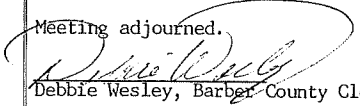


Commissioner Harbaugh moved, seconded by Commissioner Roe for a 30-minute Executive Session to discuss Attorney Client privileges beginning at 12:14. Motion carried. Attorney Wood and Clerk Wesley were present.

Regular Session resumed at 12:44.

Commissioner Harbaugh moved, seconded by Commissioner Roe to pass resolutions 2019-20 through 2019-26 (Road Closings). Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.


Debbie Wesley, Barber County Clerk


Bill Smith, Chairman

JANUARY 13, 2020

The Board of Commissioners met for a regular meeting with all members, Clerk Wesley and Attorney Wood present.

Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Harbaugh to approve minutes of December 30, 2020. Motion carried.

Larry Conner said that KDOT will be in the County load-rating bridges. The local Road Safety Plan has to be done this year. It will make us eligible for the High Rural Risk Road program through the State.

Pam Rickard, Public Health Director asked to hire a nurse as she has a current nurse thinking about retiring, so there will be time for training. She would like to have 3 months to train.

Russell Hansen brought in a sealed bid for sheet rock in the Extension office.

Rutan Construction was the only bid received.

Rutan Construction: \$4,918.55.

Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Harbaugh to approve the bid from Rutan Construction. Motion carried.

Commissioner Harbaugh moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith to continue the Burn Ban for another 7 days. Motion carried.

Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Harbaugh for a 30-minute Executive Session beginning at 10:20 to discuss Attorney client privileges. Motion carried.

Attorney Wood and Clerk Wesley were also in attendance.

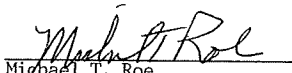
Regular Session resumed at 10:50.

Commissioner Harbaugh moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith to continue the Executive Session for 10 minutes to discuss Attorney client privileges beginning at 10:52. Motion carried. Attorney Wood and Clerk Wesley were present.

Regular Session resumed at 10:62.

Meeting adjourned.


Debbie Wesley, Barber County Clerk


Michael T. Roe

JANUARY 30, 2020

The Board of County Commissioners met for a regular meeting with Commissioners Smith and Harbaugh present. Counselor Wood and Clerk Wesley were also present.

Payroll and warrants were approved.

Ann McNett presented an estimate for new carpet in the District Court Offices. The Board gave approval and it will be paid for out of Capital Improvement. She will be painting before the new carpet is installed.

Mike Garrett with Horizons Mental Health gave an update.

Larry Conner and John Riggins joined the meeting for the opening of bids.

Bids were opened for the overlay project on Gyp Hill Road.

Venture Corporation - \$1,434,012.50
Heft & Sons, LLC - \$1,527,645.20
Apac-Kansas, Inc. - \$1,490,975.25

Commissioner Harbaugh moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith to award the bid to Venture Corporation for \$1,434,012.50. Motion carried.

The Hearing was opened for the Road Closings. Monty Lawrence, land owner, joined the meeting and stated that the descriptions were wrong on Road 54. Also, he had concerns about Road 188. He would like to leave part of the road open so that access is not lost if any portion of that road is sold. If not, it would make a land-locked situation.

Commissioner Harbaugh moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith to pass Resolution 2020-01 (Vacation A Portion of Road #186). Motion carried.

Commissioner Harbaugh moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith to pass Resolution 2020-02 (Vacate a portion of Road #310). Motion carried.

Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Harbaugh to pass Resolution 2020-03 (Vacating Road #98). Motion carried.

Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Harbaugh to pass Resolution 2020-04 (Vacating a portion of Road #574). Motion carried.

Commissioner Harbaugh moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith to pass Resolution 2020-05 (Vacating a portion of Road #72). Motion carried.

Commissioner Harbaugh moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith to pass Resolution 2020-06. (ROZ). Motion carried.

Resolution 2020-06

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF BARBER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN RURAL OPPORTUNITY ZONE STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BARBER COUNTY, KANSAS,

Section 1. Pursuant to K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 74-50,223, the Board of County Commissioners expressed its intent to participate in the Rural Opportunity Zone (ROZ) student loan repayment program.

Section 2. BARBER County has been designated a Rural Opportunity Zone pursuant to K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 74-50,222.

Section 3. BARBER County Commissioners hereby obligate BARBER County to participate in the ROZ student loan repayment program as provided by K.S.A 2016 Supp. 74-50,223 for a period of five years, which shall be irrevocable.

Section 4. BARBER County agrees to pay in equal shares with the State of Kansas the outstanding student loan balance of any resident individual for five years, if the resident individual meets the terms of qualification provided by the State of Kansas in K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 74-50,223, and the appropriate rules and regulations. The number of qualified resident individuals receiving such payments will be subject to the availability of funds.

Section 5. BARBER County intends to enter into partnerships with Cities, Employers, and Foundations for the direct sponsorship of Rural Opportunity Zone Applicants. Sponsored Applicants must meet all qualifications of the ROZ program. All sponsorships will be subject to ROZ student loan repayment rules and regulations.

Section 6. The maximum student loan balance for each qualified resident individual to be repaid jointly by BARBER County and the State of Kansas shall be \$15,000 over a term of five years.

Section 7. BARBER County shall allocate \$15,000 a year for the purpose of matching payments from the State of Kansas to qualified resident individuals. BARBER County shall revise its ROZ budget on an annual bases and shall inform the State of Kansas of any changes to the annual allocation. BARBER County shall submit their obligation in full to the Department of Commerce before the first day of September each year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be published once in the official county newspaper and shall be in effect from and after its date of publication.

Adopted this 30 day of January 2020 by the Board of BARBER County Commissioners, BARBER County, Kansas.

Board of County Commissioners of
Barber County, Kansas

/s/Paul Harbaugh
/s/Bill Smith

ATTEST:
/s/Debbie Wesley
January 30, 2020

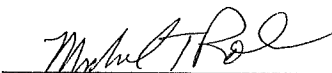
Larry brought in an addendum to the Road Agreement with BP for the commissioners signature. They are unable to make a turn and need to change the haul rout. The Board approved.

Commissioner Harbaugh moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve minutes of January 13th, 2020. Motion carried.

Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Harbaugh to appoint Justin Goodno to the Thirtieth Judicial Nominating Commission to finish out Rick Swayden's term which ends in March, 2020. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.


Debbie Wesley, Barber County Clerk


Michael T. Roe, Chairman

FEBRUARY 10, 2020

The Board of Commissioners met for a regular meeting with all members and Clerk Wesley present.

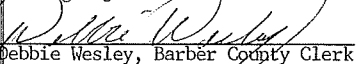
Beth Tatarko with Austin Peters gave information on how the pay scale study was going. A few more interviews are needed. The study should be done by April.

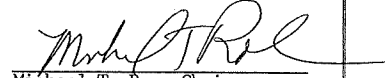
Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Harbaugh to approve minutes of January 30, 2020. Motion carried.

Jim Lohmeyer with Blue Cross/Blue Shield brought in a refund check. Claims were lower than expected for 2019, so the county received money back.

Sheriff Small said that he has been working on new policies for his office. He is also having the County Attorney review them.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25.


Debbie Wesley, Barber County Clerk


Michael T. Roe, Chairman

FEBRUARY 27, 2020

The Board of Commissioners met for a regular meeting with all members counselor Wood and Clerk Wesley present.

Payroll and warrants were approved and signed.

Clay Crouch asked if they wanted him to have a second backup system at the Road and Bridge Department. He will

He will get more information and submit it at the next meeting.

Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Harbaugh to approve minutes of February 10, 2020. Motion carried.

The landfill just got inspected again and there were no violations or deficiencies. Bridge 76 on the Hardtner Short Cut will be let for bids on May 20.

Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Harbaugh for a 10-minute Executive Session beginning at 11:05 to discuss Attorney Client Privileges. Motion carried. Counselor Wood and Clerk Wesley were present for the meeting.

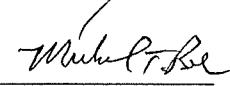
Regular Session resumed at 10:15.

A decision was made in Executive Session to make a contribution to KCAMP.

Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Harbaugh to approve the agreement and release between Barber County, Lonnie Small as Sheriff and KCAMP. The agreement obligates Barber County to make a contribution to KCAMP of \$343,000 dollars.

Meeting adjourned.


Debbie Wesley, Barber County Clerk


Michael T. Roe, Chairman

MARCH 9, 2020

The Board of Commissioners met for a regular meeting with all members and Clerk Wesley present.

Karen Spencer discussed the oil and gas renditions. She is working with the state formula in determining decline.

Pam Rickard and Marilyn vierthaler, Public Health, discussed the COVID-19 since cases have been confirmed in Kansas. They had handouts from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

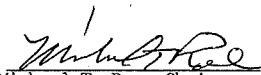
If you want more information on what is happening with the COVID-19 in Kansas, you can to to <http://www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus/index.htm>. For more information on the national situation you can to to <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/>.

Commissioner Roe moved, seconded by Commissioner Harbaugh to approve minutes of February 27. Motion carried.

Larry Conner talked about the new cell they are trying to get approved at the landfill. The new building should be started getting put up next week.

Meeting adjourned.


Debbie Wesley, Barber County Clerk


Michael T. Roe, Chairman

MARCH 16, 2020

The Board of Commissioners met for a Special Meeting with all Commissioners, Clerk Wesley, Counselor Wood, Mike Loreg, Rick Wesley, Pam Rickard and Marilyn Viethaler present.

At 3:02 Commissioner Harbaugh asked for a 30-minute Execution Session to discuss security measures that affect personnel and county business. Commissioner Smith seconded. Motion carried.

The Board requested that Clerk Wesley, Counselor Wood, Emergency Preparedness Director Mike Loreg, Asst. Director, Rick Wesley, Public Health Director Pam Rickard and Marilyn Vierthaler and Public Health Officer Dr. Richard Meador join the meeting.

Regular session resumed at 3:33.

Commissioner smith made a Motion to go back into Executive Session for 30 minutes beginning at 3:34, Commissioner Harbaugh seconded. Motion carried.

Regular Session resumed at 4:04.

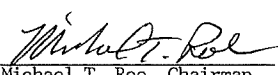
Commissioner Harbaugh moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith to declare a State of Local Disaster Emergency for Barber County, Kansas. Motion carried.

Commissioner Harbaugh moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith to sign an Order of the Barber County Local Health Officer Prohibiting Public Gatherings due to COVID-19 Pursuant to K.S.A. 65-119. Motion carried.

