

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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August 20, 2024

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 20th day of August 2024, at the Barton County Courthouse.

Members present:

Duane Reif, Commissioner, 1st District
 Barb Esfeld, Commissioner, 2nd District, Chairman
 Shawn Hutchinson, Commissioner, 3rd District
 Tricia Schlessiger, Commissioner, 4th District, (Chairman Pro-Tem)
 Donna Zimmerman, Commissioner, 5th District
 Bev Schmeidler, County Clerk
 Matt Patzner, County Administrator
 Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

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

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to approve the agenda.
 Commissioner Zimmerman seconded the motion.
 All voted aye. Motion passed.

Minutes of the August 6, 2024, and the August 13, 2024, Regular Meetings were not available.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

-There was no Old Business.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

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

-Bev Schmeidler, County Clerk, 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 and asked for approval.

BATCH #12	VALUES	ESCAPED TAXES	ADDED / ABATED	REFUNDS
Gas	(1,239)			
Oil	(11,500)			
Personal Property	17,635			
Real Estate				
16/20 M Trucks	3,334			
State Assessed Utilities				
Special Assessments				
Grand Totals	8,230	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Taxes	\$0.00			
Total Records Selected	83			

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Commissioner Esfeld said the state changed the guide on trucks and they did go up. There were hearings held for trucks that were not the normal trucks.

Commissioner Zimmerman 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 Hutchinson seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. DISTRICT CORONER: Appointment of Deputy Coroner:

-Matt Patzner, County Administrator, will provide details. Dr. Patrick Stiles currently serves as the 20th Judicial District Coroner. At the recommendation of Rice County, it is suggested that Dr. Jennifer Mettling be appointed as a Deputy District Coroner.

Matt Patzner, County Administrator, said Dr. Patrick Stiles term would expire December 31, 2026. Rice County had requested Dr. Jennifer Mettling be appointed as Deputy District Coroner. Under Kansas law, that term would be equal to the current term of Dr. Stiles.

Commissioner Esfeld asked Patzner where Dr. Mettling was from. Patzner said Sterling.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked how many Deputy Coroners Barton County had, did we try to get one from each county in our judicial district. Patzner said he believed so.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to appoint Dr. Jennifer Mettling as a Deputy Coroner for a term ending December 31, 2026.

Commissioner Schlessiger seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

No Executive Session Held

C. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

-Chairman Barb Esfeld 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.

IV. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

V. OTHER BUSINESS:

Commissioner Schlessiger – attended the KNRC Meeting and gave an update on the water efforts.

Commissioner Schlessiger – also attended the NIETC meeting in Larned.

Commissioner Reif – attended the Larned meeting as well. Encouraged taxpayers to attend or watch the meeting tonight.

Don Hurtgen, Claflin resident – was present for the Fire District No. 1 RNR and Budget Hearing.

VI. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to adjourn at 9:25 A.M.

Commissioner Reif seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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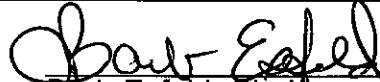
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ATTEST:



Bev Schmeidler
Barton County Clerk


Barb Esfeld, Chairman