidth that FTTP brings subscribers, it can be an important economic development tool.

Maggie Basgall, Nex-Tech Community Development Specialist, said Nex-Tech has a franchise agreement with the City of Great Bend and will begin the process of installing fiber optics. "Fiber-to-the-Premise" is very expensive and will be done in stages, beginning with an area on 10<sup>th</sup> Street. They will start on Main Street next year and continue to branch out from there. Basgall said because of the expense, a lot of communities are not able to get FTTP. This puts Great Bend and Barton County in a

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Unique position because only 1 in 5 households or businesses can say they have a FTTP connection. Nex-Tech has over 7,000 miles of fiber network built across northwest and central Kansas. Basgall invited the public to Nex-tech's Technology Conference June 11<sup>th</sup> at FHSU.

Information Only. No Action Required.

## **B. SOLID WASTE: Local Recycling Grant – 2014 Outcomes:**

-In 2014, from the Solid Waste Operating Budget, the Commission granted Sunflower Diversified \$12,000.00 with an understanding that the funds would be utilized for local recycling programs. Jim Johnson, Director of Sunflower Diversified, will provide details of the use of the 2014 grant monies.

Jim Johnson, Sunflower Diversified Director, said last years' grant was utilized to improve the collection and pick-up system as well as expanding recycling efforts. The grant, combined with other funds, netted them just over \$21,000 last year. The funds were used to obtain a used box truck and to build and modify different collection systems in Pawnee County: Larned State Hospital, Larned Correctional Facility and Larned Public Schools as well as others. Johnson said they also purchased a used glass grinder and pulverizer and noted, to date, they have ground over 28 tons of glass with approximately half of the glass set aside for Barton County sanded road projects.

Commissioner Kruckenberg asked how the glass is stored. Johnson said it is stored in Gaylord containers.

Commissioner Davis asked about the grinding machine being down at different times. Johnson said a weld had broken and they were back up rather quickly. Commissioner Davis asked if they are able to take paned glass. Johnson said they are able to accept paned glass, bottles and jars, but not reinforced glass or auto glass.

Commissioner Kruckenberg asked if the paned glass from the old CKMC might be brought to Sunflower Diversified. Johnson said he did not know at the time.

Information Only. No Action Required.

## **C. SOLID WASTE: Local Recycling Grant:**

-In the 2015 Operating Budget, the Commission allocated \$15,000 under Solid Waste for local recycling with an understanding that applications would be accepted locally for the monies. Eligible to apply include any County department, agency, organization, recycling center, city, school district or community college located in Barton County. To be eligible, 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. If approved, applications will be available through the County Administrator's Office.

Phil Hathcock, Solid Waste Director, asked for approval so they can start accepting applications.

Commissioner Straub moved to announce the 2015 Local Recycling Grant and direct the Solid Waste Director, Mr. Hathcock, to begin advertising the grant and accept applications until 2:00 p.m., on June 22, 2015.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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## **ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE / MAPPING DIVISION: ESRI Software Upgrade:**

-Currently, the Mapping Division has an ESRI Basic Software License which allows the cartographer to work with map files that are shared with Kansas state agencies and other counties. At this time, Bj Wooding, Cartographer, will ask that the Commission authorize an upgrade to a Standard License. The Standard level adds more functions including managing geodatabases that are required for the NG911 project.

Bj Wooding, Cartographer, said her current license is for the basic software package and said the upgrade necessary for NextGen 911 is available at a reduced price of \$4,950.

Commissioner Davis moved to approve the upgrade to ESRI software upgrade to the Standard License. The \$4,950.00 cost to be paid from the Courthouse General Account of the General Fund, Office Furniture and Equipment line, 001-18-6175.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **E. SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: Suchy Construction – Additional Cost:**

-In January, 2015, the Commission approved a Suchy Construction bid of \$30,852.93 to improve sidewalks at the Health Department, 1300 Kansas, and the Office Building, 1806 – 12th, both in Great Bend, Kansas. Suchy billed the County an additional \$625.00 for 25 gallons of sealer. It is noted, even with the addition, the Suchy bid is still below the one other offered bid. Monies are available in the Capital Improvement Fund for remainder of the project cost.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, said, Suchy's bid was still substantially lower.

