

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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July 2, 2024

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 2nd 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 Hoffmann, County Counselor

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

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

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

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2024, and the June 25, 2024, Regular Meetings.
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 June 18, 2024, and ending July 2, 2024.

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

Commissioner Zimmerman moved to approve appropriations for the period of June 18, 2024, to July 2, 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. ROAD AND BRIDGE: Heavy-Duty Tire Changer:

-Darren Williams, County Works Director, will present details. The Road and Bridge Department has a fleet of heavy equipment that is utilized throughout the year. Recently, staff determined that the addition of a heavy-duty tire changer would improve operations. In addition to staff safety, time management and productivity would be improved while reducing maintenance costs. It is suggested that the Hunter TCX635PHD be purchased for a total cost, including freight, of \$23,276.47. Equipment Replacement funds are available for this proposed purchase.

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Warren Williams, County Works Director, presented details and said they had thirteen dump trucks with ten tires each. Front tires run about 15,000 – 20,000 miles with rear tires lasting a little bit longer. They were changing tires quite often; this would be a huge improvement for their shop.

Commissioner Reif asked Williams how old the current equipment was that they were using. Williams thought it was from the 1970's.

Commissioner Hutchinson said we got our money out of it.

Commissioner Reif said it was dangerous to use something that old to change tires. Also, much time was saved by changing their own tires.

Commissioner Schlessiger asked Williams how much the tires weigh. Williams said at least 200 pounds. Williams said the only thing the new machine would not do was the loader and grader tires.

Commissioner Esfeld said if this would help staff and keep everyone safer, it was worth it.

Commissioner Zimmerman said the old machine had not worked for some time. Williams said that was correct, they would put it in the next County auction.

Commissioner Reif said a 200-pound tire was a good example of a worker's comp claim.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to approve the purchase of the Hunter TCX635PHD Heavy-Duty Truck Tire Changer from D & E Equipment Solutions for a total cost of \$23,276.47. That cost is to be paid from the Equipment Replacement Fund, Road and Bridge Line, 072-00-6485.

Commissioner Reif seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. 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 for a motion to go into Executive Session for discussion of the County's position in legal matters with the justification being to preserve attorney /client privilege.

At 9:06 A.M., Commissioner Hutchinson moved that the Commission go into Executive Session for a period of 20 minutes. The subject to be discussed will be consultation with the County Counselor to discuss attorney client privilege of 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 is being sought. The governing body, County Administrator Matt Patzner and County Counselor Patrick Hoffman will be included in said meeting. The Open Meeting will resume at 9:30 A.M. in this room.

Commissioner Schlessiger seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

At 9:30 A.M., Commissioner Zimmerman moved to return to regular session with no action taken.

Commissioner Schlessiger seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

Commissioner Esfeld – attended SDSI meeting last week.

Commissioner Zimmerman – attended COPE meeting last Friday, talked about Laundry Love success and free haircuts.

Commissioner Schlessiger – attended the Barton County Fair Business Breakfast last Thursday. Barton County Health Department did a great job with their booth. The Fair had a good crowd.

VII. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Zimmerman moved to adjourn at 9:37 A.M.

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Bev Schmeidler
Barton County Clerk



Barb Esfeld, Chairman