

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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May 26, 2015

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 26th day of May 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 Kruckenberg moved to approve the agenda.
Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Straub moved to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2015 Regular Meeting.
Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

A. COMMUNICATIONS: Resignation of Doug Hubbard, 911 Director:

-Doug Hubbard, 911 Director, has tendered his resignation with Barton County. His last day of employment is May 31, 2015. Since being hired in 2011, Mr. Hubbard has worked to improve communications throughout the County, completed the narrowbanding project in the County and replaced console furniture at 911. He has also been involved with the Next Generation (NG911) system development and the use of Active911, a digital messaging system for first responders.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, said Doug Hubbard has done a very nice job and said he worked on the Next Gen 911 project and said the consoles were also improved during his time as director.

Doug Hubbard, 911 Director, said he appreciated the support from the Commissioners. Hubbard said his goal was to make 911 a better place to work and said he thinks he accomplished that. Hubbard said he will be available to assist with Next Gen 911, Active 911 or elsewhere, if needed. Hubbard will continue as Claflin Fire Chief and paramedic and will be moving forward with a business interest.

Commissioner Schremmer presented Hubbard with a certificate and plaque in appreciation for his work.

Information Only. No Action Required.

B. COMMUNICATIONS: Appointment of Interim 911 Director:

-With the resignation of Mr. Hubbard, it would be appropriate to appoint an Interim Director until such time a full-time director is hired. At this time, the Commission will consider appointing Mr. Boeckman to that position.

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Commissioner Schartz said that this is not an easy position to fill and is hopeful that someone from this region can be found.

Commissioner Kruckenberg said it is fortunate that Richard will fill in and noted he has done so twice before.

Commissioner Schartz moved to appoint Richard Boeckman, in addition to regularly prescribed duties, as the Interim 911 Director.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

C. RESOLUTION 2015-11: Allowing for a Class B Fireworks Display Under Resolution 2004-06, Establishing a Policy on Fireworks for Barton County:

-Gail Moeder has asked for the Commission to allow for a professional fireworks display in June for Camp Hope. She has asked that the display be approved for the evening of June 25, 2015.

Gail Moeder, Camp Hope, said the camp begins June 21st and would like permission to allow a fireworks display on Thursday evening in the parking lot at the college.

Commissioner Schartz suggested they include an alternate in case of inclement weather.

Commissioner Schartz moved to adopt Resolution 2015-11, Allowing for a Class B Fireworks Display Under Resolution 2004-06, Establishing a Policy on Fireworks for Barton County. The first date would be June 25th and the alternate date would be June 26th.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

D. RESOLUTION 2015-12: Barton County Policy Regarding the Maintenance and Repair of City and Township Roads and Rescinding Resolution 2009-17, Same, Adopted April 27, 2009:

-From time to time, the Commissioners receive requests from the cities, townships and private citizens for assistance with the repair and maintenance of city or township roads. The policy adopted under the 2009 Resolution clarifies the circumstances and procedure the Commission will use in providing assistance. In the proposed revision, the Road and Bridge Director can approve the work, at a not to exceed price of \$7,500.00. In addition to the municipality reimbursing the County, the Commission will be provided details of the actual service provided.

Richard Boeckman, County Counselor/Administrator, said essentially the change allows the Road & Bridge Director the ability to approve work up to \$7,500. The resolution still requires the city or township to reimburse the County for all costs.

Commissioner Schartz said the County has equipment that the townships don't have, so it's only fair to help them out. Contractors often times do not want small jobs.

Commissioner Schremmer expressed his confidence that Dale will make wise decisions.

Commissioner Davis moved to adopt Resolution 2015-12, Barton County Policy Regarding the Maintenance and Repair of City and Township Roads and Rescinding Resolution 2009-17, Same, Adopted April 27, 2009.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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E. 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

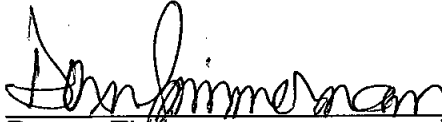
V. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Dale Phillips: The last engraving needed to complete the first stone on the Memorial Parks project was sold last Friday.
- Comm Kruckenberg: Diana Watson has done a great job on the Memorial Park Project.
- Richard Boeckman: Chet Cale anticipates 90 days to engrave names.
- Richard Boeckman: Hopes to schedule the dedication on Veteran's Day.