Commissioner Harbaugh moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith to close the courthouse to the public starting March 16 at 5:00 p.m. This will be reviewed every 7 days.

Meeting adjourned.


Debbie Wesley, Barber County Clerk


Michael T. Roe, Chairman

MARCH 17, 2020

The Board of Commissioners met for a Special Meeting at the Annex with all members, Counselor Wood and Clerk Wesley present.

With the on-going issues of COVID-19, the Board wanted to know of anything the departments might need.

Present were Betty Swayden, ROD; Sheri Weeks, Treasurer; Karen Spencer, Appraiser; clay Crounry, IT; Robin Callis, Extension; Russell Hansen, Custodial; Ann McNett, District Court; Larry Conner, Public Works; Lonnie Small and Chad Hacker, Sheriff Department.

Each department head was asked of problems they might encounter while the courthouse is closed to the public.

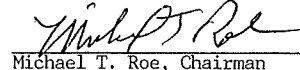
Extension and District Court are limiting one person at a time in the office.

Appraiser does hearings on site and protest are done by the phone. The rest of the offices have issues that they are working out.

A Special meeting will be held on the 23rd to review the current situation.

Meeting adjourned.


Debbie Wesley, Barber County Clerk


Michael T. Roe, Chairman

MARCH 23, 2020

Special Meeting:

The Board of Commissioners met for a Special Meeting at the Annex with Commissioners Roe and Harbaugh in attendance. Commissioner Smith was excused. Clerk Wesley was also present.

Also attending were Mike Loreg, Rick Wesley, Lonnie Small, Clay Crouch, Pam Rickard and Marilyn Vierthaler, and Betty Swayden.

The Board would like to know who is the backup in each department that would be called should the department head get ill.

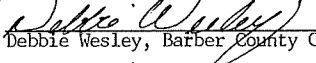
Mike Loreg and Pam Rickard said that there are currently no positive cases in Barber County. The Board asked if there is anything further that should be done to insure the health and safety of the citizens of Barber County. With the courthouse closed, the departments are still able to help citizens to the best of their ability.

On March 16, the Board signed a Declaration of a State of Local Disaster Emergency for Barber County. The local Health Officer, Dr. Richard Meador signed an Order Prohibiting Public Gatherings to 25 persons or less.

Commissioner Harbaugh moved, seconded by Commissioner Roe to extend the Barber County State of Local Disaster Emergency for 60 days. Motion carried.

This will be reviewed every seven days.

Meeting adjourned.


Debbie Wesley, Barber County Clerk


Michael T. Roe, Chairman

MARCH 27, 2020

Special Meeting

The Board of Commissioners met for a Special meeting with Commissioner Harbaugh and Roe in attendance. Commissioner Smith via phone.

Also in attendance were Clerk Wesley, Counselor Wood, Pam Rickard, Rick Wesley, Clay Crouch and Marilyn Vierthaler.

Mike Loreg gave updates on the number of COVID-19 cases in the State of Kansas. Five people have been tested in Barber County and 5 have tested negative. Pam has been visiting with our County Health Officer, Dr. Richard Meador.

Counselor Wood has reached out to Sedgwick County. He would have liked to have a more restrictive document.

Counselor Wood has drafted an Emergency Declaration for Barber County. The Order would apply to everyone in Barber County including the cities.

Commissioner Harbaugh has already visited with Kiowa City.

The county has been monitoring this situation for weeks and have been listening to the health officials and using that for guidelines.

Counselor Wood stated that a good response to the public is, we as Commissioners are trying to be on the leading edge of this.

Commissioner Harbaugh stated that we are trying to protect the citizens of Barber County.

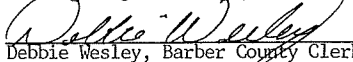
The meeting was opened for public comments.


Mayor, Anthony Farrar said all of his questions have been answered.

These special meetings are posted on the doors. We are meeting the guidelines of the Kansas Open Meetings Act.

Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Harbaugh to accept the form as to order and pass the ordinance (Emergency Order of the Barber County Local Health Officer upon his signature and the Barber County Commissioners. This Order will be effective on March 30 at 12:01 A.M.

Meeting Adjourned.


Debbie Wesley, Barber County Clerk


Michael T. Roe, Chairman

MARCH 30, 2020

The Board of Commissioners met for a regular meeting with Commissioners Roe and harbaugh in attendance. Commissioner smith was present via phone conference.

Commissioner Roe moved to approve minutes of March 9, 2020, seconded by Commissioner Harbaugh. Motion carried.

Commissioner Harbaugh moved to approve minutes of March 16, 2020, seconded by Commissioner Roe. Motion carried.

Commissioner Roe moved to approve minutes of March 17, 2020, seconded by Commissioner Harbaugh. Motion carried.
Commissioner Harbaugh moved, seconded by Commissioner Roe to approve minutes of March 23, 2020. Motion carried.
Payroll and warrants were approved and signed.

Larry Conner and Sheriff Small joined the meeting.

Mike Loreg, Rick Wesley, Pam Rickard and Marilyn Vierthaler joined the meeting for a COVID-19 update. There are 319 positive cases in the state of Kansas as of yesterday. The President declared a public assistance. Everything we do or buy for protective measure equipment for the public needs to be tracked by departments so that the county can get a reimbursement of 75 percent. There is a Hazard Mitigation Grant that they are looking at. Mike would like to have a press release if the county was to have a positive case or death.

Rick was asked if he was ready to put a burn ban on and he said he would like to wait another week. The County Counselor is going to check on giving citations if a burn is not called in.

Pam brought up crossing the state line. You can do this if you have an essential function for crossing the state line. Mike will update with more information on that when he receives it.

Pam will be possibly hiring 7 people to help if the need arises. If she hires it will be temporary positions.

KDHE and CDC said that the homemade masks are not for health care providers. If you want to use them for personal use you can.

Public Works has closed their office to the public. As far as the landfill goes they are open to the public. They will implement taking payments through the sliding window.

Larry met with the Core of Engineers and there is a part of the landfill that they are going to check to see if it is considered a wet-land. This is a process and will take time to determine.

Larry wanted to discuss the Lytle issue concerning the Gyp Hill Road. The county has an obligation to keep the Gyp Hill road safe for the public. Mr. Lytle is not wanting to scrape the mud his equipment is putting on the road. It is not the county's responsibility to clean his mud off of the road. The county has been cleaning the road. Mr. Lytle is afraid if he damages the road the county would hold him responsible. Larry said that the county would work with him. Counselor Wood will send a letter inviting all parties to attend a Special Meeting.

Bids were opened for the mowing. Two bids were received.

Greg Cox: \$80.00 for the Courthouse and \$100.00 for the Annex.
Mark Sukey: \$120.00 for the courthouse and \$180.00 for the Annex.

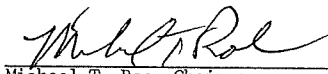
No decision was made. It will be discussed at the next meeting.

Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Harbaugh to extend the Emergency Declaration for 7 days. Motion carried.

The next meetings will be April 6, 13, 20, 27 and 29th. All will be at 9:00 A.M. at the Annex.

Meeting adjourned.


Debbie Wesley, Barber County Clerk


Michael T. Roe, Chairman

APRIL 6, 2020

The Board of Commissioners met for a regular meeting with Commissioners Harbaugh and Roe present. Commissioner Smith via, teleconference. Counselor Wood and Clerk Wesley were also present.

Karen Spencer, Appraiser is requesting overtime for her office in order to get the oil and gas renditions done.

The mowing bids were discussed. The mowing will be done every week until July 1st then it will be re-assessed.

Commissioner Harbaugh moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith to award the bid to Cox mowing. Motion carried.

Russell Hansen joined the meeting. He has three applications for the custodial job. No decision was made. They will decide on Monday.

Mike Loreg, Pam Rickard and Marilyn Vierthaler joined the meeting. KDHE is hoping that the COVID-19 will peak the end of April. The governor's office is asking for a burn ban and also asking for everyone to wear mask. Category B means if we hire extra people relating to COVID-19, that is subject to the 75% reimbursement from the government. Quick Shops can still serve drinks as long as you get it from the server.

Pam stated that she is updated by Dr. Richard Meador, Public Health Officer, on a regular basis. So far out of the 12 that have been tested, 11 have negative and one is still out.

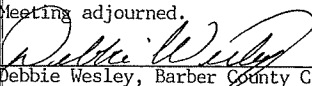
Commissioner Roe moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith for a 15-minute Executive Session beginning at 10:15 to discuss non-elected personnel. Also present were Russell Hansen, Counselor Wood and Clerk Wesley.

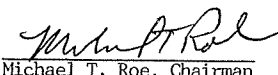
Regular Session resumed at 10:22.

Commissioner Harbaugh moved, seconded by Commissioner Roe to extend the Emergency Declaration for 7 days. Motion carried.

Pam returned to the meeting and said that there is one positive case in Barber County.

Meeting adjourned.


Debbie Wesley, Barber County Clerk


Michael T. Roe, Chairman

APRIL 13, 2020

The Board of Commissioners met for a regular meeting with Commissioners Harbaugh and Roe present. Counselor Wood and Clerk were present.

Commissioner Roe moved seconded by Commissioner Harbaugh to approve minutes of March 27th. Motion carried.

Commissioner Roe moved seconded by Commissioner Harbaugh to approve minutes of March 30th. Motion carried.

Commissioner Roe moved seconded by Commissioner Harbaugh to approve minutes of April 6th. Motion carried.

District Court suffered a cyber-attack on April 6th. Ann stated that Clay did an exceptional job and the office of the Judicial Administration would like to commend Clay, IT, for getting the system up and running.

Sheriff Small is still working on policy manuals and said that everything is going well.

The Clerk received a call from Dustin Avey with Piper Sandler and Company. They did the original work on the hospital bonds. They are suggesting that it might be a good time to re-finance the bonds. We will try to get him on the next meeting.

Commissioner Harbaugh moved seconded by Commissioner Roe to continue the Emergency Declaration for 7 days. Motion carried.

Commissioner Smith joined the meeting.

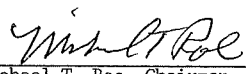
Mike Loreg, Pam Rickard and Marilyn Vierthaler joined the meeting. Mike will be picking up hand sanitizer and has some thermometers for the departments. His staff has to leave the county for obvious reasons and he is just making the Board aware.

Pam said that the stores are now following the orders not to serve fountain drinks or allow patrons to sit and visit. The state is giving Public Health some money also.

