

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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November 23, 2015

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 23rd day of November 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 Davis moved to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2015 and the November 16, 2015 Regular Meetings.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

A. BARTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY: Commemorative Poster – 100th Anniversary of the Dedication of the "The Rifleman":

-This November 7, 2015, the Barton County Historical Society celebrated the 100th anniversary of the dedication of "The Rifleman", an original bronze statue by noted American sculptor, Frederick C. Hibbard. To the north of the Barton County Courthouse, this likeness of a young man stands eternal guard in defense of the Union, rifle and bayonet at the ready. At this time, Bev Komarek, Executive Director, and Karen Neuforth, Research Coordinator, Barton County Historical Society, will provide the Commission with a Commemorative Poster.

Bev Komarek, Historical Society Executive Director, said two conservators from the east coast came to Great Bend to clean and wax the statue and refurbish the plaques. Komarek said, not only did they clean the statue, but they also educated Komarek and others about the care of the statue. Richard Bodine, Great Bend City employee, worked with the conservators and learned how to monitor the condition and care for the statue.

Commissioner Schartz said it is good to have someone local who can monitor the condition of the rifleman as well as the Jack Kilby statue.

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B. SUNFLOWER DIVERSIFIED SERVICES: Letter of Support:

-Sunflower Diversified Services has requested a Letter of Support for a Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) grant application. Monies provided by KDOT would be used to continue the operation of the General Public Transportation System.

Sarah Krom, Transportation Coordinator, said the total request is \$288,338.24 and noted in Fiscal Year 2015, they logged 287,912 miles with 44,884 passenger rides in Great Bend and the 10 mile service area.

GRANT	USE	AMOUNT	MATCH
Grant A, Part 1 5311 Project	Replace one general use vehicle	\$65,100	\$13,020
Grant A, Part 2 5311 Project	Operations	\$205,955	\$205,955
Grant B 5310 Grant	OPERATIONS	\$15,380	\$10,380

Commissioner Schartz asked if this funding is stable. Krom said, yes, due to the passage of the T-Link Bill.

"Grant B" refers to restricted use vehicles and are designated non-general public, for specific uses with only elderly or disabled riders in the vehicles.

Local match will be made with funds from the transportation portion of the CDDO's local finance plan, as well as dollars rated through production/recycling operations, charitable gifts, and fund raising efforts. No local monies are being sought from the County to support this grant request.

Jim Johnson, Sunflower Diversified Services, was also present.

Commissioner Straub moved to approve a Letter of Support for Sunflower Diversified for the Grant Application for the KDOT Transportation Funds.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

C. SPECIAL ALCOHOL FUNDING: 2015 Fund Distribution:

-Barton County has solicited applications for the distribution of Special Alcohol monies. The monies, derived from the 10% gross receipts tax on the sale of liquor in private clubs, may be expended only for the purchase, establishment, maintenance or expansion of services or programs whose principal purpose is alcoholism and drug abuse prevention and education, alcohol and drug detoxification, intervention in alcohol and drug abuse or treatment of persons who are alcoholics or drug abusers or are in danger of becoming alcoholics or drug abusers. For 2015, monies available total \$3,500.00. Applications were accepted following a public announcement period. Requests for funding are as follows:

Shelly Schneider, Health Director, said K.S.A. 79-41A04 allows for money to be used for treatment, education or prevention programs. Schneider said the following requests were received:

Barton County Sheriff's Office	DARE	\$ 3,500
Catholic Social Services		\$ 4,000
Counseling, Inc.		\$ 1,175
Dream, Inc.	Project Dream Inc.	\$21,800

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Commissioner Schartz asked why the amount of available funding has decreased. Boeckman said the County and City used to partner, but since the bulk of the money is received by the City, it seems appropriate that they award funding on their own.

Commissioner Schartz moved to distribute the 2015 Special Alcohol Funds in the amount of \$3,500.00 to the Barton County Sheriff's Office, DARE Program.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

D. HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Replacement of Server:

-The Health Department is currently utilizing the County's oldest server. Although it should have been replaced earlier, the Information Technology Department suggested holding off until such time as specifications were available for the Electronic Medical records software. John Debes, Information Technology Director, has received two bids for a server that exceed specifications. Mr. Debes will provide details on the equipment, with Shelly Schneider, Health Director, providing financial information.

