

# Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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March 23, 2015

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 23rd 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 Schartz moved to approve the agenda.  
Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Straub moved to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2015 Regular Meeting.  
Commissioner Schartz 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 9, 2015, and ending March 23, 2015.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve appropriations for the period of March 9, 2015 to March 23, 2015 and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.  
Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **III. OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business.

## **IV. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **A. LOCAL AGENCY SUPPORT: Family Crisis Center:**

-The Family Crisis Center has asked local municipalities to share the cost in updating computer functionality at both the office and shelter. Work includes wiring and covering a portion of the cost of a server. This upgrade will allow the Family Crisis Center to utilize newer technologies and enhance communication and security.

Laura Patzner, Family Crisis Executive Director, said the wiring for a new phone system in all three facilities will cost \$5,019. Patzner said they received \$1,000 from Pratt County to cover the cost for the Pratt Office. In addition, Patzner asked for \$874, which is approximately 10% of the cost to replace the server, and noted the City of Great Bend agreed to pay half of the cost. Patzner said upgraded phones are needed for better security and said their current phone system is failing.

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Commissioner Davis moved to allocate \$2,431.00 to the Family Crisis Center for technology improvements. The allocation is to be paid from the General Fund, General Finance Department, Miscellaneous Contractual line number 001-26-5755.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **B. TRAFFIC SAFETY: East Barton County Road:**

-Because of road construction between Ellinwood and Great Bend is diverting traffic to East Barton County Road, County officials have discussed erecting enforceable signage to protect the public. East Barton County Road will see more traffic during the construction period and that traffic is anticipated to be made up of heavier vehicles. It is suggested that "Local Traffic Only" signage be installed.

Sheriff Brian Bellendir said the extensive KDOT work on US56 between Great Bend and Ellinwood will cause traffic to use East Barton County Road. Bellendir said he anticipates complaints from the residents on that stretch of road. Bellendir requested the Commission direct the Road and Bridge Department to install "Local Traffic Only" signage on that road.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, said this signage would be the responsibility of the County since it is a regulatory sign even though it would be placed on a township road.

Commissioner Schartz said this would be a pro-active approach to anticipated problems.

Commissioner Straub said she had heard complaints about the road restriction and noted everyone in taxpayer in this county pays on that road.

Bellendir said, historically, the need for the restriction is based 60% on homeowner complaints and 40% on motor vehicle accidents. Bellendir said we would be transferring all the traffic from US56 to a 24' township road and noted the bridges are pretty tight.

Commissioner Davis moved to direct the Road and Bridge Department to install "Local Traffic Only" signage at a location or locations along East Barton County Road as may be determined.

Bellendir recommended the motion include removal of the signage once the construction is completed.

Commissioner Davis moved to add to be removed upon completion of construction on 56 Highway between Great Bend and Ellinwood.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

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

Commissioner Straub voted nay.

Motion passed 4 - 1.

## **C. PROCLAMATION 2015-04: National Work Zone Awareness Week:**

-Both the Federal Highway Association and the Kansas Department of Transportation recognize March 23 – 27, 2015, as National Work Zone Awareness Week. In keeping with that theme, Dale Phillips, Road and Bridge / Noxious Weed / Memorial Parks Director, requests that a Proclamation be adopted that calls attention to the men and women wearing orange that keep our roadways maintained.

Dale Phillips, Road and Bridge/Noxious Weed/Memorial Parks Director, said nobody ever likes road construction, but people need to slow down and be careful. Steve Miller, Eric Johnson and David Sohm from the Road and Bridge Department were present wearing orange safety vests. Phillips cautioned

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everyone to drive carefully when you see orange clothing, lights and road signs around construction and utility workers on our roadways.

