

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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July 16, 2024

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 16th day of July 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.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2024, Regular Meeting.
Commissioner Zimmerman 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 2, 2024, and ending July 16, 2024.

Bev Schmeidler, County Clerk, presented details and asked for approval.

Commissioner Zimmerman moved to approve appropriations for the period of July 2, 2024, to July 16, 2024. 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. 20th JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUVENILE SERVICES: Fiscal Year 2024 Year-End Outcomes:

-Marissa Woodmansee, Juvenile Services Director, will provide details. The Kansas Department of Corrections provides grants to Kansas Counties to develop and maintain a range of programs for juvenile offenders. As a part of that grant funding, Juvenile Services is expected to meet certain outcomes as delineated in service provisions. The Year-End Outcomes Report sets out the results at the fiscal year's close and requires the review and approval of the Barton County Commissioners as the Administrative County for the District.

Marissa Woodmansee, Juvenile Services Director, said they were required to have goals and expectations for the programs they offered to the district. Woodmansee was here to let the commission know how they did this year and what they needed to do going forward. This was specific to their State

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Block Grant Programs which included Intake & Assessment, Immediate Intervention, Intensive Probation and Case Management. Woodmansee said in those core programs, of the six goals they had, they met half. She considered that a small win. She had high expectations for the agency and herself. The Intake Program, where they fell short was in training. They were not offered any training by their partners at KDOC. Woodmansee said she would be asking for help and making sure that was provided. They met the goal in Immediate Intervention. The goal was 75% and they were at 84%. This was important to her because that meant the services the youth and families were receiving would mitigate them from progressing in the system. Intensive Probation goals were for quality assurance and file audit as well as assessment. Woodmansee said they did not quite meet their goal for assessments and reflected on what was missed. Unfortunately, with the juvenile world and their families, sometimes it was hard to find them. That made it difficult to meet that goal and time frame. They met their quality assurance goal.

Commissioner Zimmerman said if training was not available, she did not feel that was a black mark for her agency.

Commissioner Reif said Woodmansee's job was never finished but she was always open minded and willing to learn.

Woodmansee said for Intake and Assessment, they served 544 youth. The Diversion Program served 202, Intensive Probation served 54 and there were 11 for Bond Supervision.

Commissioner Zimmerman asked Woodmansee how many employees she had through that time frame. Woodmansee said she carried a case load herself, so 10 full-time employees, 2 of which were support staff. She had 5-7 contractual employees that worked nights, weekends and transport.

Commissioner Esfeld asked if Youth Crew had returned from their conference. Woodmansee said they were currently at the conference and had been under tornado warnings a couple of nights.

Commissioner Reif said there were 10 tornadoes spotted in Chicago and some areas received 10 inches of rain.

Commissioner Esfeld said watching Woodmansee and her staff, they had all been working for some time and she was amazed at how they treat everyone well and help everyone.

Commissioner Schlessiger moved to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Year-End Outcomes Report for the 20th Judicial District Juvenile Services and authorize the Commission Chairman to sign the grant forms as needed.

Commissioner Reif seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. CENTRAL KANSAS COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS: Fiscal Year 2024 Year-End Outcomes:

-Ms. Woodmansee and Brooke Haulmark, CKCC Director, will provide details. The Kansas Department of Corrections provides grant funding to local judicial districts to work with high-risk offenders and assist in appropriate interventions to lower recidivism. The Year-End Outcomes Report sets out the results at the fiscal year's close and requires the review and approval of the Barton County Commissioners as the Administrative County for the District.