John Debes, Information Technology Director, said BCHD is looking toward the future with Electronic Medical Records or EMR and noted this is quite an undertaking and will take numerous processes to be able to fully engage in going "paperless". One of the many steps is getting our IT equipment up to the capabilities required to handle the increase in traffic. They have started scanning in documents to patient records which is starting to "fill up" the server. Debes said both of the bids have 3 year warranties and 24/7 support.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the purchase of a Dell PowerEdge R530 server for \$5,561.38. Purchase price to be paid from the Equipment Replacement Fund, Health Department Line, 072-00-6475.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

E. COURTHOUSE AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Upgrade to Wireless Connectivity:

-Mr. Debes has researched options for resolving connections issues at the Courthouse and at the Health Department. It has been suggested that the County purchase six wireless access points and hire NexTech to program managed switches. In addition to improving connectivity, the County could then cancel certain wireless connections.

John Debes, Information Technology Director, presented the following bids:

Three Access Points for the Courthouse	\$2,149.44
Three Access Points for the Health Department	\$2,149.44
Maximum Cost of Vlan Setup	<u>\$1,160.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$5,458.88</u>

Commissioner Schartz said our budget is expected to fund things we've never had to in previous years, but said she is all in favor of staying current as technology changes so quickly.

Schneider said their motto is "Work Smarter, Not Harder" and noted by having the wireless connectivity, they can attend training on-site and not have to spend time and money travelling to attend training.

Commissioner Davis moved to approve the purchase of six wireless Access Points and programming of managed switches for a total cost of \$5,458.88 from NexTech. Purchase price to be paid as follows:

Equipment Replacement, General Fund, 072-00-6380 in the amount of \$2,729.44

Equipment Replacement, Health Department, line 072-00-6475, amount \$2,729.44

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Social Worker Position:

-Under the 2015 Operating Budget, the Social Worker position at the Health Department is scheduled to work an average of 16 hours a week. After the award of the Pregnancy Maintenance Incentive Grant, the case load has increased to where 24 hours per week is required to meet program goals. Monies are included in the 2016 Budget for wages, but not for benefits. Persons working over 20 hours a week are eligible for KPERs, vacation, sick leave and discretionary pay. Monies are available in the Health budget for an increase in hours for 2015. If an increase in hours is approved, Ms. Schneider asks that that County provide benefits through the Employee Benefits.

Shelly Schneider, Health Director, said kudos to John Debes as she defers to experts whenever possible. Schneider requested extended hours for the social worker and hopes to increase her hours in December.

YEAR	2015	2016
Wage	\$ 23.00	\$ 23.00
Hours Worked	16	24
Weeks	52	52
Total	\$19,136.00	\$28,704.00
KPERs	\$ 154.27	\$ 3,008.18
Insurance	NA	NA

- KPER's rate is .1048 normally paid through Employee Benefits or grants.
- Employee does not wish to obtain insurance. This would have to be revisited if the employee changed her mind. Maximum insurance cost would be \$4,204.18.
- Vacation, Sick and Discretionary leave do not create an actual expense.

Commissioner Kruckenberg moved to approve the Social Worker position at the Health Department to 24 hours a week. Cost of KPERs benefits to be paid through the Employee Benefits for 2016. The Health Department is instructed to include benefits for 2017 in grant requests.

Commissioner Straub 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.

- RJM struck oil at the Landfill. Commissioner Schartz asked if fracking is involved. Boeckman said the drilling is already done and noted it will take about 3 months to find out if it is a good well or not.

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IV. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

V. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Bev Komarek: Would like to see a committee formed to oversee maintenance of our historical markers. Selling posters of "The Rifleman".
- Boeckman: Will work with Komarek and municipalities to create a committee.

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- Mark Rusco: Introduced Barry McManaman as the new County Engineer. McManaman comes to the County after 31 years with KDOT, 29 of those years being in Barton County.
- Barry McManaman: Looking forward to the opportunity. Having lived in Barton County for 29 years, feels he is very familiar with the County.
- Mary Hoisington, LEPC member: Extended an invitation to the Commissioners to appoint a commissioner to serve on the LEPC board.
- Alicia Straub: Would be happy to serve.


VI. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Straub made a motion to adjourn at 9:53 A.M.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:


Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk


Kenny Schremmer, Chairman