Commissioner Davis moved to Adopt Proclamation 2015-04, National Work Zone Awareness Week. Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **D. ROAD AND BRIDGE: Asphalt Mix Bids 2015:**

-The Road and Bridge Department accepted bids until 2:00 p.m., March 11, 2015, for the 2015 Asphalt Mix Program. The bid specified approximately 20,000 to 25,000 tons of cold mix asphalt material, with the County furnishing all aggregate and asphalt oil. Using County specifications, the contractor will be required to mix asphalt at the County pit on South Washington, Great Bend. Venture Corporation provided the bid best meeting the County's needs at \$7.43 per ton.

Dale Phillips, Road and Bridge/Noxious Weed/Memorial Parks Director, presented the following bids:

<i>Vendor</i>	<i>Price Per Ton</i>	<i>Estimated Start Date</i>	<i>Estimated Completion Date</i>
Venture Corporation	\$7.43	5/21/2015	6/02/2015
High Plains Sand Inc.	\$8.00		

Commissioner Kruckenberg moved to accept the Venture Corporation bid of \$7.43 per ton for the 2015 asphalt mixing.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **E. NOXIOUS WEED DEPARTMENT: 2014 Annual Report:**

-The Kansas Department of Agriculture, Weed and Pesticide Division, requires that each County's Noxious Weed Department submit an annual report of their activities for the previous year.

Dale Phillips, Road and Bridge/Noxious Weed/Memorial Parks Director, said 2014 was a good year for their department and noted they are a leader in the State of Kansas. They provide services to the citizens of Barton County, farmers, townships, cities, railroads and KDOT contract work.

Phillips asked the Commission to approve the report.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the report and sign it for Dale.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **V. ENDING BUSINESS:**

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

## **VI. OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Becky Wornkey: Asked if all 5 Commissioners would attend the Road & Bridge pre-bid conference today. All Commissioners responded that they plan to be present.
- Comm Schartz: March is colon cancer awareness month. Has been personally impacted by colon cancer. Encouraged everyone age 50 to get a colonoscopy. Number two killer yet most preventable cancer.

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## **VII. ADJOURN:**

Commissioner Davis made a motion to adjourn at 9:37 A.M.  
Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

  
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Donna Zimmerman  
Barton County Clerk

  
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Kenny Schremmer, Chairman

**PROCLAMATION 2015-04**

National Work Zone Awareness Week, March 23 – 27, 2015

**WHEREAS**, there are more than 80,000 work zone crashes in the United States on average each year. The State of Kansas saw 397 people injured and seven people killed in work zone crashes in Kansas in 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, highway construction work zones can be very dangerous for both highway workers and motorists. Tragically, most of the people killed in work zones each year are motorists, further showing that work zone safety is vitally important for everyone; and

**WHEREAS**, reminding motorists to improve safety in highway work zones by staying alert, turning on headlights, obeying posted speed limits, never changing lanes, always expecting the unexpected, minimizing distractions such as cellular phones and being patient is a crucial message that can mean the difference between life and death; and

**WHEREAS**, inattention was the leading factor in work zone crashes both nationally and in Kansas; and

**WHEREAS**, most of the work zone crashes in Kansas occurred during daylight hours and without any adverse weather conditions, making it vital to raise awareness throughout the year of the need for work zone safety. Campaigns such as National Work Zone Awareness Week not only help save lives, but also strengthen the educational base of motorists.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas that March 23 – 27, 2015 is named as National Work Zone Awareness Week; and

**FURTHER**, that everyone in Kansas is called upon to help save lives in highway construction work zones by spreading these important messages throughout our communities; and

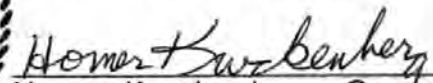
**FURTHER**, that the efforts of our local township, City, County, State and Federal Departments of Transportation workers are recognized for their efforts in keeping our communities linked.

Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2015.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

  
Kenny Schremmer, Chair


  
Don Davis, Commissioner

  
Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner

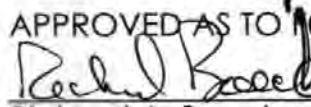
  
Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner

  
Alicia Schartz, Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Donna Zimmerman  
County Clerk



APPROVED AS TO  
  
Richard A. Boeckman,  
County Counselor