Marilyn said they have tested 15 with only one positive result. At the current time, there aren't any test outstanding.

Meeting adjourned.


Debbie Wesley, Barber County Clerk


Michael T. Roe, Chairman

APRIL 20, 2020

The Board of Commissioners met for a regular meeting with all members, Clerk Wesley and Counselor Wood present.

Nicole Strait, 911 Administrator would like to hire more help for dispatch so that she could be fully staffed not have so much overtime. Nicole was given permission to hire.

Commissioner Harbaugh moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith for a 15-minute Executive Session beginning at 9:10 to discuss non-elected personnel.

Regular Session resumed at 9:25.

Commissioner Smith is concerned about the businesses that are closed and not able to continue with their work. Right now, it is the Governor's Order and supersedes County order.

Mike Loreg, Emergency Preparedness and Nicole Perez joined the meeting. Today is a month and one week since the County put the order in place. The Governor's Executive Order is in place until May 3rd or when she decides to change it.

Sheriff Small joined the meeting.

Commissioner Harbaugh moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve minutes of April 13, Motion carried.

Pam Rickard and Marilyn Vierthaler joined the meeting. As of today there have been 18 test with only 1 positive and no cases pending at present.

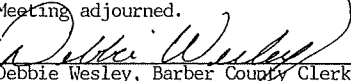
Merlyn Fluke with Medicine Lodge Township joined the meeting. There is an electric fence on the township ride-of-way. Steve Lukens said that he would take up the fence. The land is owned by Randell and JoAnn Porter and rented by Steve Lukens. Merlyn did send him a copy of the Statutes. As of right now, the fence is still there.


Terry Ricke also has fence on the township ride-of-way. Paul asked Merlyn to go to the Road and Bridge and get the legal documents regarding township roads. Counselor Wood told Merlyn that if it is the township road, and all of the information is correct, they have the legal right to do what is necessary.

Merlyn said that Medicine Lodge Township received \$48,000 from FEMA for the last flood and is planning on using the money for a new belly-dump- truck. Questions were brought up about Munford Cemetery also.

Sheriff Small will be doing some welding in the jail with the help of Road and Bridge to help better protect prisoners. He is still working on policies with the help of the County Attorney and they are very in-depth.

Commissioner Harbaugh moved, seconded by Commissioner Roe to extend the Executive Order regarding COVID-19. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Debbie Wesley, Barber County Clerk


Michael T. Roe, Chairman

APRIL 27, 2020

The Board of Commissioners met for a regular meeting with all members and Clerk Wesley present.

Clay asked what to do with all of the out of date computers. It would cost \$600 per computer to fix them. Some he can use and some he can't. He will dispose of the ones he can't use. Also, Clay is looking at back-up systems for the County.

Ann McNett asked if there were any guidelines yet for when the courthouse re-opens. No decisions have been made yet. It will be discussed this week.

Dustin Avey with Piper Sandler talked about re-financing the hospital bonds and what the potential savings would be. Piper Sandler would send out proposals to the financing companies and if the proposals don't look like it is feasible, there would be no cost to the county. If it is feasible, we would re-establish the Public Building Commission and move forward.

Commissioner Roe moved, seconded by Commissioner Harbaugh for Piper Sandler to move forward with the hospital bonds.

Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Harbaugh to approve minutes of April 20. Motion carried.

Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Harbaugh to continue the Order regarding COVID-19 for 7 days. Motion carried.

Mike Loreg, Pam Rickard and Marilyn Vierthaler discussed Barber County and COVID-19. Mike is gathering information and working on a plan regarding opening Barber County. We will hold a Special Meeting on Friday, April 29th, at 1:00 to discuss plans. Pam has been in touch with the County Health Office, Dr. Richard Meador and he is in agreement with Mike and also wants to wait and see what the Governor says this week.

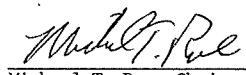
Pam has received complaints on Busters at Sun City. Sheriff Small was asked about Busters and when law got there, no one was there. He has visited with Dr. Meador also.

Marilyn said that 25 tests have been done in Barber County and still only one positive, 2 pending and the one positive person is doing well.

Nicole, 911 Communications Director, was asked to check into the Code Red program or Nixel for Emergency Response.

Meeting adjourned.


Debbie Wesley, Barber County Clerk


Michael T. Roe, Chairman

APRIL 29, 2020

The Board of Commissioners met for a regular meeting with Commissioner Roe, Clerk Wesley and Counselor Wood present. Commissioner Harbaugh called in via phone. Commissioner Smith was excused.

Payroll and warrants were approved and signed.

Mike Loreg also joined the meeting via phone. He will send a plan he is working on regarding opening the courthouse.

Russell Hansen, Custodial Department joined the meeting to discuss disinfecting. Roe asked Russell what his plans were for disinfecting. Sanitizers need to be at the doors that will be open to the public, the bathrooms need to be cleaned twice a day and door handles cleaned often. Mike Loreg will send guidelines he has for review.

Larry Conner said that the Gyp Hill Road overlay project started Monday. The bridge project on the Hardtner Shortcut is supposed to let on May 20. Tonnage at the landfill has increased since COVID-19.

Rick Wesley has a price to put a security fence around the East Tower and the Board told him to go ahead.

Counselor Wood had sent out letters inviting Alan Maze, Allan Waller with Herman Loeb Company, Dale Lonker and Nicole Ricke with Eagle Township and Jordan Lytle for a discussion on the Gyp Hill Road and Dry Creek Road. Jordan Lytle was to join the meeting but did not. The issue is mud collecting on the road from equipment and making the road unsafe. The R&B Department has removed the mud on several occasions. Larry asked Jordan to scrape mud from the road to remove safety concerns for the public.

Commissioner Roe did visit with Mr. Lytle. He had concerns that he would damage the road and the County would hold him responsible. He was told if he scraped the road and cleaned it off, the county would work with him.

Allan Waller, representing Hermon Loeb said that they have two wells down that road. He said when it is muddy, they drive ATVs to their wells.

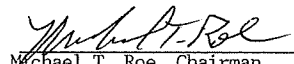
Mr. Lonker, representing Eagle Township said that he thought the majority of the stuff on the road is hay and manure. They hauled 26 loads of gravel from Gyp Hill Road to the cattle guard on Dry Creek and 3 loads of gyp rock to the highest traffic area on Dry Creek Road.

The County Attorney is maintaining an open file on the matters with the Gyp Hill Road.

Sheriff Small got a call from Vernon Chinn, former Pratt County Sheriff. He has found the stolen trailer and cooler from the Barber County Fair Board. Pratt County is working the case since they found it.

Meeting adjourned.


Debbie Wesley, Barber County Clerk


Michael T. Roe, Chairman

MAY 1, 2020

The Board of Commissioners met for a Special meeting with all members, Clerk Wesley and Counselor Wood present.

Mike Loreg went over the Governor's plan for re-opening. He has a working draft for Barber County that matches closely with the Governor's plan.

Commissioner Harbaugh moved, seconded by Commissioner Roe for an Executive Session beginning at 1:18 to discuss topics covered under K.S.A. 75-4319(a) (10) and (a) (12). Motion carried.

The Board invited the County Attorney, Clerk Wesley, Clay Couch, Mike Loreg, Pam Rickard and Marilyn Vierthaler to join the session.

At 1:48 Regular Session resumed.

After a 5-minute recess, the meeting resumed.

Department heads were either at the meeting or on the goto meeting.

The Commissioners agree that they would like to open the courthouse to the public as soon as possible with certain guidelines in place and asked each department head for their input.

District Court will limit one person at a time, sneeze guards will be in place and employees will be required to wear masks.

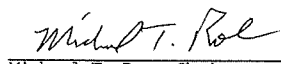
Extension will be working from home as much as possible until July 4th.

Discussion was held on limiting people in the hallways, masks and sign in sheets. Sign in sheets will be a requirement. Two doors will be open. Front doors and one handicap accessible in the back of the courthouse.

There will be no change for the following week at the courthouse. More discussion will be held on Monday.

Meeting adjourned.


Debbie Wesley, Barber County Clerk


Michael T. Roe, Chairman

MAY 4, 2020

The Board of Commissioners met for a regular meeting with Commissioners Roe and Harbaugh, Clerk Wesley and Counselor Wood present. Commissioner Smith was excused.

Commissioner Roe moved, seconded by Commissioner Harbaugh to approve minutes of April 27, 2020. Motion carried.

Commissioner Harbaugh moved, seconded by Commissioner Roe to approve minutes of April 29, 2020 with the noted changes. Motion carried.

Mike Garrett with Horizons Mental Health joined the meeting via, goto meeting for an update.

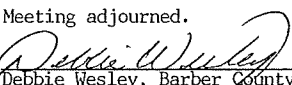
Mike Loreg said that out of 97 test taken at the Attica Nursing Home, all were negative. They are testing a few more still.

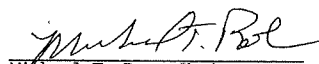
Commissioner Harbaugh moved, seconded by Commissioner Roe to approve minutes of May 1, 2020. Motion carried.

Commissioner Harbaugh moved, seconded by Commissioner Roe to continue the Executive Order (COVID-19) for another week. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on when the courthouse would re-open. More discussion will be held on Monday.

Meeting adjourned.


Debbie Wesley, Barber County Clerk


Michael T. Roe, Chairman

MAY 11, 2020

The Board of Commissioners met for a regular meeting with all members, Clerk Wesley and Counselor Wood present.

Ann McNett presented a letter from Dr. Meador, County Health Officer, regarding court hearings. Anyone coming into the courtroom has to wear a mask. Some hearings will be held by Zoom meetings.

Mike had talked to Dr. Meador on Friday and said he recommended that people wear a mask when coming to the courthouse.

Wood said that the general consensus is that most counties are opening the week of the 18th.

Mike Loreg said that the Governor will talk about phase 2 on Friday. It may change some but she will not release any information until Friday. They are trying to figure out the numbers. Figuring out the correct numbers has proved to be very difficult. Mike would like to have a Special Meeting on Friday to discuss phase 2. He will continue to get information from the CDC and KDHE. There is very specific information on those web sites.

Pam Rickard and Marilyn Vierthaler with Public Health joined the meeting. Marilyn said that she is having trouble tracking the results down. Right now, everything is negative. There is still one pending case.

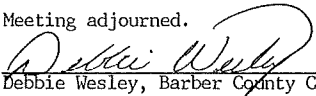
There is going to be a Special meeting Friday at 4:00 to discuss the Governor's plan.

