

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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August 1, 2023

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 1st day of August 2023, at the 1500 Kansas location.

Members present:

Duane Reif, Commissioner, 1st District

Barb Esfeld, Commissioner, 2nd District, *(Chairman Pro-Tem)*

Shawn Hutchinson, Commissioner, 3rd District, Chairman

Tricia Schlessiger, Commissioner, 4th District

Donna Zimmerman, Commissioner, 5th District

Bev Schmeidler, County Clerk

Matt Patzner, County Administrator

Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

Commissioner Hutchinson called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

Commissioner Zimmerman moved to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Schlessiger seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Esfeld moved that we approve the July 25, 2023, Regular Meeting minutes as presented.

Commissioner Reif seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

II. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:

-Bev Schmeidler, County Clerk, will present details. An Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of July 18, 2023, and ending August 1, 2023.

Bev Schmeidler, County Clerk, presented details.

Commissioner Zimmerman moved to approve appropriations for the period of July 18, 2023, to August 1, 2023. Authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.

Commissioner Reif seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

-There was no Old Business.

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IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE: Request for Approval – Added / Abated / Escaped / Refunded Taxes:

-Ms. Schmeidler will present a listing of Added / Abated / Escaped / Refunded Taxes. Orders for these actions are kept on file in the County Clerk's Office. These are used to correct assessments and are requested by the County Appraiser's Office or the County Clerk's Office.

Bev Schmeidler, County Clerk, presented details.

BATCH #9	VALUES	ESCAPED TAXES	ADDED / ABATED	REFUNDS
Gas				
Oil	(758,626)		(\$9,394.48)	\$7,446.59
Personal Property	22,062			
Real Estate				
16/20 M Trucks	994			
State Assessed Utilities				
Special Assessments				
Grand Totals	(735,570)	\$0.00	(\$9,394.48)	\$7,446.59
Total Taxes	(\$9,394.48)			
Total Records Selected	24			

Commissioner Zimmerman noted from the recap that so far this year, there were 677 records with a reduction in value of 7,015,486 and a total reduction in taxes of \$841,190.79.

Commissioner Esfeld said the numbers always look scary but at this time the changes being made were on oil. She asked Matt Patzner if it seemed to be on track or if he could tell. Patzner said it was hard to tell but the pending exemptions for 2024 were higher than in the past.

Commissioner Esfeld moved to approve the Listing of Added / Abated / Escaped / Refunded Taxes as reviewed by the County Appraiser and presented by the County Clerk's Office. Direct the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.

Commissioner Reif seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. RESOLUTION 2023-21: Rescinding Resolution 2022-18, Clarification of County Travel Policies, Adopted July 13, 2022:

-Matt Patzner, County Administrator, will provide details. In July, 2022, the Commission adopted a Resolution that directed certain guidelines for approval of out of state travel. Current practices have shown that the directive is unnecessary.

Matt Patzner, County Administrator, presented details and said it made more sense as an internal policy than as a resolution.

Commissioner Zimmerman moved to adopt Resolution 2023-21, Rescinding Resolution 2022-18, Clarification of County Travel Policies, adopted July 13, 2022.

Commissioner Schlessiger seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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C. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

-Chairman Shawn Hutchinson will present. Any Commissioner may make a motion for the board to recess to executive session at this time as allowed by K.S.A. 75-4319. Any motion must contain the justification for the executive session, the subject matter to be discussed, any individuals in addition to the board who will attend the executive session and the time at which the regular session shall resume.

Commissioner Esfeld moved that the Commission go into Executive Session for 20 minutes.

Commissioner Hutchinson said until 9:30.

Commissioner Esfeld said the subject to be discussed will be non-elected personnel as this matter is 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 advice may be sought. I would like all of the five commissioners to be involved, and our Administrator, Matt Patzner and Patrick Hoffman, our County Counselor. The Open Meeting will resume at 9:30 in this room.

Commissioner Schlessiger seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed. At 3:31 P.M., Commissioner Zimmerman moved to come out of executive session with no action taken.

Commissioner Schlessiger seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

V. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

Bev Schmeidler – Election Day, no Primary in Barton County. Special Election for the Barton County registered voters in USD 112 at Immaculate Conception Parish Center in Claflin.

Commissioner Esfeld – The Republican committee would meet Thursday evening to determine the next Register of Deeds as the current one would be retiring in September.

Commissioner Hutchinson – asked Patzner about a Road & Bridge truck accident. Patzner said it happened last week, a rollover accident, no one was seriously injured but the truck was badly damaged.

VII. ADJOURN.

Commissioner Zimmerman moved to adjourn at 9:38 A.M.

Commissioner Reif seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Bev Schmeidler
Barton County Clerk


Shawn Hutchinson, Chairman

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS IN STUDY SESSION:

At 1:30 P.M., Commissioner Zimmerman moved to recess into executive session until 3:00 P.M., for Consultation with an attorney for Barton County which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, with the county counselor, county administrator, and attorney Joseph McCarville, and to reconvene the open meeting at the boardroom at 3:00 p.m.

Commissioner Schlessiger seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

At 3:00 P.M., Commissioner Zimmerman moved to come out of executive session with no action taken.

Commissioner Schlessiger seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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At 3:00 P.M., Commissioner Zimmerman moved to return to executive session until 3:30 P.M. with the same people attending.

Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

At 3:31 P.M., Commissioner Zimmerman moved to come out of executive session with no action taken.

Commissioner Schlessiger seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

At 3:31 P.M., Commissioner Zimmerman moved to return to executive session until 4:00 P.M. with the same people attending.

Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

At 4:00 P.M., Commissioner Zimmerman moved to come out of executive session with no action taken.

Commissioner Schlessiger seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.