

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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June 4, 2024

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 4th 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 9:00 A.M.

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

Commissioner Zimmerman moved to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2024, and the May 21, 2024, and May 28, 2024, Regular Meetings.
Commissioner Reif 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 May 21, 2024, and ending June 4, 2024.

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

Commissioner Reif moved to approve the appropriations for the period of May 21, 2024, to June 4, 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. COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE: Request for Approval – Added / Abated / Escaped / Refunded Taxes:

-Ms. Schmeidler 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.

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BATCH #9	VALUES	ESCAPED TAXES	ADDED / ABATED	REFUNDS
Gas				
Oil				
Personal Property	(100)		(\$13.72)	
Real Estate	(169,602)		(\$30,993.76)	\$30,993.76
16/20 M Trucks				
State Assessed Utilities				
Special Assessments				
Grand Totals	(169,702)	\$0.00	(\$31,007.48)	\$30,993.76
Total Taxes	(\$31,007.48)			
Total Records Selected	5			

Commissioner Schlessiger 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. COURTHOUSE HVAC RENOVATION: Grand Reopening:

-Matt Patzner, County Administrator, will provide details. County offices have now moved back into the Courthouse. While contractors continue to fine tune systems, departments are simultaneously providing mandated services while unpacking boxes. A grand reopening was held the afternoon of Friday, May 31, 2024. A summary of activities will be provided.

Matt Patzner, County Administrator, said the Grand Reopening was well attended and a wonderful event. It was great to have county stakeholders present to celebrate this building and the project. Tours were given by county staff and the children in attendance cut the ribbon.

Commissioner Esfeld said when you plan a big event, you worry that things will not go as planned. She appreciated everyone who came and supported the event, it was a great day.

Commissioner Zimmerman said she was amazed by the number of people who attended, it was heartwarming.

Commissioner Esfeld thanked all of the staff that made it happen.

Commissioner Schlessiger added that so many people from all the communities attended and many tours were given, employees went above and beyond.

Commissioner Zimmerman wanted to give a special shout out to Diana Watson for all her hard work, bringing everything together.

Commissioner Esfeld said Brooke Haulmark, Community Corrections; Karen Winkelman and Misty Trudeau, Health Department, gave tours. Charlotte Konrade, Appraiser's Office, and Judith Castro, Administration, served cake.

Commissioner Hutchinson wanted to note that through the renovation, moving out of the building and then back into the building, the county operations were never shut down. A few things were not yet done but it was important to get moved back in and stop paying rent on the other properties.

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Commissioner Esfeld said they had thanked Dereck Hollingshead previously, but she did not want to leave out Leigh Wade and Susan Johnson, IT Department, for all the work they did throughout the renovation.

Commissioner Reif echoed other commissioner's thoughts and said it went very smoothly.

Sherri Brantley, candidate for House District 112, said it was fabulous and the kids cutting the ribbon was the icing on the cake. The courthouse was a preserved landmark.

Jim Daily, former Barton County Commissioner, said you were moved out for eleven months, but the changes were discussed when he was a commissioner. The renovation had been in the works for some time.

Commissioner Esfeld said they had invited past commissioners but unfortunately, several were unable to attend for various reasons. She said they had always appreciated the work done towards the renovation by the past commissioners.

Daily said the courthouse was a landmark and preserving landmarks was vitally important.

Commissioner Zimmerman said it was great to have a historic building with modern amenities.

Commissioner Hutchinson said there was 24 miles of electric wire run and the man hours put in was 24 years of one person working a forty-hour work week.

Commissioner Esfeld said how much she appreciated the media and the coverage of the project.

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.

V. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

Commissioner Esfeld – update on Genesis Bill.

VII. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to adjourn at 9:18 A.M.

Commissioner Zimmerman seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Bev Schmeidler
Barton County Clerk



Barb Esfeld, Chairman