

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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July 1, 2025

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 1st day of July, 2025, at the Barton County Courthouse.

Members present:

Barb Esfeld, Commissioner, 2nd District
Shawn Hutchinson, Commissioner, 3rd District
Tricia Schlessiger, Commissioner, 4th District, Chairman
Donna Zimmerman, Commissioner, 5th District
Bev Schmeidler, County Clerk
Matt Patzner, County Administrator

Members absent:

Duane Reif, Commissioner, 1st District, (Chairman Pro-Tem)
Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

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

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Zimmerman moved to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2025, Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

III. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:

-Bev Schmeidler, County Clerk, will present details. An Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of June 17, 2025, and ending July 1, 2025.

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

Commissioner Esfeld moved to approve appropriations for the period of June 17, 2025, to July 1, 2025.

Authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.

Commissioner Zimmerman seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT GRANT: 10-39 LLC:

-Brittney Bailey, Co-Owner, 10-39 LLC, will provide details. 10-39 LLC has applied for \$20,000.00 in grant funding to improve the building located at 104 W 1st, Ellinwood, Kansas. The City of Ellinwood has approved this project which includes a \$6,805.00 match by the applicant which equates to 25% of the project.

Brittney Bailey, Co-Owner, 10-39 LLC, thanked the commissioners for considering their application.

Commissioner Zimmerman asked Bailey to explain the project to those who had not seen the application.

They said it was a park shelter at 1st and Main Streets that would provide extra seating for 10-39. Bailey

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and their hope was for it to also be used for community events. They were hoping to start something called Market Mondays, similar to a farmers' market, where individuals could sell their goods. Bailey said it could also be used for After Harvest Festival activities and for the community to use.

Commissioner Schlessiger said she liked the drawing and thought it would bring people together downtown.

Commissioner Zimmerman said it would be a great addition to the community.

Commissioner Schlessiger said she was excited for this project to kick off the next round of Façade Improvement Grants.

Commissioner Hutchinson said they were excited for the project and hoped it would be done before After Harvest Festival. Bailey said ordering materials had been interesting but they were hopeful to have it done soon.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to approve a Façade Improvement Grant for 10-39 LLC, for the building located at 104 W 1st, Ellinwood, Kansas, in the amount of \$20,000.00 and direct the Commission Chair to sign the Grant Agreement with the Application. Direct the County Administrator to encumber the award amount from the Capital Improvement Fund, Building and Fixed Equipment - General Line, 071-00-6305.

Commissioner Zimmerman seconded the motion.

Commissioner Hutchinson pointed out that this was the first project in cooperation with the city of Ellinwood.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

1. MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS: Maintenance, Support and Software Update Agreement:

-Dena Popp, 911 Director, will provide details. An agreement with Motorola Solutions was approved in September, 2020, for maintenance, support and software update agreement costs for two 800 megahertz radio repeater towers. For 2025, the invoice pricing for services is \$65,628.00. It is suggested that the cost be paid through the 911 / Communications account of the General Fund.

Dena Popp, 911 Director, said the tower was put in in late 2020 using SPARK funding. The first year of maintenance was included in the contract but future years of maintenance could not be included due to stipulations in SPARK funding. Popp said she was requesting approval of the maintenance contract for year five. The maintenance contract was crucial to the 911 Center and emergency services personnel. Popp said it notifies her of alarms, high heat, intrusions, power outages and regular updates to the system. Popp said this saved her a lot of driving time going to the locations although she does go to them at least quarterly.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to approve the \$65,628.00 Motorola Solutions Maintenance, Support and Software Update Agreement (SUA) invoice. Cost to be paid from the 911 / Communications account of the General Fund, Tower Site Maintenance Line, 001-36-5960.

Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

C. COUNTY ENGINEER: Authority to Award Contract – KDOT Project 5 C-5265-01:

-Barry McManaman, County Engineer, will provide details. The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) opened bids in mid-June for the no passing zones signing project in the southwest quadrant of Barton County. There were four bids with the lowest one being submitted by Sign-Up LTD for \$69,542. KDOT asks that the County approve the Authority to Award Contract in order to move forward with the project. If approved, the contractor will install no passing pennants at the beginning of each no passing

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le on County blacktop roads in the southwest portion of the County. The work is completed per the engineering study and design done by Kirkham Michael in an earlier phase of the KDOT High Risk Rural Roads project.

