

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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May 14, 2024

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 14th day of May 2024, at the 1500 Kansas location.

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
Chris Saenz, Deputy 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. and asked for a moment of silence in honor of Jerry Mentzer, former Woodson County Appraiser.

Commissioner Schlessiger moved to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Reif seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Minutes of the May 7, 2024, Regular Meeting were not available.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

-There was no Old Business.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

A. JUVENILE SERVICES: Out of State Travel – Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America's Mid-Year Forum:

-Marissa Woodmansee, Juvenile Services Director, will provide details. In 2021, Juvenile Services received a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Drug-Free Communities Support program grant. A component of this grant includes training with the National Coalition Academy (NCA), working in partnership with the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA). The Commission will be asked to allow Tyler Morton, Juvenile Services, and Holly Bowyer, The Center for Counseling, a grant partner, to attend training in Chicago, Illinois. The event will be held July 15 through 18, 2024.

Marissa Woodmansee, Juvenile Services Director, said the travel was part of the grant. There were remaining funds from previous years that allowed the opportunity for more youth to attend the conference. Woodmansee said the first year, they took one youth. The second year, they took six youth. This year they were taking eight youth. This was an opportunity for youth to learn from prevention specialists across the country.

Commissioner Esfeld said youth who attended in the past years had said it was life changing. They were able to be a part of breaking the cycle.

Tyler Morton, Juvenile Services and Youth Crew, said it was a tremendous opportunity even for those who had already attended a conference. Of the eight going this year, three had previously attended. Morton said they would be driving to Chicago to save on travel expenses. Last year was in Dallas and

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they stayed at an all-inclusive resort. There were 2,500 attendees, with 500 of them being youths and they came from all over the world.

Commissioner Esfeld said she looked forward to hearing about their experience.

Commissioner Zimmerman asked Morton how the youth were chosen. Morton said it was based on their attendance, leadership qualities, event participation and volunteer hours.

Commissioner Zimmerman asked how many youths there were to choose from. Morton said there were 10 applicants this year.

Woodmansee said taking the group last year had brought recognition to the State of Kansas and now would be hosting the YLINK Conference in June at Hoisington High School.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked if it was a statewide conference and would hotels be needed. Woodmansee said it was statewide. The keynote speaker for the conference held training last year that Morton and Jasmine Figueroa attended.

Commissioner Zimmerman moved to approve out-of-state travel for Tyler Morton, Juvenile Services, and Holly Bowyer, The Center for Counseling, to attend training in Chicago, Illinois. Associated costs to be paid through the Drug-Free Communities Grant Fund, Travel Line, 908-72-5490. Direct the Commission Chair to sign said Travel Request.

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. FAIRVIEW TOWNSHIP: Board Appointment:

-Chris Saenz, Deputy County Clerk, will provide details. Deric Funk has resigned from the position of Fairview Township Clerk. The remaining Fairview Township board members have nominated Mark Urban to fulfill the term of Township Clerk. It is the Commissioners' responsibility to make the appointment per KSA 25-1606.

Chris Saenz, Deputy County Clerk, said a resignation was received for Deric Funk, Fairview Township Clerk. The Fairview Township Board recommended appointing Mark Urban to fulfill the term.

Commissioner Reif said Fairview Township was in the far northwest corner of Barton County. The person who resigned moved across the road into Russell County and was no longer eligible to serve.

Commissioner Reif moved to accept the resignation from Deric Funk from the Fairview Township board. Further, move to appoint Mark Urban to fulfill the term of Fairview Township Clerk, effective May 1, 2024, with the position terming on January 11, 2027.

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.

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IV. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

V. OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business.

VI. ADJOURN:

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

Commissioner Zimmerman seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Chris Saenz
Barton County Deputy Clerk



Barb Esfeld, Chairman