

# Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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May 21, 2024

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 21st day of May 2024, at the Barton County Courthouse.

*Members present:*

Duane Reif, Commissioner, 1<sup>st</sup> District  
Barb Esfeld, Commissioner, 2<sup>nd</sup> District, Chairman  
Tricia Schlessiger, Commissioner, 4<sup>th</sup> District, (Chairman Pro-Tem)  
Donna Zimmerman, Commissioner, 5<sup>th</sup> District  
Bev Schmeidler, County Clerk  
Matt Patzner, County Administrator  
Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor

*Members absent:*

Shawn Hutchinson, Commissioner, 3<sup>rd</sup> District

## **I. OPENING BUSINESS:**

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

Commissioner Zimmerman moved to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Schlessiger seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Minutes of the May 7, 2024, and the May 14, 2024, Regular Meetings were not available.

## **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 7, 2024, and ending May 21, 2024.

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

Commissioner Reif moved to approve appropriations for the period of May 7, 2024, to May 21, 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. PUBLIC HEALTH: Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) Kansas Community Suicide Prevention Grant:**

-Karen Winkelman, Public Health Director, will present details. The Barton County Health Department has been notified of its award of \$35,000.00 for the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) Kansas Community Suicide Prevention Grant. Grant funds are to be used to provide community-based suicide prevention services and activities which utilize evidence-based strategies aimed to reduce suicidal ideation, attempts and deaths, address shared risk and protective factors and produce sustainable system change for vulnerable populations in Kansas.

Karen Winkelman, Public Health Director, said she was notified last week of the award pending approval by the commission. The grant period was from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025. An extension may be determined based on funding availability after June of next year. This did not require any additional staff

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nor a match with county funds. The grants were to be used for community-based suicide prevention and activities. The purpose was to train individuals who could go out and train others, spreading the purpose further. They needed to start with a complete community assessment survey to determine the gaps. They anticipated facilitating training for those who worked in mental health to address farm response. We had a lot of agriculture in our area and the farming population was high-risk. They also wanted to work with other health care workers, school counselors and the Central Kansas Debriefing Team.

Commissioner Zimmerman asked what areas the coalition served, was it across the state or regional. Winkelman said they had regional as well as the Central Kansas Partnership that had a suicide task force that was more local but had the ability to reach statewide.

Commissioner Esfeld said she recently learned about Drop 22 with the veterans, and Winkelman would probably be working with them as well. Winkelman said they would be working with all mental health officials across the board in the communities.

Commissioner Schlessiger thanked Winkelman for including the agricultural community as farmers were 3 ½ times higher risk.

Winkelman said the strategies and the training would be evidence-based trainings.

Commissioner Schlessiger moved to accept the \$35,000.00 Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) Kansas Community Suicide Prevention Grant. Direct the Public Health Director to sign such documentation as is necessary to secure the grant.

Commissioner Reif seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **B. CENTRAL KANSAS COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS: Sealed Bids – 2007 Pontiac G6:**

-Matt Patzner, County Administrator, will present details. On April 19, 2024, Central Kansas Community Corrections released an RFP for the purchase of an SUV, with the possible trade of two vehicles – one being the Pontiac G6. No bids were received. As a result, Brooke Haulmark, CKCC Director, initiated a sale by sealed bid of the 2007 Pontiac G6. The vehicle is being sold as is / where is / with no warranty.

Matt Patzner, County Administrator, said the deadline was 10:00 A.M. on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Three bids were received, with the highest being \$5,075 from David Zink. Patzner asked for approval.

Commissioner Schlessiger moved to sell the 2007 Pontiac G6 to David Zink for a bid price of \$5,075.00. Monies from the sale to be deposited in the CKCC Fund.

Commissioner Zimmerman seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **C. COURTHOUSE HVAC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: Change Orders 16, 17 and 27:**

-Mr. Patzner will present details. Barton County has received notice of certain needed updates to the Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning improvement project. Specific to Change Orders 16, 17 and 27 are floor patching and carpeting. Also included, although not necessary for approval, is the reduction of the cost of vertical file demolition and electrical adders under contingency.

Matt Patzner, County Administrator, said the contractors did these changes some time ago but in order to keep the project moving along, they waited until the end to present to the commissioners.

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Commissioner Reif moved to approve the following Change Orders for the Courthouse HVAC Improvement Project. Total cost, \$68,871.73, to be paid to Kruse Construction from the Capital Improvement Fund, Building and Fixed Equipment – General Line, 071-00-6305.

Orders	Reason	Amount
16	Floor Patch	\$54,664.18
17	Stair Carpeting	\$ 7,954.73
27	Carpet Allowance	\$ 6,252.46

Commissioner Zimmerman offered that the amount was \$68,871.37.

Commissioner Schlessiger seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **D. COURTHOUSE HVAC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: Return to the Courthouse:**

-Mr. Patzner will provide an update. Earlier this year, the County hired The Armstrong Company to move offices back to the Courthouse. That work began on Monday, May 13, 2024, and lasted throughout the week.

Matt Patzner, County Administrator, said the movers wrapped up last Saturday at about 1:00 P.M. Everything was now in the courthouse for all operations. It was a huge benefit hiring this company, everything went smoothly. Some things remain in temporary locations. Patzner said he was going to get with Darren Williams to see if some items could be used by other offices. If things had value, they would store it at Road & Bridge until the next County auction. Patzner said the elevator was currently not able to be used. As a condition of our occupancy agreement, it needed to be hooked up to the fire alarm system. The elevator company was waiting on a part but hoped to have it working soon.

Commissioner Esfeld asked if all departments were moved back to the courthouse. Patzner said all temporary sites were now vacant. Keys had to be turned over to the owners by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Some drywall needed to be removed at 1709 Main location and was being worked on currently.

Commissioner Esfeld was glad that everyone was moved back in and the project did not take longer.

Commissioner Zimmerman said she appreciated all the employees for the work in moving out of the courthouse and packing everything to move back in. Commissioner Zimmerman said she particularly wanted to thank Patzner and Dereck Hollingshead for going above and beyond what was expected.

Commissioner Esfeld echoed those sentiments.

## ***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.

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## **V. ENDING BUSINESS:**

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

## **VI. OTHER BUSINESS:**

Dr. Dan Witt – spoke about the solar project and Barton Community College.

## **VII. ADJOURN:**

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

Commissioner Schlessiger seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Bev Schmeidler  
Barton County Clerk



Barb Esfeld, Chairman