

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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May 24, 2023

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 24th day of May 2023, at the Barton County Courthouse.

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 Esfeld moved to amend the agenda to include an Item E, to review the burn ban.

Commissioner Hutchinson said do you want Item E or Item D.

Commissioner Esfeld said Item D is already taken so it can we push that down, we have Item E.

Commissioner Hutchinson said that was right, it would be E. It has been moved to amend the agenda to include Item E, review of the burn ban. Is there a second.

Commissioner Zimmerman seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Reif moved to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2023, and the May 17, 2023, Regular Meetings.

Commissioner Schlessiger seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

II. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:

-Chris Saenz, Deputy County Clerk, will present details. An Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of May 10, 2023, and ending May 24, 2023.

Chris Saenz, Deputy County Clerk, presented details.

Commissioner Zimmerman moved to approve appropriations for the period of May 10, 2023, to May 24, 2023. Authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.

Commissioner Schlessiger seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

-There was no Old Business.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

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

-Mr. Saenz 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.

Chris Saenz, Deputy County Clerk, presented details.

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BATCH #6	VALUES	ESCAPED TAXES	ADDED / ABATED	REFUNDS
Gas				
Oil	(77,098)		(\$11,060.64)	\$4,971.42
Personal Property	(328)		(\$62.22)	
Real Estate	(96,680)		(\$17,265.96)	\$2,048.79
16/20 M Trucks				
State Assessed Utilities				
Special Assessments				
Grand Totals	(174,106)	\$0.00	(\$28,388.82)	\$7,020.21
Total Taxes	(\$28,388.82)			
Total Records Selected	10			

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.

Item B moved to after Item E

C. 20TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUVENILE CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD: Board Appointments:

-Marissa Woodmansee, Juvenile Services Director, will provide details. Barton County accepted applications for two positions on the 20th Judicial District Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board (JCAB). JCAB considers the availability of juvenile offender programming and participates in the development of the comprehensive plan for juvenile correctional services. Representing education professionals, the uncompensated positions are for three-year terms ending June 30, 2026.

Marissa Woodmansee, Juvenile Services Director, said the board was made up of twelve individuals across the 20th Judicial District. She asked for two board appointments in the educational sector. David Reiser and Christie Gerdes were both moving away from the area, and she would need to fill the positions. She had two applicants, Rachel Thexton and Ashley Riley, ask for them to be appointed.

Commissioner Zimmerman moved to appoint Ashley Riley and Rachel Thexton to the 20th Judicial District Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board (JCAB). Uncompensated positions, representing education professionals, to end June 30, 2026.

Commissioner Schlessiger seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Esfeld asked how often the board members meet. Woodmansee said every other month. They do have committees that may meet more often if necessary.

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No Executive Session Held

D. 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.

Added Item

E. REVIEW BURN BAN:

Doug Hubbard, Fire District No. 1, Fire Chief, said the Fire Chiefs in Barton County meet quarterly. At the meeting last night, the consensus was to lift the burn ban. The only place in the county to not receive beneficial rain was in the northwest part of the county, but the Fire Chief in that area was alright with lifting it.

Commissioner Esfeld moved to remove the burn ban. Moved to adopt Resolution 2023-16, A Resolution Rescinding Resolution 2023-11, Establishing a Temporary Burn Ban in Barton County, Kansas. Commissioner Schlessiger seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. GREAT PLAINS DEVELOPMENT INC: Program Presentation:

-Bob Wetmore, Co-Director at Great Plains Development, will present details. Great Plains Development, Inc. (GPDI) boosts job creation, spurs economic development and improves the quality of life in Southwest Kansas. GPDI provides financing, loan packaging and business assistance to individuals, businesses and government agencies to stimulate economic development within their 28-county region. Partners include city and county governments, local banks, Kansas Department of Commerce, Kansas SBDC business planning, EDA, SBA, USDA and NetWork Kansas.

Bob Wetmore, Co-Director at Great Plains Development, presented details about all the programs and services they offer.

Commissioner Zimmerman asked Wetmore who was on the local review committee. Wetmore said the mayors, some businesspeople in the community, he would review it and let them know.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked Wetmore how many loans there were currently in Barton County. Wetmore said at least a dozen including the ones they help CKDI with.

Commissioner Reif moved to continue membership with Great Plains Development, Inc. through a cost-share with the City of Great Bend. Direct the County Administrator to pay \$3,601.66 from the Courthouse General account of the General Fund, Dues, Membership and Subscription Line, 001-18-5455.

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

Commissioner Zimmerman said working with them over the years had been beneficial to the county.

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IV. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

V. OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business.

VI. ADJOURN.

Commissioner Zimmerman moved to adjourn at 9:21 A.M.

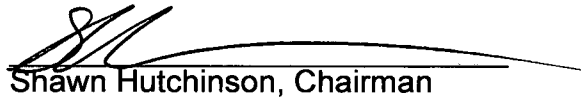
Commissioner Schlessiger seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Chris Saenz
Barton County Deputy Clerk



Shawn Hutchinson, Chairman