

# Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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## CANVASS

-The County Commission met as the Board of County Canvassers on Monday, August 13, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. in the Office of the County Clerk. At that time, they canvassed the ballots from the August 7, 2018, Primary Election.

August 13, 2018

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 16th day of July 2018, 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, County Administrator  
Carey Hipp, County Counselor

### I. OPENING BUSINESS:

Commissioner Schartz called the meeting to order at 9:02 A.M.

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

Commissioner Davis moved to approve the minutes of the August 6<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting.  
Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

### II. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

### III. NEW BUSINESS:

#### **A. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARD: Bev Schmeidler, Susan Johnson and Paige Volkel:**

-The Employee Relations Committee (ERC) recommends outstanding individuals for the "Employees Recognition Award". At this time, the Commission will be asked to recognize Bev Schmeidler, Susan Johnson and Paige Volkel. They were nominated for their efforts in developing and providing tours during the Courthouse Centennial celebration.

Diana Watson, ERC Secretary, joined the Commission to present the award. Watson said there were ten to twelve courthouse tours provided and noted Bev Schmeidler probably knows more courthouse history than anyone here after having worked in several offices plus the Records Department.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to join the ERC in presenting Mrs. Schmeidler, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Volkel with the Employee Recognition Award.  
Commissioner Straub seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

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## **B. INTRODUCTION: Kendal Francis, City Administrator, Great Bend:**

-The City of Great Bend recently appointed Kendal Francis as City Administrator. Mr. Francis has served the Cities of Beloit, Lakin and Coffeyville. At this time, Phil Hathcock, County Administrator, will introduce Mr. Francis to the Commission.

Phil Hathcock, County Administrator, introduced Kendal Francis.

Kendal Francis, Great Bend City Administrator, thanked everyone for the opportunity to meet them and said he looks forward to working with Phil and the commissioners.

Commissioner Schartz said it was a new day for Barton County and the City of Great Bend.

Commissioner Straub said she was looking forward to working together.

Commissioner Straub moved to welcome Mr. Francis to the community.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **C. APPRAISER'S OFFICE: 2017 Real Estate Appraisal / Sales Ratio Study:**

-The Kansas Constitution requires that all taxable property be appraised and assessed uniformly as to class. Uniformity of like property assures an equitable distribution of the property tax burden. The Kansas Appraisal/Sales Ratio Study is used to evaluate appraisal level and uniformity for substantial statutory compliance. The ratios are computed by dividing the appraised value of real estate as determined by the County Appraiser by the total selling price of the real property. A perfect ratio would be 100.0. The total market ratio for Barton County is 99.2.

Barb Esfeld, County Appraiser, said there are over 103 combined years of appraisal experience in her office. Barb Esfeld and Wendy Prosser have 10 years experience each; Ellen Fischer has 26 years; Jame Allen has 17 years; Rachel Nieman has 6 years; Christina Doyle has 5 years and has completed all of the requirements for her RMA; Tracy Miller has 11 years; Phil Kepka has 12 years and has his Masters in GIS; and Kelli Cummings has 6 years. Dinorah Charbonneau joined the office 3 months ago. Esfeld added that she testified before the Senate Committee and said they did not know how value is computed. Esfeld said the legislators were also unaware of the school general exemption that provides a \$46 tax reduction.

Commissioner Straub said she appreciates the job they do.

Information Only. No Action Required.

## **D. COMMUNICATIONS: Improvements to the 800 Megahertz System – Corrective Action:**

-At the August 6, 2018, agenda meeting, the Commission authorized the purchase of seven 800 MHz radios and a combiner system from Mobile Radio of Great Bend. When placing the order, it was determined that the seven radios and related equipment would actually be purchased from Motorola Solutions.

Dena Popp, 911 Director, said the amended quote reduced the amount by \$3,786. Popp added that she needs to divide the purchases between 2 different vendors.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to void the August 6, 2018, motion approving the purchase of seven 6500 7/800 Mid Power Mobiles, an HC110 Control Station Combiner 806-869 MHz system and related equipment from Mobile Radio. Move to approve the purchase of an HC110 Control Station Combiner 806-869 MHz system and related equipment from Mobile Radio for the total cost of \$39,040.53.

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Cost to be paid from the 911 Tax Fund, Equipment Line, 080-86-6165. Move to approve the purchase of seven (7) APX6500 7/800 MHz Mid Power Mobile radios and related equipment from Motorola Solutions for the total cost of \$34,371.40. Cost to be paid from the 911 Tax Fund, Equipment Line, 080-86-6165.

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

## **E. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Attorney-Client Privilege:**

-The Commission will enter into Executive Session. The Commission may invite such parties as needed into said Session. It is anticipated that Phil Hathcock, County Administrator; Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk / Assistant County Administrator; and Carey Hipp, County Counselor, will be invited into said Session. The Commission meeting will resume in thirty minutes.

At 9:29 A.M., Commissioner Straub moved that the Commission go into Executive Session for a period of (30) thirty minutes. The subject to be discussed will be consultation with the County Counselor on matters protected by attorney/client privilege. The reason this needs to be discussed in Executive Session is to provide the attorney/client privilege and the County's position on the matter on which legal services are being sought. Phil Hathcock and Donna Zimmerman are to be included in this meeting. The open meeting will resume at, looks like 10 A.M. in this room.  
Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

At 9:47 A.M., Commissioner Straub moved to come out of executive session.  
Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

At 10:00 A.M., Commissioner Straub moved to return to regular session.  
Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **F. ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION: Attorney-Client Privilege:**

-The Commission will make any necessary announcements as a result of the Executive Session. If necessary, further discussion or a decision may be made at this time.

Commissioner Schartz announced no action was taken.

## **IV. ENDING BUSINESS:**

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

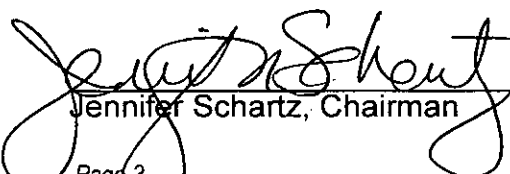
## **V. OTHER BUSINESS:**

There was no other business.

## **VI. ADJOURN:**

Commissioner Davis made a motion to adjourn at 10:04 A.M.  
Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

WES:   
Donna Zimmerman  
Barton County Clerk

  
Jennifer Schartz, Chairman  
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