

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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July 31, 2017

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 31st day of July 2017, at the Barton County Courthouse.

Members present:

Kenny Schremmer, Commissioner, 1st District (Chairman Pro-Tem)
Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner, 2nd District
Don Davis, Commissioner, 3rd District
Alicia Straub, Commissioner, 4th District
Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner, 5th District, Chairman
Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk
Phil Hathcock, Operations Director
Carey Hipp, County Counselor

BUDGET HEARING

A. BUDGET HEARING: 2018 Operating Budget:

-Elected officials, Department Heads and supported agencies were asked to submit preliminary budget requests for the 2018 Operating Year. After reviewing the requests, the Commission then overviewed the proposed budget and made revisions. The proposed 2018 Operating Budget is now presented to the Barton County Commission to receive public comment.

Phil Hathcock, Operations Director, said the Commissioners first had to deal with issues and shortfalls brought forward to this budget from the 2017 budget. This budget began with a reduced cash carry-over in both the Road & Bridge and Special Bridge funds totaling approximately \$190,000. The Commissioners also opted to eliminate the \$130,000 transfer back from the reserve accounts as originally planned for in the 2017 budget. The 2018 budget also includes raises and salary adjustments for law enforcement and 911 with a 4% or minimum 50 cent raise for all other county employees at a total cost of \$335,670 for levied funds, a \$110,000 increase for the employer portion of health insurance premiums, \$40,000 increase for election costs related to the election, \$10,000 for Road & Bridge signage, and an increase for an additional staff person plus incidentals in the County Attorney's Office. The Notice of Budget Hearing, published July 21st, shows an estimated mill levy of 43.567 which is identical to the 2016 mill levy with \$11,228,064 in property tax.

Cole Reif, Eagle Radio, asked what happened to the Extension Council funding. Hathcock explained it was used to replace reduced cash carry over and elimination of the reserves transfer.

Commissioner Kruckenberg noted Phil Hathcock did a nice job.

Commissioner Straub said the tax lid prevented the county from being able to reduce the budget.

Commissioner Schartz thanked her fellow Commissioners for their forward thinking.

At 9:08 A.M. Commissioner Straub moved to close the Budget Hearing.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

Commissioner Schartz called the meeting to order at 9:08 A.M.

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Commissioner Davis moved to approve the agenda.
 Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.
 All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Davis moved to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2017, Regular Meeting.
 Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.
 All voted aye. Motion passed.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

A. RESOLUTION 2017-13: A Resolution Expressing the Property Taxation Policy of the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, with Respect to Financing the 2018 Annual Budget for Barton County:

-Resolution 2017-13, Expressing the Property Taxation Policy of the County, details the costs of providing services.

Matt Patzner, Finance Officer, said the adoption of Resolution 2017-13 was necessary as the budget exceeds the tax lid by \$69,446.

FUND	2016		2017		Proposed Budget 2018		
	Prior Year Actual	Actual Tax Rate*	Current Year Estimate	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	2017 Ad Val Tax	Est. Tax Rate*
Totals	\$ 23,565,416	43.416	\$ 19,971,469	43.567	\$ 20,559,946	\$ 11,228,064	43.567
Less Transfers	\$ 1,157,415		\$ 43,000		\$ 45,000		
Net Expenditure	\$ 22,408,001		\$ 19,928,469		\$ 20,514,946		
Total Tax Levied	\$ 10,571,312		\$ 10,552,794				
Assessed Value	\$ 243,482,572		\$ 242,224,257		\$ 257,723,434		

Computation to Determine Limit	\$ 11,158,618
Actual Levy	\$ 11,228,064
Increase	\$ 69,446

Commissioner Straub moved to adopt Resolution 2017-13, A Resolution Expressing the Property Taxation Policy of the Board of Barton County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, with Respect to Financing the 2018 Annual Budget for Barton County.

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

B. ADOPTION OF THE 2018 BARTON COUNTY OPERATING BUDGET:

-At the Budget Hearing for the Proposed 2018 Operating Budget for Barton County, conducted prior to this Regular Agenda Meeting, public comments were received. The Commission is now asked to consider adoption of the budget.

Phil Hathcock, Operations Director, requested the Commissioners adopt the 2018 budget.

Commissioner Davis moved to adopt the 2018 Barton County Operating Budget.
 Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.
 All voted aye. Motion passed.

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ADOPTION OF THE 2018 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS LISTING:

-To assure that offices are operating with appropriate personnel, the 2018 Authorized Positions listing is presented for adoption. The listing includes all County positions, including Central Kansas Community Corrections and 20th Judicial District Juvenile Services, since both fall under the umbrella of County operations.

Phil Hathcock, Operations Director, presented the proposed 2018 authorized positions listing.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve the 2018 Authorized Positions Listing.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

D. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN:

-Through the budgeting process, Barton County plans for cash transfers, as savings, to the Capital Improvement Plan. This plan, as revised each year, allows for the projected maintenance and remodeling of County buildings and major modifications to roads and bridges.

Phil Hathcock, Operations Director, asked the Commission to adopt the Capital Improvement Plan.

Commissioner Straub moved to adopt the 2018 Capital Improvement Plan.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

E. EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT PLAN:

-Through the budgeting process, Barton County plans for cash transfers, as savings, to the Equipment Replacement Plan. The plan is developed and revised each year for the purpose of ensuring that equipment costs is kept at a manageable level.

