

# Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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October 22, 2024

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 22nd day of October, 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  
Shawn Hutchinson, Commissioner, 3<sup>rd</sup> District  
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

## **I. OPENING BUSINESS:**

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

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

Minutes of the October 15, 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 8, 2024, and ending October 22, 2024.

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

Commissioner Zimmerman moved to approve appropriations for the period of October 8, 2024, to October 22, 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:**

-Bev Schmeidler, County Clerk, 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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CH #15	VALUES	ESCAPED TAXES	ADDED / ABATED	REFUNDS
Gas				
Oil				
Personal Property	4,769			
Real Estate				
16/20 M Trucks	1,444			
State Assessed Utilities				
Special Assessments				
<b>Grand Totals</b>	6,213	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Taxes	\$0.00			
Total Records Selected	22			

Commissioner Hutchinson 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 Schlessiger seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **B. VOICE LOGGER: Voice Recording System Maintenance Contract:**

-Dena Popp, 911 Director, and Casey Hubbard, Investigator / Office Manager, will provide details. In 2018, Communications partnered with the County Attorney's Office to purchase a Voice Logger. The logger is used to create audio recordings from telephones, radios, microphones and other sources. This information improves emergency services and aids in criminal prosecution. As the maintenance contract ends on November 30, 2024, it is suggested that it be extended for another year with Communications and the Attorney's Office sharing the expense.

Dena Popp, 911 Director, said it was \$9,553.00, the same as last year, there was no increase.

Casey Hubbard, County Attorney Office Manager/Investigator, said the voice logger was a definite improvement from the old system. The County Attorney Office pays for the organizer part. This allowed Popp to put what they needed for court into the system for him to access as needed.

Popp said when a law enforcement officer requested a copy of a tape for investigative purposes and possible prosecution, she made a cd for law enforcement and put it into organizer at the same time.

Commissioner Zimmerman said that would be a time saver.

Commissioner Zimmerman moved to approve the one-year extension of the maintenance contract with VoiceProducts Service, LLC. Cost of service, \$9,553.00, to be paid as follows – \$7,822.00 to be paid through the 911 Tax Fund, Maintenance of Machinery and Equipment Line, 080-86-5460, and \$1,731.00 to be paid through the Attorney's Office Account of the General Fund, RMS/Software Maintenance-Diversion Line, 001-08-5610-06.

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **C. KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES: Voting Delegates:**

-Matt Patzner, County Administrator, will provide details. The Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) will hold its Annual Conference from December 3 – 5, 2024, in Wichita. Each year, the Commission designates a voting delegate and first and second voting alternates for the meeting.

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Matt Patzner, County Administrator, said during the annual business meeting on the last day of the conference, each member county would vote on the 2025 KAC Legislative Policy and KAC Bylaw Change. Voting delegates needed to be appointed.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to designate Commissioner Esfeld as the Kansas Association of Counties Voting Delegate with Commissioner Schlessiger named as First Alternate and Commissioner Reif named as Second Alternate. Direct the County Clerk to provide KAC with voting delegate information via the KAC website.

Commissioner Zimmerman seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## ***No Executive Session Held***

### **D. 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:**

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

### **VI. OTHER BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Reif – Barton Community College President would be at the Columbus Club in Hoisington on Wednesday for a question-and-answer session.

Commissioner Schlessiger – attended the CKCC Advisory Board meeting last week.

### **VII. ADJOURN:**

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

Commissioner Schlessiger seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

  
Bev Schmeidler  
Barton County Clerk

  
Barb Esfeld, Chairman