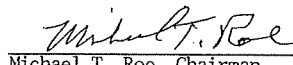
Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Harbaugh to open the courthouse by appointment only starting this week. Motion carried.

Commissioner Harbaugh moved to continue with the Executive Order for another week, seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried.

Commissioner Harbaugh moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve minutes of May 4, 2020. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.


Debbie Wesley, Barber County Clerk


Michael T. Roe, Chairman

MAY 18, 2020

The Board of Commissioners met for a regular meeting with all members, Clerk Wesley and Counselor Wood present.

Larry Conner brought in a contract for signature. Larry is buying 300 tons of asphalt. They also have removed trees on the Hardtner Short Cut and have gotten a lot of cleanup projects done. The landfill has been busier and taken in more trash.

The project on the windfarm is half completed. Bridge 76 that was to be let on May 20th may not happen until September. The funding from the Federal government is slow coming.

Mike Loreg asked the Board to renew the Emergency Declaration for COVID-19 for 60 days or until the end of this event.

Commissioner Smith moved to continue the Emergency Declaration for 7 days, Commissioner Harbaugh seconded. Motion carried.

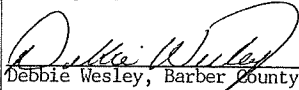
Mike went over the Governor's 1.5 Executive Order 20-32. Marilyn Viethaler said that so far all of the test are still negative with one test pending as of today.

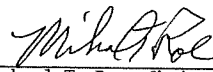
Mike has typed up a guidance document for the county to follow.

Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Harbaugh to approve minutes of May 11, 2020. Motion carried.

The meeting on the 28th has been cancelled and will be on the 26th.

Meeting adjourned.


Debbie Wesley, Barber County Clerk


Michael T. Roe, Chairman

Special Meeting

MAY 20, 2020

The Board of Commissioners met for a Special Meeting with all members and Clerk Wesley present.

Mike Loreg talked about some of the changes to the Governor's modified Phase 2 plan. The County will continue to follow the Governor's plan.

Currently there have been 75 COVID-19 test done in the county.

Commissioner Roe has been working on the Kansas Community Block Grant with the Department of Commerce.

Commissioner Roe presented a Resolution for legal authority to apply for the grant.

Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Harbaugh to pass Resolution 2020-07. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2020-07

A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING LEGAL AUTHORITY TO APPLY FOR THE KANSAS COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT-CV PROGRAM FROM THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO SIGN AND SUBMIT SUCH APPLICATION.

WHEREAS, Barber County, Kansas is a legal governmental entity as provided by the laws of the State of Kansas, and

WHEREAS, Barber County, Kansas intends to submit an application for assistance from the Kansas Community Development Block Grant-CV Grant Program.

THE APPLICANT hereby certifies that Barber County, Kansas is a legal governmental entity under the laws of the State of Kansas and thereby has the authority to apply for assistance from the Kansas Community Development Block Grant-CV Grant Program.

THE APPLICANT hereby authorizes the Chairman of the Board of Barber County Commissioners to act as the applicant's official representative in signing and submitting an application for the assistance to the 2020 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.

THE APPLICANT hereby dedicates \$4,000 in cash funds toward this project and \$0 in force account labor for same.

IT IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF BARBER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

ADOPTED this 20th day of May, 2020.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF BARBER COUNTY, KANSAS

/s/Michael T. Roe, Chairman
/s/Paul Harbaugh, Commissioner
/s/Bill Smith, Commissioner

ATTEST:

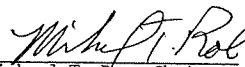
/s/Debbie Wesley, County Clerk

SEAL

There will be a Public Hearing regarding the grant at 11:-- AM on June 1st at the Annex.

Meeting adjourned.


Debbie Wesley, Barber County Clerk


Michael T. Roe, Chairman

MAY 26, 2020

The Board of Commissioners met for a regular meeting with all members and Clerk Wesley present.

Warrant and payroll were approved and signed.

Russell Hansen joined the meeting to discuss mowing. He wanted to know why mowing was coming out of his budget since he was not the one that wanted it hired. He also wanted to know if they wanted to hydro-seed at the Health Department. He will get estimates.

Karen Spencer, Appraiser, said that she was about ready to certify to the Clerk and that oil, gas and PP was at 27 million in 2019 and this year it is at 13.5 million.

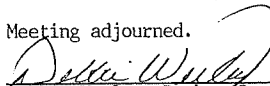
Pam Rickard and Marilyn viethaler gave an update on COVID-19. There are 6 test pending. At present there have been 86 total tested. There has still been only 1 positive case in the county.

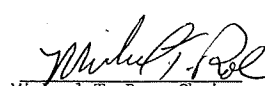
Commissioner Harbaugh moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith to extend the Executive Order regarding COVID-19 for 7 days. Motion carried.

Commissioner Smith moved seconded by Commissioner Harbaugh to approve minutes of May 18, 2020. Motion carried.

For the CDBG Grant (Small Business Grant), that the County has applied for, we are asking for \$254,000 and it would cost the county \$4,000. The Board will move forward with applying for the Grant funding.

Meeting adjourned.


Debbie Wesley, Barber County Clerk


Michael T. Roe, Chairman

JUNE 1, 2020

The Board of Commissioners met for a regular meeting with all members, Clerk Wesley and Counselor Wood present.

The Board signed a contract with Echo IT, LLC for a Technology service. He will be available if our current IT person, Clay Couch is unavailable, and we will pay him a minimum of 2 hours a month at \$85 dollars an hour.

Ann McNett read the courts order regarding COVID-19. Supreme Court Chief Justice, Judge Mott sent out an order pertaining how it is to be handled when people are coming in the courthouse.

Commissioner Harbaugh moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith to continue the County Emergency Declaration regarding COVID-19 for 7 days. Motion carried.

Mike Loreg discussed the Governor's plan that was turned over to the counties. Mike and the Public Health Department think it is best to provide some guidance to the county. Mike is suggesting following the Governor's Phase 2, Ad Astra plan until June 8th. His concerns are if we open to fast, it will cause extra stress on the hospitals should an outbreak occur. He is suggesting waiting 14 days to make sure there aren't any new cases following the Memorial Day holiday. After the 14 days, we would move to Phase 3, June 8th, 2020.

In the current guidelines the public is limited to 15 persons. One June 8th, people will be limited to 45.

Marilyn said we have tested 88 currently and there are no new cases and none pending.

Pam has had some calls from the schools. There are policies out for the schools on disinfecting.

John Nixon is wanting to hold an auction and was asking for guidelines. We are still following Phase 2 and by the time he holds the auction we could be in Phase 3 or 4.

Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Harbaugh to approve Special Meeting minutes of May 20. Motion carried.

At 11:00 a.m., June 1st, 2020, the meeting was opened for the Public hearing regarding the Kansas Department of Commerce, CDBG-CV 2020 Grant.

The hearing was opened for public comments.

Jeff and Gina Woods were present for the Public Hearing along with 1 or 2 online (go to meeting). Mike explained the guidelines and how the grant is funded. The \$250,000 grant money is funded by HUD and administered and issued by the Kansas Department of Commerce. The County Commissioners are aware that there are businesses this money could help. The Commissioners would like to continue receiving public in-put so that they know where the money is most needed and have good participation from small businesses through-out Barber County.

Robin Eubanks has offered her assistance with the grant. Robin has been helpful with content editing.

At 11:20 a.m., June 1, 2020, the CDBG-CV19 - 2020 Public Hearing closed and regular session resumed

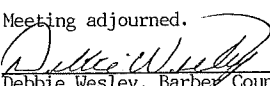
Sheriff Small was called to the meeting. He was asked if he would mind continuing to help District Court with monitoring clients and help them fill out the questioner that has been requested by the Supreme Court Justice, along with what he is currently doing. Lonnie said that he would be glad to do all of the monitoring as long as needed.

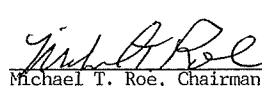
We are currently in Phase 2 modified. Mike Loreg brought in a copy of Phase 3 for the Board to look over.

Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner harbaugh to approve the existing Phase 2 guidelines and Phase 3 as presented, for the Barber County COVID-19 Plan. Motion carried.

The County Attorney will prepare a document formalizing that adoption.

Meeting adjourned.


Debbie Wesley, Barber County Clerk


Michael T. Roe, Chairman

JUNE 8, 2020

The Board of Commissioners met for a regular meeting with Commissioners Smith and Harbaugh present. Commissioner Roe was present by phone. clerk Wesley and Counselor Wood were also present.

Commissioner Roe sent all the work for the Grant to the State. He has also visited with Kyle Hoffman about the Grant.

Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Harbaugh to approve minutes of June 1, 2020. Motion carried.

Karen Spencer, appraiser, gave a copy of a Data Inventory Questionnaires that she has sent out as mailers to a percentage of residents. They have been sent to 17% of the County. There are currently 7,045 parcels in the county and approximately 1,200 residents will receive them. These were sent out instead of going door to door and asking questions considering social distancing is still in affect relating to COVID-19.

The contract with McCully and Associates was signed by the Board.

Mike Loreg discusses a mass communication system. Through Homeoand Security, Barber County has been awarded a grant for Everbridge. This is a mass communication system as an early warning system for the people of

Barber County. This will be a 3-year paid contract through the Homeland Security Council, totaling \$25,000 dollars. with the current project, Barber County will be in with 6 other counties, allowing mutual aid in times of disaster. It is a mass notification system and Emergency Management would like all county employees to get on this system initially. The County will then open it up to everyone in Barber County.

Mike, Pam and Marilyn talked about changes on the COVID-19. There have been 93 people tested and two cases still pending results. Mike had two meetings with the State of Kansas and they are ready to continue to move forward with Phase 3. Emergency Management and Public Health are in agreement with moving forward to Phase 3 starting today and will last for 2 weeks, until June 22, and is considered a soft opening. Groups of 45 will still need to keep a 6-foot distance within other groups of 45 or less.

The Board is in consensus that the courthouse will open up tomorrow and the offices will continue to limit how many people will be allowed in each office.

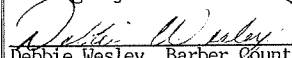
Commissioner Smith moved seconded by Commissioner Roe to extend the Emergency Declaration for 7 days. Motion carried.

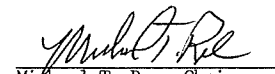
The next meeting will be in the courthouse on June 15.

