

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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March 16, 2015

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 16th day of March 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 Davis moved to approve the agenda.
 Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.
 All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2015, the March 2, 2015 and the March 9, 2015 Regular Meetings and thanked Donna Zimmerman for doing a really nice job of putting the minutes together.

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

II. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

III. 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:

BATCH #7				
Property Types	Values	Escaped Taxes	Added / Abated	Refunds
Gas				
Oil				
Personal Property	-397		-\$ 90.64	
Real Estate				
16/20 M Trucks				
State Assessed Utilities				
Special Assessments				
Grand Totals	-397		-\$90.64	\$0
Total Taxes	- \$90.64			
Total Records Selected	5			

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Commissioner Davis moved to approve the Listing of Added / Abated / Escaped / Refunded Taxes for 2014 as presented by the County Clerk and reviewed by the County Appraiser. Direct the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARD: John Sheets, Noxious Weed, Employee of the Quarter:

-The Employee Relations Committee (ERC) recommends outstanding individuals for the "Employee Recognition Award". Generally, the recognition is given quarterly. The Commission will be asked to recognize John Sheets, Noxious Weed. Sheets was nominated for efforts related to deploying voting machines, snow removal and the development and construction of the Golden Belt Memorial Park Veterans' Memorial. All these assignments are completed over and above his regular duties.

Bj Wooding, ERC President, in conjunction with the Commissioners, presented the 4th Quarter 2014 Employee of the Quarter award to John Sheets. Wooding read Dale Phillip's nomination citing John Sheet's willingness to help others, work transporting voting equipment, snow removal and his work on the Veteran's Monument and Flagpole.

Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk, also shared her appreciation for his willingness to go above and beyond in ensuring voting equipment was delivered and set-up for elections.

Commissioner Schartz moved to join the ERC in presenting John Sheets, Noxious Weed, with the Employee Recognition Award.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

C. PROCLAMATION 2015-03: Kansas Agriculture Day, March 18, 2015:

-The Kansas Department of Agriculture asked that Barton County join in celebrating March as Agriculture Month and, specifically March 18, 2015, as Kansas Agriculture Day. It is noted that the world population is expected to reach 9 billion by 2050, and Kansas farmers and ranchers play an increasingly important role in meeting global demands for healthy, wholesome, safe and nutritious food. In that, Kansas is one of the national leaders in agriculture, ranking first in wheat and sorghum production and third in beef production.

Alicia Boor, Barton County Extension Council read the proclamation and asked for the Commission's approval. Boor introduced Peyton Mauler was also present to support the adoption of the proclamation.

Commissioner Straub moved to adopt Proclamation 2015-03, Kansas Agriculture Day, March 18, 2015.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

D. K-4 OVERLOOK TOWER PROJECT: Kaw Valley Engineers – Geotechnical and Survey Services:

-As the County moves forward with the K-4 Overlook Tower Project, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) has asked that geotechnical and survey services be performed at the site. Clark Rusco, County Engineer, coordinated the scope of services with Kaw Valley Engineers. For \$3,900.00, the company will provide borings, design of uplift requirements, reference locations and other items.

Clark Rusco, County Engineer, said Kaw Valley will already be in the area doing work for Pawnee County, so the cost to transport equipment here can be shared. Rusco said Kaw Valley did a good job on the Truss Bridge project and noted they could probably do the work this week if approved.

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Commissioner Kruckenberg moved to approve hire Kaw Valley Engineering to provide specific geotechnical and survey services at the K-4 Overlook. Services cost, \$3,900.00, to be paid from Capital Improvement Fund, Building and Fixed Equipment, 071-00-6305.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

E. COUNTY ENGINEER: KDOT Federal Funds Exchange Program, Fiscal Year 2015 Fund Balance:

-Mr. Rusco received notice from KDOT that \$287,412.06 in Federal Funds is currently available to Barton County to apply to a federal-aid project or exchange during Federal Fiscal Year 2015 (October 1, 2014 – September 30, 2015). KDOT allows the County to bank those funds to use for future federal-aid projects. Mr. Rusco will discuss banking the funds.

Clark Rusco, County Engineer, said there is a 10% reduction in funds and noted that using these funds allows us to utilize our plans and specs instead of KDOT specs. This also moves the funds out of the State General Fund and encumbers the funds.

Commissioner Straub moved to bank the balance of Barton County's 2015 Federal Funds Exchange Funds in the amount of \$287,412.06 and authorize the Commission Chairman to sign KDOT Request to Exchange Federal Funds Form.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

F. RESOLUTION 2015-10: South Kansas (Homeland Security Region E) Multi-Hazard, Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan:

-Hazard mitigation is the act of reducing risk to people and property from natural hazards. The Barton County Emergency Management Department and other Barton County entities have participated in the development of a regional, multi-jurisdictional, multi-hazard mitigation plan. The plan identifies hazards associated within the region and qualifies participating entities for additional pre-disaster and post-disaster grant funding.

Amy Miller, Emergency Management Director, said we are currently participating in our first regional plan. Miller explained our regional area includes Barton, Barber, Comanche, Edwards, Kiowa, Pawnee, Pratt and Stafford counties.