VENDOR	Health Department	Office Building (1806 – 12 <sup>th</sup> )	Total
L&M Contactor	\$3,450.00	\$41,000.00	\$44,450.00
Suchy Construction	\$2,094.93	\$28,758.00	\$30,852.93

Commissioner Straub moved to approve the Suchy Construction bill of \$625.00 for the Sidewalk Improvement Project. Cost to be paid from the Capital Improvement Fund, General, Buildings and Fixed Equipment line, 071-00-6305.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **F. STATE HEALTH INSURANCE: State of Kansas, Non-State Public Employer Contract:**

-The County has received an agreement for continued participation in the Non-State Public Employer health care benefit plan. Under the contract, the County, and its employees, would be allowed to participate in the health benefit risk pool. Covering all of 2016, 2017, and 2018, the plan describes participation, premiums and payment, eligibility and other such items.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, said the County has been with the State Health Plan for six years/two contract periods. Boeckman noted three years ago when the contract expired, the Commission renewed another three year contract with the State rather than bidding out the insurance. There is positive feedback from employees regarding the Health Insurance with the State Health Plan.

Commissioner Davis moved to approve the State of Kansas, Non-State Public Employer Contract for Health Insurance for 2016, 2017 and 2018. The employer portion of premiums to be paid from the Employee Benefit Fund and the employee portions to be paid by the employee via payroll or other appropriate means.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

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## **RESOLUTION 2015-13: Transfer of Funds, Health Coverage Trust to Employee Benefits:**

-Included in the 2014 Barton County Operating Budget was a transfer of \$200,000.00 from the Health Coverage Trust to Employee Benefits. This transfer will help assure that Social Security, Retirement, Workers' Compensation, Health Insurance and other appropriate benefits are funded at a level that is responsible for the County, as both an employer and a taxing agency.

Jessica Wilson, Financial Officer, said although the Commission approved a transfer of \$200,000 from the Health Coverage Trust Fund to the Employee Benefit Fund with the adoption of the 2014 budget, there is no specific statute that allows for the transfer of funds. Wilson said the transfer can only be made by Resolution and noted this resolution was missed during the 2014 calendar year. Wilson asked for approval prior to the final audit report.

Commissioner Davis moved to adopt Resolution 2015-13, Transfer of Funds, Health Coverage Trust to Employee Benefits.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **H. RESOLUTION 2015-14: Transfer of Funds, General Fund to Teen Court:**

-Included in the 2014 Barton County Operating Budget was a transfer of \$3,000.00 from the General Fund to Teen Court. This transfer was scheduled to provide support for the Teen Court program. Under this prevention program, area youth are held accountable for their actions, making them less likely to commit offenses as adults.

Jessica Wilson, Financial Officer, said the Commission approved a transfer of \$3,000 from the Finance General Department of the General Fund to Teen Court with the adoption of the 2014 budget and noted there is no specific statute that allows for this transfer of funds. Wilson said this transfer can only be made by Resolution and noted this resolution was missed during the 2014 calendar year. Wilson asked for approval prior to the final audit report.

Commissioner Davis moved to adopt Resolution 2015-14, Transfer of Funds, General Fund to the Teen Court.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **I. RESOLUTION 2015-15: Transfer of Funds, General Fund to Project STAY:**

-Kansas law provides that juveniles may be required to pay a supervision fee to be used to fund community juvenile justice programs. Under the proposed Resolution, a manner for transferring those funds to Juvenile Services is created.

Marissa Woodmansee, Juvenile Services, said according to K.S.A. 20-167 a Juvenile Supervision Fee is collected on Juvenile Offenders processed through the court system. According to the statute, fees are sent by the District Court Clerk to the County Treasurer for deposit in the General Fund. These funds are then to be used to provide juvenile services in the Judicial District. Adoption of this resolution will allow the fees to be transferred quarterly to the Project S.T.A.Y. (School Truancy Alternative for Youth) program under the direction of the 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Juvenile Services. This resolution was missed during the 2014 calendar year. Woodmansee asked for approval prior to the final audit report and noted the actual transfer for 2014 was \$1,831.

Commissioner Straub moved to adopt Resolution 2015-15, the Transfer of Funds, from General Fund to Project STAY.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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## ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

## VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Richard Boeckman: Road viewing will take place at a later date due to wet road conditions.
- Shelly Schneider, Health Director: Barton County is out of the pertussis outbreak period by several days.

## VII. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Davis made a motion to adjourn at 9:54 A.M.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Bev Schmeidler  
Barton County Assistant Deputy Clerk



Kenny Schremmer, Chairman

**RESOLUTION 2015-13**

Transfer of Funds,  
Health Coverage Trust to Employee Benefits

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, is committed to maintaining the financial integrity of the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission believes that Social Security, Retirement, Workers' Compensation, Health Insurance and other appropriate benefits should be funded at a level that is responsible as both an Employer and a taxing agency.