Kathryn Rohrer with Community Corrections submitted a 2021 budget. There are no changes on the Juvenile Comprehensive Plan. They are seeing more high-level cases overall. There has been a slight increase in sending people to prison within the Community Correction Program.

Sheriff Small is looking into video visits for people who are incarcerated in the jail instead of person to person visits. Phone cards will still be used. This will allow people to have visitation by video and allow people who cannot travel or live far away visitation with inmates also.

Meeting adjourned.


Debbie Wesley, Barber County Clerk


Michael T. Roe, Chairman

JUNE 15, 2020

The Board of Commissioners met for a regular meeting with Commissioner's Smith and Harbaugh, Clerk Wesley and Counselor Wood present. Commissioner Roe was excused.

Larry reported that the new building is coming along. The air unit went out at the landfill and he will need to replace it. He is also looking at new fencing for the landfill.

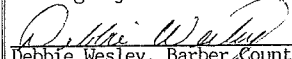
Pam with Public Health said 102 citizens have been tested with still just 1 positive case in Barber County.

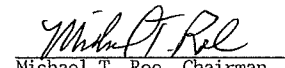
Commissioner Harbaugh moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith to continue the Emergency Declaration (COVID-19) for 7 days. Motion carried.

Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Harbaugh to approve minutes of June 8. Motion carried.

Russell presented the bid for hydro-seeding. Paul said that it is too dry considering we would have to do dirt work and water for the seed to germinate. He would like to wait until the fall. The contract was presented for the bug spraying from Redrock Protection and was approved.

Meeting adjourned. at 10:00 a.m.


Debbie Wesley, Barber County Clerk


Michael T. Roe, Chairman

JUNE 22, 2020

The Board of Commissioners met for a regular meeting with Commissioners Harbaugh and Smith present. Commissioner Roe was present via phone. Clerk Wesley was also present.

Mike Loreg presented a letter that he and the Public Health Dept. drafted for the opening of Barber County. We have tested 120 with two pre-op tests pending and 1 test not returned yet. Pam will have our County Health Officer look over the guidelines and get back to the Board.

North Barber County Ambulance would like to buy a new ambulance and would like to visit with the Board. Bill will try to get Kevin White on the schedule.

Larry Conner brought in two bids on the new fencing at the landfill. One bid was just for half the fencing.

Kansas Fencing - \$23,000
England Construction, for only half the fencing, \$22,920.

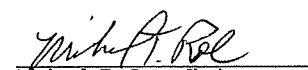
The Board asked Larry to advertise in the local paper to see if we can get more bids.

Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Harbaugh to approve minutes of June 15, 2020. Motion carried.

Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Harbaugh to extend the Emergency Declaration for 7 days. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.


Debbie Wesley, Barber County Clerk


Michael T. Roe, Chairman

JUNE 29, 2020

The Board of Commissioners met for a regular meeting with Commissioners Harbaugh and Smith present. Deputy Clerk Colborn was also present.

The Commissioners signed vouchers and did county business.

Larry Conner, Road & Bridge Supervisor came in to discuss River road. A culvert has collapsed and Larry came to tell the Commissioners that the road was annexed into the city several years ago.

Kevin White joined the meeting to discuss an ambulance. Mike Loreg also joined the meeting. Gaten Wood joined the meeting. Commissioner Roe joined the meeting via phone. Kevin White thanked the commissioners for all of their work during the Covid 19 pandemic. He informed them of what is happening at the hospital and how they will use Covid 19 fund money. He came to discuss that they are wanting to purchase an ambulance with some of those funds. They discussed the ownership of the ambulances and possible changing the contract with the hospital.

Mike Loreg discussed the new communication system. It should be able to go live in July. He asked the commissioners and Gaten Wood if they agreed to also be on it. They all agreed to be on it.

There was discussion about the Grant money. There will be a lot of audits with the grant. Lot of things you can spend it for and it will have to be spent or allocated by a certain time. Can hire someone to work on the plan for the grant. All funding for counties will come through this cares act grant for the counties to be used through our county. Pam and Marilyn from Public Health joined the meeting. The Commissioners are going to wait for Gaten to get the Resolution for the County relief fund filled out with the right numbers before they pass the resolution.

Marilyn had numbers of people who are being quarantined in the county and surrounding counties. They discussed the thoughts of all of them and whether to stay in phase 3. They decided to follow the Governors recommendations for another week. Nobody has talked to Pete Meador since last Monday. They discussed how often they should renew the disaster. Mike Roe made a motion to approve the 7 day document to extend the diaster declaration. Bill smith seconded it and the motion passed.

Signed more vouchers and county business. July meetings will be 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th by phone and 30th.

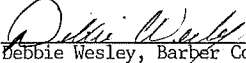
Bill smith moved to approve the minutes of June 22, 2020 and was seconded by Paul Harbaugh, motion was passed.

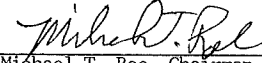
Took a 5 minute break.

Finished signing vouchers.

Gaten Woods finished filling in numbers for the resulation so the commissioners can approve it today. Paul Harbaugh made a motion to pass resolution 2020-08, County Coronavirus Relief Fund Resolution seconded by Bill Smith. Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned.


Debbie Wesley, Barber County Clerk


Michael T. Roe, Chairman

July 6, 2020
Resolution 2020-09

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BARBER COUNTY, KANSAS EXEMPTING BARBER COUNTY FROM EXECUTIVE ORDER 20-52 ISSUED BY GOVERNOR LAURA KELLY AND REQUIRING MASKS OR OTHER FACE COVERINGS IN PUBLIC:

WHEREAS, K.S.A. 19-101a, et seq., and amendments therto, authorizes the Board of County Commissioners of Barber County, Kansas (hereinafter the "Board") to transact all County business and perform all powers of local legislation and administration it deems appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Kansas did on July 2, 2020 issue Executive Order 20-52, requiring masks or other face coverings in public, and became effective at 12:01 AM on Friday, July 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 33 of Kansas HB 2016, the Board of County Commissioners may issue an order relating to public health that includes provisions that are less strigent than the provisions of an executive order issued by the Governor of the State of Kansas.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS THE FINDING AND RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF BARBER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

1. The Board has consulted with the local health officer, the Director of Public Health, the Director of Emergency Management concerning the requirement of wearing masks or other face coverings in public.
2. That after consultation, the Board highly recommends that masks and face coverings be utilized in public, however, the implementation of Executive Order 20-52 is not necessary to protect the health and safety of Barber County.
3. As of this date, there has been one (1) recovered positive case of COVID-19 within Barber County.
4. EFFECTIVE DATE: This resolution shall become effective immediately and shall be published once in the official county newspaper.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Board of County Commissioners of Barber County, Kansas that Barber County is exempt from the requirements of Executive Order 20-52 issued by the Governor of the State of Kansas.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the foregoing Resolution was adopted this 6th day of July, 2020.
BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BARBER COUNTY, KANSAS

/s/Michael Roe, Chairman
/s/Paul Harbaugh, Commissioner
/s/Bill Smith, Commissioner

ATTEST:
/s/Debbie Wesley
Barber County Clerk

JULY 6, 2020

The Board of Commissioners met for a regular meeting with all members and Clerk Wesley present. Attonrey Wood attended by phone.

Discussion was held on the Governor's Order. The Commissioners have reached out to the public over the weekend and did their own surveys on what the public's opinion were.

Ted Behring with the Farmers Coop in Isabel came in to discuss River Road. The road has been blocked off due to road damage. He has already talked to the city and let them know how it is affecting business at the Coop, and he is wondering how long it is going to take to fix the road. That part of the road is owned by the city. Larry said that he offered to fix the road for the city. The city would pay the county for the work. He has not heard back from the city as of yet.

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Barber County Resolution 2020-08 - County Coronavirus Relief Fund Resolution

WHEREAS, securing the health, safety, and economic well-being of our residents is Barber County's top priority;

WHEREAS, Barber County, Kansas is facing both a public health and economic crisis – the pandemic and public health emergency of COVID-19 – which has resulted in illness, quarantines, school closures, and temporary closure of businesses resulting in lost wages and financial hardship to Kansas citizens;

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared a pandemic on March 11, 2020;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States pursuant to Sections 201 and 301 of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. § 1601, et seq. and consistent with Section 1135 of the Social Security Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 1320b-5), declared a national emergency that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a national emergency beginning March 1, 2020;

WHEREAS, as of this date, in Barber County there have been reported positive cases of COVID-19, including no deaths with a likely second wave of COVID-19 cases expected in the Fall;

WHEREAS, Barber County must remain flexible to account for the evolving nature and scope of the unprecedented public health emergency posed by COVID-19, while also simultaneously beginning the process of safely, strategically, and incrementally reopening business and facilitating economic recovery and revitalization;

WHEREAS, for the aforementioned and other reasons, and in recognition and furtherance of my responsibility to provide for and ensure the health, safety, security, and welfare of the people of the Barber County, the Board of County Commissioners of Barber County, Kansas has determined that the evolving public health and economic threats posed by COVID-19 require a proactive approach to provide immediate financial relief and long-term economic investment to communities within Barber County, Kansas;

WHEREAS, in these challenging times, this Barber County will do whatever it can to avoid immediate dangers to the health, safety, and welfare of our constituents and prepare for future waves of COVID-19, including providing guidance and support for local municipal and educational entities who are making difficult and important decisions to protect the health and safety of their populations and facing significant economic challenges;

WHEREAS, on June 16, 2020, the State Finance Council approved the Strengthening People and Revitalizing Kansas (SPARK) Taskforce's proposal to distribute eight hundred fifty-nine thousand nine hundred eighty-nine dollars (\$859,989.00) to Barber County help address the health and economic challenges inflicted by COVID-19 based on Barber County's population and impact from COVID-19 with funds provided for reimbursement of COVID-19 related costs and as direct aid unless otherwise approved by the SPARK Taskforce.