Phil Hathcock, Operations Director, asked the Commission to adopt the Equipment Replacement Plan.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to adopt the 2018 Equipment Replacement Plan.

Commissioner Kruckenberg seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

F. SOUTHWEST DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES, INC: Agreement for Services:

-Southwest Developmental Services, Inc. (SDSI) is the Community Developmental Disability Organization (CDDO) for the County. Under the 2018 service agreement, SDSI will provide all services required by Kansas statutes for a CDDO for a total of \$70,000.00.

Phil Hathcock, Operations Director, said, in 2004, Barton County designated SDSI as the Community Developmental Disability Organization (CDDO) for the County. At that time, the County entered into an agreement for services. This agreement runs through 2018. Under this agreement, SDSI will provide all services required by Kansas statutes for a CDDO for a total of \$70,000.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve the SDSI Agreement for Services for 2018 at the amount of \$70,000.00.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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CITY OF CLAFLIN: Cooperative Effort to Repair Roads:

-The City of Claflin has requested assistance with sealing of certain roads. As an independent contractor, the County would receive a maximum of \$6,000 for labor and equipment. Robert Suelter, Claflin City Attorney, developed the contractual agreement for the work.

Richard Hayes, City of Claflin, said the county has sealed roads in the City of Claflin for the past few years. Hayes noted local contractors are not available for this work.

Carey Hipp, County Counselor, pointed out the incomplete sentence under section 3 of the contract. Diana Watson, Commissioner Assistant, said the sentence should end after the word City.

Commissioner Straub moved to authorize the Road and Bridge Department to assist the City of Claflin in sealing certain city streets under a signed agreement and, with the addition of those minor corrections, direct the Commission Chairman to sign the agreement on behalf of the County.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

IV. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

V. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Comm Kruckenber: Commended Sheriff Bellendir for looking ahead and writing the letter that he did.
(Letter sent to GBC Councilmembers encouraging the next council meeting be moved to a larger venue.)

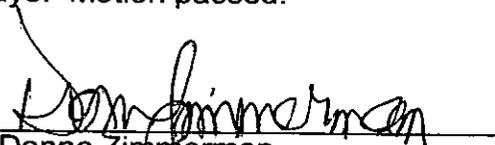
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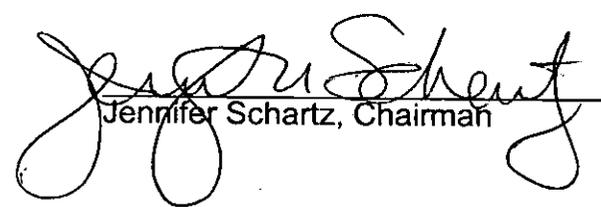
Commissioner Davis made a motion to adjourn at 9:23 A.M.

Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:


Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk


Jennifer Schartz, Chairman

RESOLUTION 2017-13

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROPERTY TAXATION POLICY OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BARTON COUNTY, KANSAS, WITH RESPECT TO FINANCING THE 2018 ANNUAL BUDGET FOR BARTON COUNTY

WHEREAS, K.S.A. 79-2925b provides that a Resolution be adopted if property taxes levied to finance the 2018 Barton County Budget exceed the amount levied to finance the 2017 Barton County Budget, except with regard to revenue produced and attributable to the taxation of 1) new improvements to real property; 2) increased personal property valuation, other than increased valuation of oil and gas leaseholds and mobile homes; and 3) property which has changed in use during the past year; or with regard to revenue produced for the purpose of repaying the principal of and interest upon bonded indebtedness, temporary notes or no-fund warrants; and

WHEREAS, budgeting, taxing and service level decisions for all County services are the responsibility of the Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Barton County provides these essential services to protect the health, safety and well being of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the provision of these services continues to increase; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas State Legislature failed to fulfill its obligation in regard to the statutory funding of demand transfers and, by significantly limiting State revenue sharing payments to Counties, has contributed to higher County property tax levies to finance the 2018 Barton County Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, that the public is hereby notified of the possibility of increased property taxes to finance the 2018 Barton County Budget due to the above mentioned constraints; and

FURTHER, that on July 21, 2017, the Budget Summary was published in the official County newspaper, notifying the public of the property tax rate and Budget Hearing; and

FURTHER, that the Board of County Commissioners conducted the aforesaid Budget Hearing on July 31, 2017, at 9:00 a.m., and heard public comments and addressed questions on the proposed budget; and

FURTHER, that the public comments were taken into consideration prior to the adoption of the 2018 Operating Budget.

FURTHER, that this Resolution shall be published in the Great Bend Tribune.

Adopted this 31st day of July, 2017.

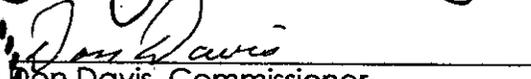
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:


Donna Zirnherman
County Clerk

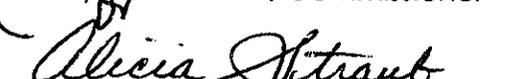


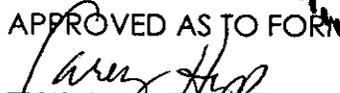

Jennifer Scharz, Chair


Don Davis, Commissioner


Horner Kruckenberg, Commissioner


Kenny Schremmer, Commissioner


Alicia Straub, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Carey Hipp,
County Counselor