

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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June 18, 2024

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 18th day of June 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 9:07 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 4, 2024, Regular Meeting. Minutes of the June 11, 2024, Regular Meeting were not available.
Commissioner Schlessiger 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 4, 2024, and ending June 18, 2024.

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

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to approve appropriations for the period of June 4, 2024, to June 18, 2024 and 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.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. BARTON COUNTY FAIR: Program Update:

-Michelle Beran, 4-H Youth Development, K-State Research and Extension, Cottonwood District, will provide details. The Barton County Fair will be held June 26 – 30, 2024. In addition to the 4-H events, the fair will include concerts and an entertainment carnival.

Michelle Beran, 4-H Youth Development, K-State Research and Extension, Cottonwood District, said they just returned from Discovery Days at Kansas State University. It was an opportunity for 4-Hers to get a bit of college experience. They took seven youths from the Cottonwood Extension District. They had to learn how to navigate campus and take classes among other things. Jonas Kern, Ellinwood Energizer, was

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Recognized as the State Project Award Winner in the Wildlife Project. Beran said it was a huge undertaking for Kern to make it through local, regional and then state competition. Beran said they had some Summer Engagement Interns. This was the third year in a three-year grant from the Kansas Department of Education to address gaps in education. They were able to hire local ladies, Jayla Wyant and Camille Dolechek. Their sole job was education, and they were at the Ellinwood Public Library doing programming. There was also required curriculum they had to get through in a partnership with school and then throughout July, there would be some fun activities.

Beran said pre-fair events would begin Saturday. They will begin with fiber arts, clothing construction and fashion review judging in the morning. On Saturday afternoon there will be the dog show. There had been a few years without a dog handler but someone with experience recently moved to the community. The Business Breakfast will be held Thursday, next week, at the Fairgrounds. The following weekend will be Kid's Day Saturday and a sunrise service on Sunday. Round robin, the best of the best show men and show women, then begins. They have a small animal competition which was very unusual in the state and then large animal.

Commissioner Schlessiger said she supported 4-H and the Barton County Fair. This was the first time in eleven years that her family would not have an animal at the fair.

Commissioner Reif said it was good to hear about the increase in animals.

B. UPDATE: Memorandum of Understanding – Barton County and Great Bend Economic Development:

-Chris Komarek, Ellinwood City Administrator, will present details. In August, 2022, Mr. Komarek detailed that the City of Ellinwood is developing a water, sanitary sewer and storm sewer infrastructure project. Included in the project are both the new hospital and new housing area. The Commission approved \$300,000.00 in financial support and directed the County Counselor to develop a Memorandum of Understanding reference the administration of the funding. The Memorandum of Understanding was adopted October 26, 2022. As the project will not be finished by the original end date, it is suggested that the completion date be extended to December 31, 2024.

Chris Komarek, Ellinwood City Administrator, said he was present to provide an update and request an extension as things had moved slower than was anticipated. The hospital should be moving in the next 3-4 weeks and be fully service by August 1st. The housing project got delayed last year. They had a Plan A for the sewer and storm water drainage system. They had to switch to Plan B, which would shrink the size of the development slightly and cost more money. Things changed again and they were able to go back to Plan A which would save some money and allow them to go from 9 lots to 14 or 15 lots. The engineer would be coming and hoped to have things going well this summer or early fall. Komarek said the downtown sidewalk project should start around August 1st near the Wolf Hotel. They plan to get bids in November or December, so the rest of Main Street will probably be a spring project.

Commissioner Zimmerman said she was thrilled they were able to go back to Plan A and have the additional lots.

Commissioner Schlessiger said she supported the extension and said Komarek's communication with the commission had been outstanding. She was excited for Ellinwood, new houses and new hospital.

Commissioner Reif said there were a lot of exciting things going on in Ellinwood.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked Komarek if he had seen any reduction in the costs of materials since 2022. Komarek said not any reduction, prices had stayed pretty stable.

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Commissioner Schlessiger moved to extend the completion date for the Ellinwood project, as described in the October 26, 2022, Memorandum of Understanding – Barton County and Great Bend Economic Development, to December 31, 2024.

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

C. 20TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUVENILE SERVICES: Vehicle Replacement:

-Marissa Woodmansee, Juvenile Services Director, will provide details. On May 21, 2024, the 20th Judicial District Juvenile Services initiated the process of purchasing of a new, used or program minivan or SUV, with trade of a 2014 Nissan Maxima.

Marissa Woodmansee, Juvenile Services Director, said there was a slight change from when she met with them in study session. Woodmansee found out late last week that two bids were received in the Clerk's Office. One of those bids, the vehicle had already been sold. The other was the same vendor she was using. The population at Juvenile Services had shifted a bit, they needed a van to take staff to training and transport juveniles. Woodmansee asked for approval.

Commissioner Zimmerman moved to approve the purchase of a 2023 Chrysler Voyager LX with 40,116 miles, or like vehicle, from Marmie Ford with the trade-in of the 2014 Nissan Maxima. The cost of \$22,342.00 to be paid as follows:

BUDGET	Name	Number	Amount
Intake and Assessment	Equipment	100-72-6325	\$05,585.509
Intensive Supervised Probation	Equipment	105-76-6325	\$05,585.500
Case Management	Equipment	120-82-6325	\$05,585.500
Immediate Intervention	Equipment	128-87-6325	\$05,585.505
Total			\$22,342.00

Commissioner Efeld said she was glad Commissioner Zimmerman read all that.

Woodmansee said thank you commissioner. I was going to say the same thing. You always do that for me, so thank you.

Commissioner Schlessiger seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

D. MEMORIAL PARKS: Board Appointments:

-Darren Williams, County Works Director, will present details. Persons on the Memorial Parks Advisory Committee advise and assist the Commission with the care and management of the Golden Belt and Hillcrest Memorial Parks. Public announcements were made via the newspaper and social media of open positions on the Committee. There are two unexpired positions terming in 2027 and three full positions terming in 2028.

Darren Williams, County Works Director, said John Haberman, Toni Rice and Ginger Herman currently serve and wish to continue to serve. There were four applicants for the other two positions, Larry Holtrop, Mick Lang, Terri Schneider and Nikki Seybert.

Commissioner Hutchinson said it was not often that four applications were received for uncompensated positions. Commissioner Hutchinson said he recommended Larry Holtrop because he had reached out to the commissioner several times about the memorial parks. Holtrop walked through them every day and would be a good steward.

Commissioner Reif said they received good applications, and it was a tough decision.

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Commissioner Reif moved to appoint Larry Holtrop and Terry Schneider to uncompensated positions terming July 1, 2027. Move to re-appoint Ginger Herman, Toni Rice and John Haberman to uncompensated positions terming July 1, 2028.
Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

No Executive Session Held

E. 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.

V. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

Commissioner Zimmerman – attended the Community Baby Shower, said it was well attended and there were a lot of vendors.

Commissioner Esfeld – Attended the YLinK Conference and said the vaping display was impressive. Jake White was very motivating.

Woodmansee – YlinK went great. Jake White was the guest speaker and presenter.

Commissioner Zimmerman – wished Marissa Woodmansee a belated happy birthday.

Patrick Hoffman – legislative update, expected to be a short session.

VII. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Zimmerman moved to adjourn at 9:35 A.M.

Commissioner Reif seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Bev Schmeidler
Barton County Clerk



Barb Esfeld, Chairman