Be it resolved that, pursuant to the authority vested in Board of County Commissioners of Barber County, Kansas, including the authority granted to this body by the DECLARATION OF A STATE OF LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY FOR BARBER COUNTY, KANSAS effective March 16, 2020, in order to begin the process of safely, strategically, and proactively providing communities within Barber County the resources they need to both mitigating the spread of COVID-19 and invest in long-term economic recovery, Board of County Commissioners of Barber County, Kansas accepts any funds appropriated to Barber County by the State of Kansas through the State’s Coronavirus Relief Fund pursuant to the following terms designed to ensure the lawful use of funds and transparency, equity, and accountability:

1. Section 5001 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (“CARES”) Act, as codified in 42 U.S.C. § 801, provides the eligible purposes for which Coronavirus Relief Fund (“CRF”) payments may be used. Under 42 U.S.C. § 801(d) funds may be used for:
 - a. necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);
 - b. not accounted for in the budget most recently approved for the county as of March 27, 2020; and
 - c. incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020 and ends on December 30, 2020.
2. The following are examples of public health expenditures allowed pursuant to paragraph 1.a. above and 42 U.S.C. § 801(d):
 - COVID-19 related expenses of public hospitals or clinics
 - COVID-19 testing and quarantine costs
 - Payroll of employees substantially dedicated to COVID-19 mitigation or response
 - Expenses for establishing and operating public telemedicine capabilities
 - Technological improvements to facilitate distance learning
 - Improving telework capabilities
 - Grants to small businesses to reimburse the costs of business interruption caused by required closures
 - Government payroll support program
 - Unemployment insurance costs related to COVID-19
3. The following are examples of public health expenditures NOT allowed pursuant to paragraph 1.a. above and 42 U.S.C. § 801(d):

- Damages covered by insurance
 - Payroll or benefits for employees not substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to COVID-19
 - Expenses that will be reimbursed under any federal program
 - Reimbursement to donors for donating items or services
 - Workforce bonuses other than hazard pay or overtime
 - Severance pay
 - Legal settlements
4. Additionally, as outlined in guidance issued by the Congressional Research Service on April 14, 2020, “Coronavirus Relief Fund payments may not be used to directly account for revenue shortfalls related to the COVID-19 outbreak. Such funds, however, may indirectly assist with revenue shortfalls in cases where expenses paid for by the Coronavirus Relief Fund would otherwise widen the gap between government outlays and receipts.”
5. To ensure the effective and timely oversight of local and state spending, and pursuant to a motion passed by the SPARK Taskforce on June 2, 2020, Barber County will comply with the following reporting and recoupment structure:
- a. On August 15, 2020, counties will provide a first reconciliation of CRF funds. This reconciliation will constitute any additional receipts to be reimbursed through the CRF and a plan for spending the flexible direct aid and any unused funds provided to the county pursuant to the allowable expenditures outlined in 42 U.S.C. § 801(d). The SPARK Taskforce will approve the submitted direct aid spending plan in a timely manner upon receipt.
 - i. Additionally, any funds held by a county that have not been appropriated through the county’s direct aid plan by August 15, 2020, for expenditures to occur prior to December 30, 2020, must be returned to the State for recoupment by September 15, 2020.
 - b. On September 15, 2020, counties will provide a second reconciliation of CRF funds. This reconciliation will constitute any additional receipts to be reimbursed through the CRF and an accounting of all additional spending as approved through their respective direct aid plan.
 - c. On November 1, 2020, counties will provide a third reconciliation of CRF funds. This reconciliation will constitute any additional receipts to be reimbursed through the CRF and an accounting of all additional spending as approved through their respective direct aid plan.

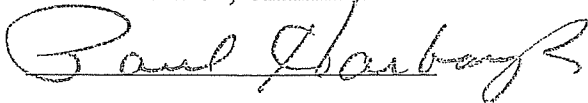
- d. On December 1, 2020, counties will provide a fourth reconciliation of CRF funds. This reconciliation will constitute any additional receipts to be reimbursed through the CRF and an accounting of all additional spending as approved through their respective direct aid plan.
 - e. On February 1, 2021, counties will provide a fifth and final reconciliation of CRF funds. This date may be subject to change based on updated federal guidance for final federal reconciliation and recoupment deadlines. This reconciliation will constitute any additional receipts to be reimbursed through the CRF and an accounting of all additional spending as approved through their respective direct aid plan.
 - f. Any unspent funds not accounted for in the county's direct aid plan or otherwise unspent by December 30, 2020 must be returned to the State for recoupment. All reconciliation documents submitted to the SPARK Taskforce will be made publicly available by the Governor's Office of Recovery.
6. To ensure transparency and accountability in the deliberation, expenditure, and oversight processes associated with CRF funds, Barber County, in conjunction with the SPARK Taskforce and the Office of Recovery, will:
 - a. Make publicly accessible all meetings or hearings in which CRF expenditures are considered.
 - b. Make publicly accessible any meeting materials associated with the expenditure of CRF funds, including but not limited to agendas, presentations, and minutes.
 - c. Make publicly accessible a detailed and timely accounting of CRF spending, including any financial reconciliation materials.
 - d. Create, publicize, and manage a process for non-governmental organizations, businesses, and Barber County residents to provide comments on spending decisions, submit requests for new programs, and ask questions regarding CRF spending or administration.
 - e. Create, publicize, and manage a process for any local entities receiving CRF funds to report spending and outcomes.
7. To ensure that all educational and municipal entities within counties receive CRF funds to meet their respective health and economic challenges, the SPARK Taskforce Executive Committee passed a motion on June 2, 2020, to direct counties to allocate and share CRF funding to public educational and municipal entities within their counties. Pursuant to this motion, Barber County, will develop and implement a process to share, allocate, account for, and recoup funds appropriated to public educational and municipal entities within their counties for reimbursement of COVID-19 related expenses and provide reasonable consideration of flexible direct aid spending requests made to the county by public educational and municipal entities pursuant to the provisions of 42 U.S.C. § 801.

- a. If a public educational or municipal entity has locations in more than one county, the entity should be treated as located in the county in which the entity's principal office or headquarters is located.
8. The COVID-19 pandemic has disproportionately impacted racial minorities within the State of Kansas, illustrating long-standing health disparities for African-American, Latino, and other racial minority populations in the United States. Accordingly Barber County will consider and incorporate efforts to address such disproportionate impacts on racial minorities in its direct aid plan.
9. As provided in 42 U.S.C. § 801(f), the Inspector General of the Department of the Treasury determines whether CRF payments have been used for eligible purposes. Fund payments that are deemed to have been used for ineligible purposes are treated as a debt owed by the implementing government to Treasury. This resolution signifies that, upon approval, Barber County agrees to cooperate with any audits or inquiries by the Department of the Treasury concerning CRF funds and agrees to pay any debt incurred to the Department of the Treasury due to ineligible expenditures of appropriated CRF funds.
10. Barber County understands that the United States Department of the Treasury or the Governor's Office of Recovery may issue guidance regarding the transfer, expenditure, reimbursement, or other use of CRF funds.

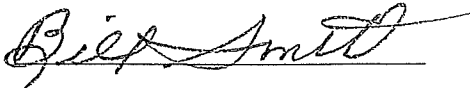
This document shall be filed with BARBER COUNTY CLERK. It shall become effective as of JUNE 29, 2020.



Michael T. Roe, Chairman

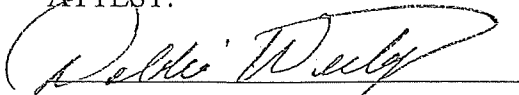


Paul Harbaugh, Member



Bill Smith, Member

ATTEST:



Debbie Wesley, Barber County Clerk

Seal:

PUBLIC NOTICE

(Published in the Gyp Hill Premiere, on July 13, 2020)

Resolution No. 2020 - 09

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BARBER COUNTY, KANSAS EXEMPTING BARBER COUNTY FROM EXECUTIVE ORDER 20-52 ISSUED BY GOVERNOR LAURA KELLY AND REQUIRING MASKS OR OTHER FACE COVERINGS IN PUBLIC:

WHEREAS, K.S.A. 19-101a, *et seq.*, and amendments thereto, authorizes the Board of County Commissioners of Barber County, Kansas (hereinafter the "Board") to transact all County business and perform all powers of local legislation and administration it deems appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Kansas did on July 2, 2020 issue Executive Order 20-52, requiring masks or other face coverings in public, and became effective at 12:01AM on Friday July 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 33 of Kansas HB 2016, the Board of County Commissioners may issue an order relating to public health that includes provisions that are less stringent than the provisions of an executive order issued by the Governor of the State of Kansas.

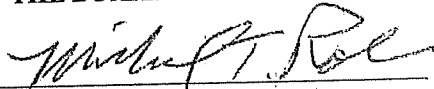
NOW THEREFORE, IT IS THE FINDING AND RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF BARBER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS;

1. The Board has consulted with the local health officer, the Director of Public Health, the Director of Emergency Management concerning the requirement of wearing masks or other face coverings in public.
2. That after consultation, the Board highly recommends that masks and face coverings be utilized in public, however, the implementation of Executive Order 20-52 is not necessary to protect the health and safety of Barber County.
3. As of this date, there has been one (1) recovered positive case of COVID-19 within Barber County.
4. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This resolution shall become effective immediately and shall be published once in the official county newspaper.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Board of County Commissioners of Barber County, Kansas that Barber County is exempt from the requirements of Executive Order 20-52 issued by the Governor of the State of Kansas.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the foregoing Resolution was adopted this 6th day of July, 2020.

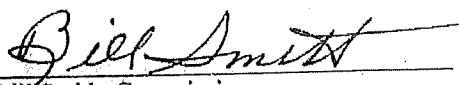
BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BARBER COUNTY, KANSAS



Michael Roe, Chairman

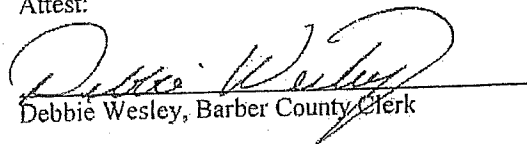


Paul Harbaugh, Commissioner



Bill Smith, Commissioner

Attest:



Debbie Wesley, Barber County Clerk

The Board signed the annual Solid Waste Plan.

Mike Loreg discussed the CARES money and how to track it. The State of Kansas suggested hiring someone to be in charge of the funding.

The Governors Executive Order says to wear mask in public where you can't social distance. Some counties are opting out because of policing it. Some counties are suggesting wearing mask in public but not making it mandatory.

Marilyn said we have tested 155 and have 2 positive test as of last week. She is tracking people that were exposed from the last positive and has asked two people who were exposed to self-quarantine. We have 1 pending test, which is a pre-op test.

Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Harbaugh to pass resolution 2020-09, Motion carried.
SEE RESOLUTION ABOVE

Barber County will continue to stay in phase 3, and highly recommend wearing a mask.

Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Harbaugh to extend the Declaration for 60 days with reviewing every 7 days. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held on the offices in the Courthouse. It will be left to each office to decide what they expect in their office relating to COVID-19.