Barry McManaman, County Engineer, said Kirkham Michael studied the proper location of the no passing zones and developed a plan. McManaman said KDOT had gone out for bids, and this was the actual construction phase of the project. KDOT received four bids with the lowest being for \$69,542 from Sign Up Limited. McManaman said KDOT considered the bid acceptable and was asking the commissioners to approve the Authority to Award Contract so we could proceed with the project.

Commissioner Zimmerman asked McManaman to remind them of the original estimate. McManaman said the project itself was for \$171,000 for all three phases of the project. McManaman said the design part came in slightly over \$34,000; the construction part at \$69,542 and the inspection part a little over \$57,000. McManaman said right now they were at a total of \$160,931.79, about \$11,000 under the maximum. That would mean that the project was 100% paid for by KDOT unless something unforeseen happened.

Commissioner Esfeld moved to approve the Authority to Award Contract - KDOT Project 5 C-5265-01. Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.

D. ROAD AND BRIDGE: Diesel Fuel Quotes:

-Chris Scharzt, County Works Director, will provide details. Road and Bridge accepted quotes to purchase 50,000 gallons of diesel fuel. The quote requested a price per gallon, with the fuel price extending through June 30, 2026, or the 50,000 gallon mark is exceeded.

Chris Scharzt, County Works Director, presented details and added that the needs of Road & Bridge were very specific so that limited the bids. Scharzt said they filled the trucks every evening so that required a business have numerous fuel pumps in town for their use. Scharzt said they also need someone who can deliver fuel to the sand dredge in Ellinwood. Scharzt said they requested quotes from American Plains Coop and Zip's Service. Zip's Service declined to bid as they were not able to deliver fuel to the sand dredge. Scharzt said American Plains Coop bid \$2.69/gallon for #2 clear road fuel diesel and \$2.48/gallon for off-road diesel. Scharzt said the quote stated the amount as 50,040 gallons to make the numbers come out correctly. Scharzt noted that fuel was a commodity so the price would fluctuate with the market. If approved, Scharzt would contact them immediately and the price would be locked in with perhaps a variance of a few cents. Scharzt said they were currently paying pump price, and this would save the county a considerable amount of money.

Commissioner Schlessiger asked Scharzt if they had ever received bids from other companies. Scharzt said they used to change fuel every quarter, which was difficult. They had only received bids from the American Plains Coop, Zip's Service and Moeder Oil. Scharzt said Moeder Oil only had two diesel pumps, so it took a long time to fuel the trucks. The advantage with American Plains was that they had stations throughout the county with the different locations so had access when they were away from Great Bend. Scharzt said American Plains also did not charge a delivery fee for the sand dredge.

Commissioner Schlessiger asked Scharzt how many gallons go to the sand dredge. Scharzt said when they were running good, probably around 650-700 gallons twice a month. It had a 1,000 gallon tank.

Commissioner Esfeld wanted to point out that other departments such as the Sheriff's Office and Appraiser's Office use some of the other local businesses as well. They spread the business around.

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Commissioner Zimmerman moved to approve the per gallon fuel quote for #2 Clear Diesel quoted at \$2.69 and the quoted price per gallon for Off-Road Diesel quoted at \$2.48 from American Plains Coop for one year up to 50,000 gallons of diesel fuel. Final cost will be determined by market rate when locked in after the close of this meeting. Cost to be paid from the Road and Bridge Fund, Road and Bridge Fund, Fuel Line, 002-92-5175.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked Commissioner Zimmerman if it would be okay to change your motion to 50,040 gallons.

Commissioner Zimmerman said yes.

Commissioner Schlessiger said was that an amendment and a second.

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

No Executive Session Held

E. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

-Chairman Tricia Schlessiger 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 Zimmerman – it was nice to have all five commissioners present at the Business Appreciation Breakfast at the Barton County Fair. Commissioner Hutchinson participated in the Are You Smarter Than a 4-H'er contest.

Commissioner Esfeld – one of the scorekeepers was Wendy Prosser's son and he did a great job.

Commissioner Zimmerman – Catarina Debes was also a scorekeeper, granddaughter of former IT Director, John Debes.

Commissioner Esfeld – Debes' other grandchild also participated on the panel along with Prosser's daughter while her other daughter was an emcee. It was a lot of fun.

VII. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to adjourn at 9:23 A.M.

Commissioner Zimmerman seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:


Bev Schmeidler
Barton County Clerk


Tricia Schlessiger, Chairman