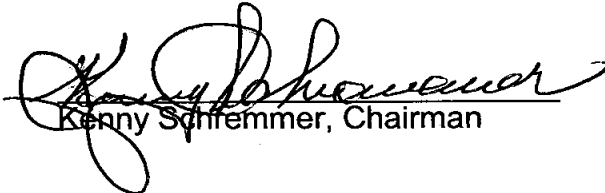
VI. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Kruckenberg made a motion to adjourn at 9:27 A.M.
Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk



Kenny Schremmer, Chairman

RESOLUTION 2015-11

Allowing for a Class B Fireworks Display
Under Resolution 2004-06, Establishing a Policy on Fireworks for Barton
County

BE IT NOW RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, that it shall only be lawful for persons to fire or discharge any fireworks in Barton County on July 4th of any given year; and

FURTHER, said fireworks shall only be fired between the hours of 8:00 am and 12:00 midnight on the 4th of July, provided, that no fireworks shall be discharged in any park; and

FURTHER, that the Board of County Commissioners may, in its discretion, grant permission at any time for public displays of fireworks by responsible individuals or organizations when such display shall be of such a character and so located, discharged and fired as not to be a fire hazard or endanger persons or surrounding property, provided that in no case shall such display be held within 400' of any building in the County; and

FURTHER, that the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, authorize a Class B (professional) display on June 25, 2015, during the evening hours, at Barton Community College, 245 NE 30 Road, Great Bend, Kansas, in the parking area located immediately to the south of the tennis courts. Said request for the display being made by Gail Moeder, on behalf of Camp Hope; and

FURTHER, that an alternate date of June 26, 2015, has been determined; and

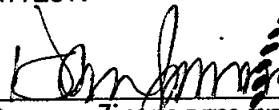
FURTHER, that Mike Napolitano, Great Bend Fire Chief, having jurisdiction of the area, agreed to such display.

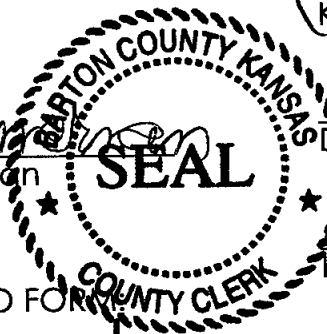
Adopted this 26th day of May, 2015.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Kenny Schremmer, Chair

ATTEST:



Donna Zimmerman
County Clerk




Don Davis, Commissioner


Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM


Richard A. Boeckman,
County Counselor


Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner


Alicia Straub, Commissioner

RESOLUTION 2015-12

BARTON COUNTY POLICY REGARDING THE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF CITY AND TOWNSHIP ROADS AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION 2009-17, SAME, ADOPTED APRIL 27, 2009

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, is responsible for the maintenance and repair of County roads; and

WHEREAS, the City Councils of the various cities within the County are responsible to maintain and repair city roads within their service areas; and

WHEREAS, the various Township Boards are responsible to maintain and repair the township roads under their jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, from time to time, the Board of County Commissioners receive requests from the cities, the townships and private citizens for assistance with the repair and maintenance of city or township roads; and

WHEREAS, circumstances exist when Barton County may have the only specialized equipment available to assist other municipalities; and

WHEREAS, circumstances exist when the cost to be incurred by a city or a township is such that private contractors may not be able or willing to perform the work; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners considers it appropriate to adopt a policy to clarify under what circumstances the County will assist a city or township with the maintenance and repair of roads.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, believes it appropriate that each governing body in the County having responsibility for the maintenance and repair of roads within its jurisdiction and raise an appropriate amount of taxes to affect said maintenance and repair of such roads. Barton County will not assist a city or township with the routine maintenance and repair of roads within the jurisdiction of another taxing entity.

FURTHER, the Board prefers that the city or township use the services of a private contractor(s) as opposed to the County Road and Bridge Department when performing maintenance or repair projects for which the cities or townships do not have the necessary equipment.

FURTHER, the Board recognizes there are occasions when it may be expedient for the County to assist other governing bodies relating to road maintenance and repair; and

FURTHER, the Board authorizes the Barton County Road and Bridge Director to agree to perform work for other governing bodies located within the County if the County has specialized equipment not generally available to contractors or if the estimate cost to perform the work does not exceed \$7,500.00.

When the Road and Bridge Director agrees to perform work as set forth herein, he will require the other governing body to reimburse the County for the actual cost of such work. The Road and Bridge Director shall report to the Commissioners in study session the nature of work performed, and the cost, for other governing bodies. Said report shall be within a reasonable time of the work being performed.

All other projects, other than those determined to be emergencies, shall be considered by the Board of County Commissioners.

FURTHER, should the Board of County Commissioners receive a request to exercise its authority pursuant to K.S.A. 68-124 to repair a township road and charge the costs to the township, the Board of County Commissioners shall conduct a quasi-judicial hearing to make factual determinations whether the conditions set forth in the statute exist. Appropriate township officials shall be given notice of the hearing. If, after the hearing, the Board of County Commissioners determines it is proper to maintain or repair the road in question, the work shall be performed by the County Road and Bridge Department and costs assessed to the township in question.

FURTHER, the Road and Bridge Director is authorized, in emergency circumstances, to provide assistance to cities and townships with road maintenance and repair if requested by said city or township.


FURTHER, that Resolution 2009-17, Barton County Policy Regarding the Maintenance and Repair of City and Township Roads, adopted April 27, 2009, is hereby rescinded.

Adopted this 26th day of May, 2015.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Kenny Schremmer, Chair

ATTEST:



Donna Zimmerman
County Clerk




Don Davis, Commissioner


Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Richard A. Boeckman,
County Counselor


Jennifer Scharz, Commissioner


Alicia Straub, Commissioner