At 11:00 bids were opened for the Deerhead Fire Station. There were two bids received.

Kessler Construction: \$77,512.00
66 Construction: \$54,949.00

Commissioner Harbaugh moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith to award the bid to 66 Construction. Motion carried.

The Board asked Fire Chief Rick Wesley about a burn ban. Rick is in favor of a burn ban. The Board agreed and decided to instate a burn ban. Commissioner Harbaugh moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith to put the burn ban in effect for Barber County. They will look at it again in 7 days.

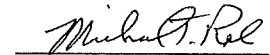
Discussion was held on the CARES ACT money and how to work with it. At the meeting on Monday, July 13th, more discussion will be held.

Commissioner Smith motioned to approved to approve minutes of June 29, seconded by Commissioner Harbaugh. Motion carried.

The Board will start reviewing budgets on July 13 at 1:00.

Meeting adjourned.


Debbie Wesley, Barber County Clerk


Michael T. Roe, Chairman

JULY 13, 2020

The Board of Commissioners met for a regular meeting with all members and Clerk Wesley present.

Brian Withrow and Ryan Cunningham with USD 254 joined the meeting. Brian said that right now, the opening of the schools is left to local officials to decide. August 19 is the scheduled first day of school and as of now that is the intention of the School Board. They are looking at 3 scenarios. The first one is school as normal. The second one is in person and on line. The third one is all on line, if it comes to that. The school board will continue to keep the Commissioners informed on what USD 254 is doing.

Ann McNett requested money from the CARES money that the county is to receive.

Kevin White said that if he were to insure the new ambulance that he is looking at purchasing with COVID funding, the cost would be around \$5,000 per year. Currently the county has a contract with the hospital for the North Barber County Ambulance service. The ambulances are county owned and insured by the county. Kevin will talk to his insurance company and see what it would cost to insure all of the ambulances in the North part of Barber County.

Rick Wesley said he had people asking about the burn ban. The Board agreed with Rick to take the burn bad off until further notice.

Commissioner Smith moved seconded by Commissioner Harbaugh to approve minutes of July 6, 2020. Motion carried.

Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Harbaugh to extend the Executive Order for 60 days. Motion carried. It will be reviewed in 7 days.

Mike Loreg, Pam Rickard and Marilyn Viethaler joined the meeting. We have tested 180 total with two positive cases. There are 3 pending test as of today. A third person that tested positive lives out of the state and will be counted in that state.

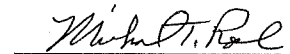
Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Harbaugh for a 30 minute Executive Session beginning at 11:05 to discuss non-elected personnel, referring to 75-4319(b)(10). Motion carried.

Attorney Wood, Clerk Wesley, Mike Loreg, Pam Rickard, Marilyn Vierthaler werè all in attendance.

Regular session resumed at 11:34.

Meeting adjourned.


Debbie Wesley, Barber County Clerk


Michael T. Roe, Chairman

JULY 20, 2020

The Board of Commissioners met for a regular meeting with all members and Clerk Wesley present.

Larry Conner said that Barber County did not get selected for the first round of the KDOT cost share program for bridges. He has applied for the second round of the program. Bridge 76, first bridge on the Hardtner Short-cut, is due for letting on October 21. This is an 80/20 project.

The culvert has been put in on River Road. The Road and Bridge Department did the work for the city of Medicine Lodge. Also, the Waste management Plan was approved for the landfill. Terricon is working on a preliminary plan for the new NE cell at the landfill.

Bids for fencing at the landfill were reviewed.

Kansas Fence Company - \$23,000
Graves Fencing - \$20,244.93

Commissioner Harbaugh moved seconded by Commissioner Smith to award the bid to Graves Fencing for \$20,244.93. Motion carried.

Mike Loreg, Pam Rickard, Marilyn vierthaler and Joscelyn Nittler joined the meeting to discuss COVID-19 and the CARES ACT money.

Mike said that the Governor will make an announcement at 3:00. Until we see what she says, everything is staying the same.

There have been 200 tested in the county with two pending, 1 with symptoms. Currently there has been three positive cases in the county with one being from out of state. Marilyn would like to see more mask worn in the county. When Mike was asked about wearing a mask, he said that if a business asked him to wear a mask, he would. In a public gathering with close quarters he would.

Pam has hired two people to do contact tracing so that they will be trained if the need arises.

The Board had asked Joscelyn Nittler to submit a proposal to be the project manager for the CARES funding that will be received. A plan has to be put in place. Round one is the only money that the county will have control of. Round 2 and 3 of the CARES funding will not be the responsibility of the county.

Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Harbaugh to appoint Joscelyn Nittler as the project manager for the CARES money. There will be 7 voting members when the committee is decided on.

Brian Withrow with USD 254 joined the meeting. The school district has been very proactive in considering COVID-19 and the school. They have purchased computers for every student, purchased PPE's and had training for the teachers. Depending on what the Governor does today, Brian is saying that USD 254 is prepared for 20/21 school years and would like to start school as soon as possible. As of right now, 254 is to start school on the 19th of August.

Cathryn Rohrer with Community Corrections gave an update. COVID has slowed things down with corrections also.

Commissioner Smith moved to continue with the Emergency Declaration, seconded by Commissioner Harbaugh. Motion carried.

Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Harbaugh to approve minutes of July 13. Motion carried.

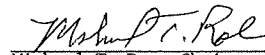
At 12:00 the Board convened for lunch.

The meeting reconvened at 1:00.

County budgets were reviewed. The Board met with some department heads to go over their budgets. Some budgets were reduced with more discussion to be held after meeting with the auditor next week.

Meeting adjourned.


Debbie Wesley, Barber County Clerk


Michael T. Roe, Chairman

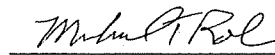
JULY 27, 2020

The Board of Commissioners met via phone to continue the Emergency Declaration for COVID-19.

Commissioner Harbaugh moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith to continue the COVID-19 Emergency Declaration for 7 days. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned.


Debbie Wesley, Barber County Clerk


Michael T. Roe, Chairman

JULY 30, 2020

The Board of Commissioners met for a regular meeting with all members and Clerk Wesley present.

Commissioner Harbaugh moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith to appoint Kay Steckman and Ella Rundel to the SWKAA Board. Motion carried.

Karen Spencer, Appraiser, requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel.

Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Harbaugh for a 10-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel beginning at 9:20. Motion carried. The Board, the County Clerk and Karen Spencer were present for the executive session.

The Board re-convened at 9:27.

Commissioner Smith moved seconded by Harbaugh to extend Executive Session for 10 minutes beginning at 10:27. Motion carried.

Regular Session resumed at 10:37. The Board approved to let Karen promote Marty Sheetz to Deputy Appraiser.

Brian Withrow and Mark Buck with USD 254 joined the meeting. The Governor's mask order was discussed. Brian is going to ask the school board to adopt the CDC guidelines. Also, they are looking at starting school on the 24th of August instead of the 19th.

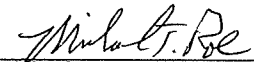
Melissa Romme, county auditor, called at 10:00. With the current figures put into the 2021 budget that the Board approved so far and after numerous cuts, the county will stay under the tax lid.

Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Harbaugh to approve minutes of July 20 and 27th. Motion carried.

Commissioner Harbaugh moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith to continue with the COVID-19 Emergency Declaration. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.


Debbie Wesley, Barber County Clerk


Michael T. Roe, Chairman

AUGUST 3, 2020

The Board of Commissioners met via phone to continue the Emergency Declaration for COVID-19.

Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Roe to continue the COVID-19 Emergency Declaration for 7 days. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.


Debbie Wesley, Barber County Clerk


Michael T. Roe, Chairman

AUGUST 10, 2020

The Board of Commissioners met for a regular meeting with Commissioner Harbaugh and Roe, Counselor Wood and Clerk Wesley present. Commissioner Smith called in.

Mike Loreg and Joscelyn Nittler came in to discuss the CARES money.

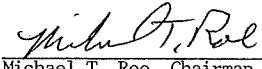
Joscelyn has gathered most of the information needed and the committee reviewed all of the request and brought the information to the Board for review. After going over all of the request, Commissioner Roe moved seconded by Commissioner Harbaugh for Joscely to move forward.

Robin Eubanks-Callis joined the meeting to discuss the CDBG Grant. The County has already been approved for the grant money of \$110.00. Commissioner Roe had all of the paperwork to finish up with the Grant and was requesting permission from the Board to move forward.

Commissioner Harbaugh moved, Roe seconded to move forward with the CDBG Grant. Motion carried.

Commissioner Harbaugh moved, seconded by Commissioner Roe to extend the Emergency Declaration for 7 days. Motion carried.


Debbie Wesley, Barber County Clerk


Michael T. Roe, Chairman

AUGUST 12, 2020

The Board of Commissioners met for a regular meeting with all members, Clerk Wesley and Counselor Wood present.

The Chairman approved the Cereal Malt Beverage license for the golf course.

Gina Woods had concerns over a sheriff deputy that the Sheriff had hired. She wanted to know if there was anything the Board could do.

Joscelyn Nittler came in to talk about the Spark Grant.

Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith to close the Commission to open the Barber County Canvass of the 2020 Primary Election. Motion carried.

At 10:00 the 2020 Primary Election Canvass was opened.

The Board reviewed the write-in books and signed the 0 total tape showing that the machine was cleared and set for canvass.

There are 22 provisional ballots.

Commissioner Smith moved to accept 17 and reject 5 provisional ballots, seconded by Commissioner Harbaugh. Motion carried.

The ballots were ran through the counting machine and added to official election book.

Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Harbaugh to close the 2020 Primary Election Canvass. Motion carried.

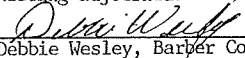
Pam would like to get a new refrigerator for vaccines for the Public Health Department and use the money she received from the COVID monies or the CARES money. The Board gave permission to order the refrigerator.

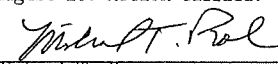
Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Roe to approve minutes of August 3, 2020. Motion carried.

Commissioner Harbaugh moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve minutes of July 30, 2020. Motion carried.

Commissioner Smith moved seconded by Commissioner Harbaugh to approve minutes of August 10. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.


Debbie Wesley, Barber County Clerk


Michael T. Roe, Chairman

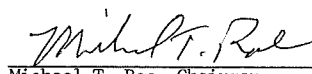
AUGUST 17, 2020

The Board of Commissioners met via phone to continue the Emergency Declaration for COVID-19.