Commissioner Schartz moved to adopt Resolution 2015-10, A Resolution adopting the South Kansas (Homeland Security Region E) Multi-Hazard, Multi-Jurisdictional Mitigation Plan and rescinding Resolution 2011-08, a Resolution adopting the Barton County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, adopted April 4, 2011, and instructing Amy Miller, Emergency Management Director, to forward the resolution to the Kansas Division of Emergency Management.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

G. 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.

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IV. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

V. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Richard Boeckman: Commissioners invited to Clara Barton Hosp mtg @ Claflin Immaculate Conception Parish Hall on 3/19/15 from 5:30-7pm.
- Shelly Schneider, Health Dept Dir: Health Dept will attend Clara Barton Hosp mtg to collaborate efforts.
- PERTUSSIS UPDATE: Schneider said the cases are more sporadic now. Hopefully slowing down.


VI. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Straub made a motion to adjourn at 9:38 A.M.


Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk



Kenny Schremmer, Chairman

PROCLAMATION 2015-03

KANSAS AGRICULTURE DAY
March 18, 2015

WHEREAS, Barton County, in the great state of Kansas, was born of farmers and ranchers; and

WHEREAS, the world population is expected to reach 9 billion by 2050, and Kansas farmers and ranchers play an increasingly important role in meeting global demands for healthy, wholesome, safe and nutritious food; and

WHEREAS, food scarcity contributes to global unrest and, as Kansans, we are concerned with global stability and offering help to those closer to home; and

WHEREAS, farmers and ranchers are the best stewards of the land as the use fewer resources to produce more food, fiber and energy than ever before; and

WHEREAS, Kansas is one of the national leaders in agriculture, ranking first in wheat and sorghum production and third in beef production; and

WHEREAS, farmers and ranchers are feeding the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, that March 18, 2015, is hereby proclaimed as Kansas Agriculture Day; and

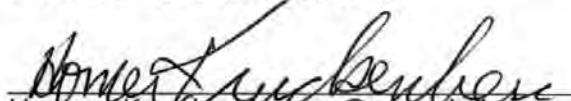
FURTHER, with March being designated as Agriculture Month in the State of Kansas, that all citizens are urged to join in this celebration and know that our strong agricultural traditions benefit not only Americans, but people across the globe.

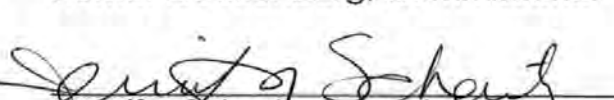
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Kenny Schremmer, Chair


Don Davis, Commissioner


Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner

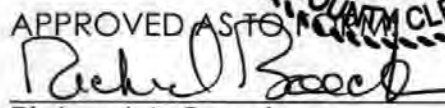

Jennifer Scharz, Commissioner


Alicia Straub, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Donna Zimmerman
County Clerk



APPROVED AS TO

Richard A. Boeckman,
County Counselor

RESOLUTION 2015-10

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE SOUTH KANSAS (HOMELAND SECURITY REGION E) MULTI-HAZARD, MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL MITIGATION PLAN AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION 2011-08, A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BARTON COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN, ADOPTED APRIL 4, 2011

WHEREAS, areas of Barton County, Kansas are vulnerable to the human and economic costs of natural, technological and societal disasters; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of Barton County, Kansas realizes the importance of reducing or eliminating those vulnerabilities for the overall good of the community; and

WHEREAS, Barton County, Kansas has been an active participant in the South Kansas (Homeland Security Region E) Multi-Hazard, Multi-jurisdictional Mitigation Plan Committee, which has established a comprehensive, coordinated planning process to eliminate or decrease those vulnerabilities; and

WHEREAS, the South Kansas (Homeland Security Region E) Multi-Hazard, Multi-Jurisdictional Mitigation Plan has been prepared in accordance with FEMA requirements at 44 CFR 201.6; and

WHEREAS, Barton County, Kansas has afforded the citizens an opportunity to comment and provide input in the Plan and the actions in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, Barton County, Kansas has reviewed the Plan and affirms that the Plan will be updated no less than every five years.


NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, that Barton County hereby adopts the South Kansas (Homeland Security Region E) Multi-Hazard, Multi-Jurisdictional Mitigation Plan, and thereupon resolves to comply with the Plan Maintenance Section of the Plan.

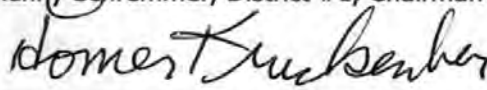
FURTHER, that Resolution 2011-08, A Resolution Adopting the Barton County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, Adopted April 4, 2011, is hereby rescinded.


FURTHER, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and publication in the official County newspaper, The Great Bend Tribune.

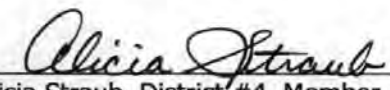
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas on this the 16th day of March, 2015.

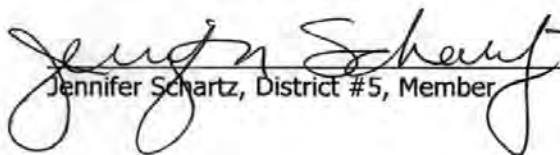
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BARTON COUNTY, KANSAS**


Kenny Schremmer, District #1, Chairman

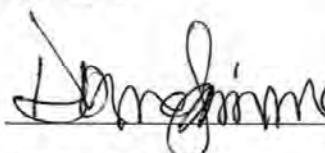

Homer Kruckenberg, District #2, Member


Don Davis, District #3, Member


Alicia Straub, District #4, Member

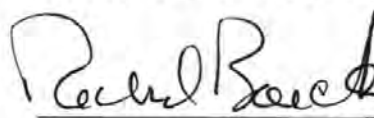

Jennifer Schartz, District #5, Member

ATTEST:


Donna Zimmerman
County Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Richard A. Boeckman
County Counselor