

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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November 5, 2024

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 5th day of November, 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.

Minutes of the October 29, 2024, Regular Meeting 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 October 22, 2024, and ending November 5, 2024.

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

Commissioner Zimmerman moved to approve appropriations for the period of October 22, 2024, to November 5, 2024. 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. COUNTY ENGINEER: Supplemental Agreement No. 1 for KDOT Project 5 C-5265-01:

-Barry McManaman, County Engineer, will provide details. KDOT requests the County approve the supplemental agreement that clarifies the state will cover 100% of the costs for design (PE), construction, and inspection (CE) up to the project maximum of \$171,000. All costs above that amount are the responsibility of Barton County. The original award letter dated May 24, 2023, stated that funding would be provided for a total of \$171,000, but the County/State agreement dated April 24, 2024, failed to specify the maximum cost the state will pay. This project involves an engineering study to determine the proper location of no passing zones, followed by the installation of no passing zone signs on blacktop roads in the southwest part of the County.

Barry McManaman, County Engineer, said this was for the project in the southwest quadrant of the county where a study would be done to determine the proper location of no passing zones. When KDOT

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warded the money for the project, they stated they would fund up to \$171,000.00. The agreement did not specify the amount, so this was to clarify the maximum amount.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked McManaman if that would cover the project. McManaman said Kirkham Michael had helped with the cost estimates when applying and they had estimated higher. They thought it would cover but you never know what prices would be.

Commissioner Zimmerman asked when the last study was done. McManaman said Barton County had had three previous projects with no passing zones being done in the last two projects. He thought this one was for an earlier project where no study was included.

Commissioner Schlessiger moved to approve Supplemental Agreement No. 1 for KDOT Project 5 C-5265-01.

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

No Executive Session Held

B. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

-Chairman 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:

Announcements

2. Appointments

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

Commissioner Schlessiger – attended ZOOM meeting last Friday regarding Quivira water rights issue.
Commissioner Schlessiger – attended NIETC Meeting yesterday. There were 8 different states in attendance.

Commissioner Zimmerman – Barton County was mentioned in the meeting and the fact that a tri-county meeting was held. Also mentioned was the work done to collaborate.

Commissioner Esfeld – spoke to Representative Troy Waymaster. He and Senator Caryn Tyson requested research information following the Tri-County NIETC Meeting. They were going to start working on legislation.

Commissioner Hutchinson – wanted to invite the younger generation to get involved in their communities on different boards and councils. He was willing to help them find a good fit for themselves.

Commissioner Esfeld – she will be visiting the JAG Classes at Great Bend High School during their study about legislation. They would be doing Commissioner for a Day in the future.

Commissioner Schlessiger – Memorial Parks Advisory Committee wanted to let everyone know that items would be removed from graves 7 days after Veteran's Day. It had not been enforced in the past but would be going forward.

Commissioner Hutchinson – new members on the committee who were trying to make the cemeteries better.

Commissioner Reif – all cemeteries have a similar policy.

Commissioner Zimmerman – it was necessary for maintenance.

VII. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Reif moved to adjourn at 9:27 A.M.

Commissioner Schlessiger seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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ATTEST:



Bev Schmeidler
Barton County Clerk



Barb Esfeld, Chairman