Brooke Haulmark, CKCC Director, said the Kansas Department of Corrections provided grant funding to local judicial districts to work with high-risk adult offenders expecting to match the risk needs principles to help mitigate individuals going to prison. They had 4 goals for FY2024. They were to achieve 75% revocation or 3% less than the previous year, complete all assessments timely and with fidelity, to address criminogenic needs of high-risk probationers and that 90% of the moderate to high-risk

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Probationers would have successfully completed a program while with Community Corrections. Haulmark said the year end outcomes were difficult to come up with partly because of the challenges the agency had faced. With the transition in leadership as well as personnel changes, they were down to only one officer at one point to serve all 5 counties. The focus of the agency had been getting back to basics. They stayed in contact with KDOC throughout that time, keeping them notified of the steps they were taking to improve for FY2025.

Commissioner Esfeld said Haulmark had lots of hurdles the first year.

Woodmansee said they were great goals for FY2025. It was hard for anyone to come in and try to achieve someone else's goals. Woodmansee said Haulmark was to be commended for staying the course.

Commissioner Zimmerman said it was an incredible situation that Haulmark was thrown into, she was doing a great job. Haulmark said Woodmansee had helped her with financial aspects, some of the grants.

Commissioner Schlessiger asked Haulmark if she was fully staffed now. Haulmark said as of July 8th, they were fully ISO staffed, that was 4 positions. They had 119 new probationers from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

Commissioner Reif moved to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Year-End Outcomes Report for Central Kansas Community Corrections. Authorize the Commission Chairman to sign the grant forms as needed and direct Ms. Haulmark to submit said forms to the Kansas Department of Corrections.

Commissioner Schlessiger seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

C. Central Kansas Community Corrections: Enhanced Funding for Fiscal Year 2025:

-Ms. Haulmark will provide details. CKCC seeks approval of the Enhanced Funding for Fiscal Year 2025 in the amount of \$136,693.21. If approved, this funding will allow for a full-time support staff and an overall increase to operating expenses.

Brooke Haulmark, CKCC Director, said she received a letter from the Kansas Department of Corrections notifying of the increase to the budget. It was specified where the money had to be used. \$50,819.67 had to go towards personnel and \$85,873.54 to operations. Haulmark said the additional funding to personnel would assure that they could have a full-time support staff person. Previously, they would only have had a part-time person. The cost of drug testing had doubled so the additional funding to operations would cover those expenses as well as the increase for vehicle insurance and curriculum for cognitive intervention. With the enhancement, the total awarded for FY2025 was \$806,469.86.

Commissioner Zimmerman noted that the amount allocated for personnel did not cover an employee because it also included benefits, not just salary.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked about the interlocal agreement. Haulmark said she was working on it; she was starting to see the other counties involved.

Commissioner Schlessiger congratulated Haulmark on the increase in funding.

Commissioner Schlessiger moved to approve the Enhanced Funding for Fiscal Year 2025 in the amount of \$136,693.21. Direct the Commission Chair to sign said forms as needed and for Ms. Haulmark to submit the required forms to the Kansas Department of Corrections.

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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IV. 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.

Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor, asked that the commission go into Executive Session for a period of 10 minutes with the County Administrator. The subject matter was legal matters of the county, justification to preserve attorney client privilege.

At 9:22 A.M., Commissioner Hutchinson said so moved.

Hoffman said I believe our excellent Clerk would get it in the notes properly if you just said so moved.

Commissioner Hutchinson said we will resume at 9:34 A.M.

Commissioner Zimmerman seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

At 9:34 A.M., Commissioner Zimmerman moved to return to Regular Session with no action taken.

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

V. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

Commissioner Reif – Barton Community College was having an Open House at the Ag Center on Wednesday.

Commissioner Schlessiger – it would be from 4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M. on the east side of the campus.

Commissioner Esfeld – attended retirement for Mark Hinde from SDSI in Garden City.

Commissioner Schlessiger – Invited everyone to the 51st After Harvest Festival this week.

Commissioner Zimmerman – Mel Waite, former County Administrator, was recognized as the Distinguished Citizen.

VII. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Zimmerman moved to adjourn at 9:42 A.M.

Commissioner Schlessiger seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Bev Schmeidler
Barton County Clerk



Barb Esfeld, Chairman