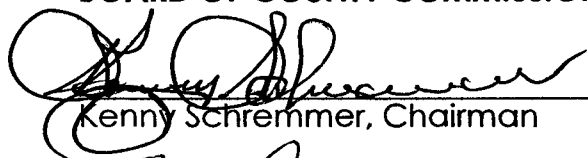
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, will budget monies in the Employee Benefit Fund to provide mandated and other benefits to employees of the County; and

**FURTHER**, that the provision of benefits from the Employee Benefit Fund shall be offset by a scheduled transfer of \$200,000.00 from the Health Coverage Trust; and


**FURTHER**, that this transfer is included in the Barton County Operating Budget, 2014.

**ADOPTED** this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2015.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

  
Kenny Schremmer, Chairman

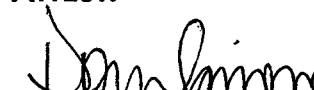
  
Don Davis, Commissioner

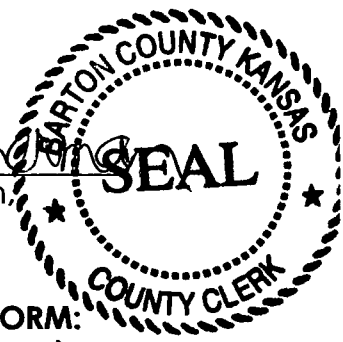
  
Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner

ABSENT  
Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner

  
Alicia Straub, Commissioner

**ATTEST:**

  
Donna Zimmerman,  
County Clerk



**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
Richard A. Boeckman,  
County Counselor

**RESOLUTION 2015-14**

Transfer of Funds,  
General Fund to Teen Court

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, is committed to maintaining the financial integrity of the County; and

**WHEREAS**, a key component to that is assuring that programs are funded at a level that provides for a return on expenditures in a manner that is both measurable and relevant; and

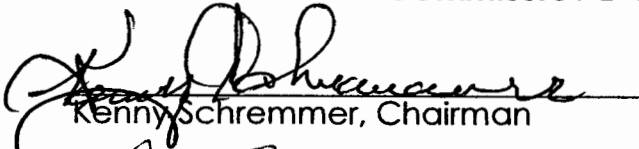
**WHEREAS**, the Commission believes, when monies are provided to support prevention programs for the area's youth, there is an immeasurable return as the teens, held accountable for their actions, are less likely to commit offenses as adults.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, when financial conditions warrant, will budget monies in the General Fund to support the Teen Court program, a division of Juvenile Services, a non-budgeted fund; and

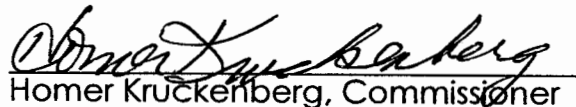
**FURTHER**, that the 2014 General Fund allocation, as provided in Finance General in the amount of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00), shall be made upon adoption of this Resolution.

**ADOPTED** this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2015.

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Don Davis, Commissioner

  
Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner

ABSENT  
Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner

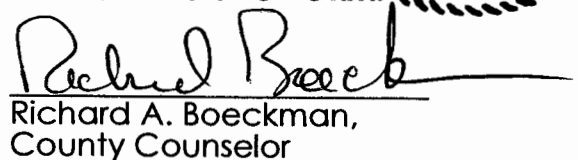
  
Alicia Straub, Commissioner

**ATTEST:**

  
Donna Zimmermann  
County Clerk



**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
Richard A. Boeckman,  
County Counselor

**RESOLUTION 2015-15**

**Transfer of Funds,  
General Fund to Project STAY**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, is committed to maintaining the financial integrity of the County; and

**WHEREAS**, Kansas Statutes Annotated, KSA 20-167, provides in part that juveniles may be required to pay a supervision fee; that the Clerk of the District Court collects that fee; that those fees are then paid to the County General Fund and those fees are then used to fund community juvenile justice programs.

**WHEREAS**, presently there is no procedure for transferring monies in the possession of the Barton County Treasurer by virtue of KSA 20-127 to the Director, 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Juvenile Services, and such a procedure is necessary.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, that the procedure to transfer such funds shall be as follows:

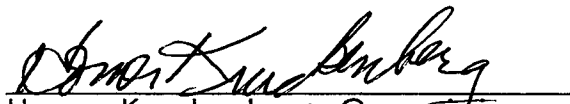
The Director, 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Juvenile Services, shall at the end of each quarter request the Barton County Treasurer to transfer to the 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial District whatever funds are being held by the Treasurer by virtue of KSA 20-167. The Treasurer, upon receipt of that request, shall promptly transfer the funds pursuant to the request.

**ADOPTED** this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2015.

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Don Davis, Commissioner

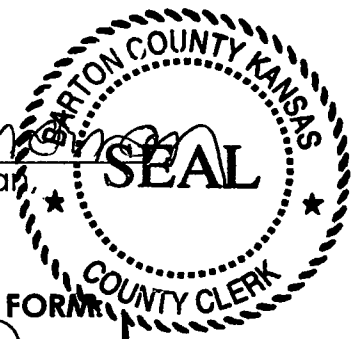
  
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**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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County Counselor