Commissioner Smith moved seconded by Commissioner Roe to continue the COVID-19 Emergency Declaration for 7 days. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.


Debbie Wesley, Barber County Clerk


Michael T. Roe, Chairman

AUGUST 24, 2020

The Board of Commissioners met for a regular meeting with all members, Counselor Wood and Clerk Wesley present.

Terry Riicke asked why the township took out his fence and how he is supposed to know where to put it back. Commissioner Roe stated that the fence issue is between Terry and the Township Board and he should contact them to get on their agenda for their next meeting.

Counselor Wood also told Terry he would need to visit with the Township. Gaten Wood had sent a letter to approximately 15 of the land owners telling them they would need to move their fence acting in his capacity as criminal attorney for the county. That is all he can do as his part.

Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Harbaugh to continue with the COVID-19 Disaster Declaration for 7 days. Motion carried.

Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner harbaugh to accept minutes of August 12, 2020. Motion carried.

Pam Rickard and Marilyn Vierthaler with Public Health reported for 2020 that Barber County has had 263 tested for COVID since the pandemic started. We have had 5 positive cases. Marilyn presented a report that said if 93 percent of the people would wear masks, we could get it under control.

The Board opened the meeting for the Budget Hearing. Jeff and Gina Woods and Jason LeClair were present for the hearing.

Gina asked about the Sheriff budget and Extension Budget. Both of those budgets remained the same as last year.

Commissioner Roe stated that the Board had made several cuts and the remaining budgets were pretty much flat.

Jason LeClair asked about the 911 funding.

Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commission Harbaugh to approve the 2021 County Budget as proposed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Harbaugh moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the 2021 Barber County Rural Fire District One budget as proposed. Motion carried.

The Budget Hearing was closed and the regular meeting resumed.

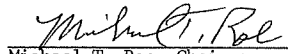
Larry received a proposal from Venture to over-lay part of tri-city road south of Hazelton. He believes he has the money in his budget for this project.

The county currently has 4 graders consisting of a 1998, 2007, 2010 and 2016. He is looking at leasing new graders. If you do a 7-year lease you could purchase it after the 7 years as long as you keep it under 1000 hours.

The Board made a call to the county auditor, Melissa Romme to make sure the R&B Department would have the money available in 2020 and 2021 to lease the new graders.

Meeting adjourned.


Debbie Wesley, Barber County Clerk


Michael T. Roe, Chairman

AUGUST 27, 2020

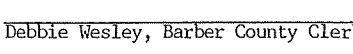
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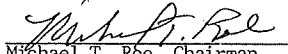
Payroll and warrants were approved and signed.

Commissioner Roe moved, seconded by Commissioner Harbaugh to approve minutes of August 17. Motion carried.

Commissioner harbaugh moved, seconded by Commissioner Roe to approve minutes of August 24, 2020. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.


Debbie Wesley, Barber County Clerk


Michael T. Roe, Chairman

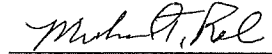
AUGUST 31, 2020

The Board of Commissioners met via phone conference.

Commissioner Roe moved, seconded by Commissioner Harbaugh to extend the Emergency Declaration regarding COVID-19 and will review again in 7 days. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.


Debbie Wesley, Barber County Clerk

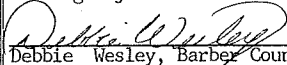

Michael T. Roe, Chairman

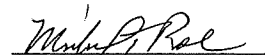
September 8, 2020

The Board of Commissioners met via phone conference.

Commissioner Roe moved, seconded by Smith to renew the Emergency Declaration (COVID-19) and will review again in 7 days. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.


Debbie Wesley, Barber County Clerk


Michael T. Roe, Chairman

SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

The Board of Commissioners met for a regular meeting with all members and Clerk Welsey present.

Joscelyn Nittler gave an update on the grant money and how it is going to be distributed.

Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Harbaugh to approve minutes of August 31 and September 8. Motion carried.

Commissioner Harbaugh moved seconded by Commissioner Roe to approve minutes of August 27. Motion carried.

Counselor Wood joined the meeting.

Melissa Romme, County Auditor brought in the 2019 audit report for the Board to review.

Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Harbaugh to accept the COVID-19 Emergency Declaration. Motion carried.

Commissioner Harbaugh moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith for an Executive Session to discuss non-elected personnel at 10:42. Motion carried.

The Board asked Clerk Wesley and Mike Loreg to attend.

Regular Session resumed at 10:52.

Commissioner Harbaugh moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith for an additional 10 minute Executive Session beginning at 10:53. Motion carried.

Regular Session resumed at 11:03.

Mike Loreg, Pam Rickard and Marilyn viethaler brought in some guidelines for implementation regarding COVID-19. The county would like to have policies in place.

We have tested 344 to date, 60 in the past week. Eight with systems but all were negative. One new positive test in the county.

Commissioner Harbaugh moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith for a 10-minute Executive Session to discuss non-elected personnel beginning at 11:42. Motion carried.

Clerk Wesley was asked to stay.

Regular Session resumed at 11:52.

Commissioner Harbaugh moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith to extend Executive Session for 15-minutes beginning at 12:15. Motion carried.


Regular Session resumed at 12:30.

Commissioner Harbaugh moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith to continue Executive Session for 15 minutes beginning at 12:30. Motion carried.

Regular Session resumed at 12:45.

Meeting adjourned.


Debbie Wesley, Barber County Clerk


Michael T. Roe, Chairman

SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

The Board of Commissioners met with Commissioner Harbaugh present. Commissioners Roe and Smith attended via Zoom. Clerk Wesley was also present.

Larry Conner said the structure on Isabel Road is finished. Bridge 76 on the Hardtner Shortcut will let on October 21st. The County's 20% portion will be around \$107,600 thousand.

Maps with the placement of the new cell at the landfill were shown to Commissioner Harbaugh.

Mike Loreg joined the meeting. Pam Rickard called in via zoom.

Commissioner Harbaugh moved for a 10-minute Executive Session to discuss non-elected personnel beginning at 10:06. Commissioner Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Regular Session resumed at 10:16.

Marilyn reported that 370 test had been done, 22 last week. There were 7 people with systems, all were negative. Mike is suggesting that the County buy two more of the ultra violet lanterns for the courthouse. Mike will get with Joscelyn to see about using the COVID money to buy two more.

Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Harbaugh to adopt the guidelines for the county offices

regarding COVID-19 that Public Health recommended. Motion carried.

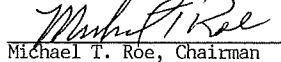
Commissioners reviewed the Emergency Declaration regarding COVID-19 and will continue with the Declaration.

Commissioner Harbaugh requested a 20-minute Executive Session to discuss non-elected personnel, Commissioner Smith seconded. Motion carried. Executive Session began at 10:50.

Regular Session resumed at 11:10.

Meeting adjourned.


Debbie Wesley, Barber County Clerk


Michael T. Roe, Chairman

SEPTEMBER 29, 2020

The Board of Commissioners met for a regular meeting with Commissioner Roe and Harbaugh present. Commissioner Smith was excused. Clerk Wesley and Counselor Wood were also present.

Ann McNett with District Court joined the meeting to present a plan for jury trials for approval by the Board.

Payroll and warrants were approved and signed.

Rhonda Fernandez with PIC joined the meeting to go over the mid-year utilization review.

The Board has reviewed the Emergency Declaration and will continue on with it.

Commissioner Harbaugh moved, seconded by Commissioner Roe to approve minutes of September 14. Motion carried.

Commissioner Roe moved, seconded by Commissioner Harbaugh to approve minutes of September 21. Motion carried.

Mike Loreg has applied for a \$15,600 dollar grant for updates to the EOC with the approval of the Board.

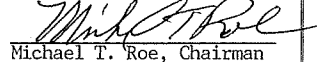
A call was made to Public Health. There are four new positive cases in the county. We have tested a total of 408 citizens, 8 with symptoms, 2 positives. This week the hospitals are practicing on rapid test with 2 with systems and 2 tested positive. This makes a total of 9 positive cases for Barber County.

Commissioner Harbaugh moved, seconded by Commissioner Roe to appoint Mike Loreg as the 911 Director along with his current job as Emergency Management and Ambulance Director. Starting date will be October 1.

Commissioner Roe stated that Mike could hire as long as he kept the current full-time staff the same. Mike said that he would like to hire some part-time.

Meeting adjourned.


Debbie Wesley, Barber County Clerk

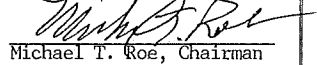

Michael T. Roe, Chairman

OCTOBER 5, 2020

Commissioner's Harbaugh, Roe and Smith called in via-phone conference. Clerk Wesley was present. Commissioner Harbaugh moved to continue with the COVID-19 Emergency Declaration, Commissioner Roe seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.


Debbie Wesley, Barber County Clerk


Michael T. Roe, Chairman

OCTOBER 12, 2020

The Board of Commissioners met for a regular meeting with all members Clerk Wesley and Counselor Wood present.

Larry Conner informed the Board that Barber County did not get selected for the bridge he applies for, for the off-system bridge program. The overlay project south of Hazelton should begin in two weeks.

He has been working with BP for a settlement for the damages done to Isabel Road while repairing the wind turbines.

Commissioner Harbaugh moved, seconded by Commissioner Roe to approve minutes of September 29. Motion carried.

Commissioner Harbaugh moved, seconded by Commissioner Roe to approve minutes of October 5. Motion carried.

The COVID-19 Emergency Declaration was reviewed and continued.

Commissioner Roe requested a 10-minute break at 9:45.

Regular Session resumed at 9:55.

Chief Wesley was asked what he thought about putting on a burn ban and he was in favor of a burn ban.

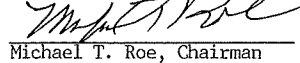
Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Harbaugh to put a burn ban on beginning immediately. Motion carried.

Mike Loreg and Pam Rickard joined the meeting.

Rhonda Fernandez with PIC and Jim Lohmeyer with BC/BS brought in the renewal to review. The increase will be around 11 percent. The Board signed the renewal for BC/BS.

Meeting adjourned.


Debbie Wesley, Barber County Clerk


Michael T. Roe, Chairman

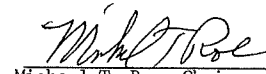
OCTOBER 19, 2020

The Board of Commissioners met via phone conference with all members calling in to review the Emergency Declaration regarding COVID-19.

The Order was reviewed and will be kept in place and reviewed again in 7 days.

Meeting adjourned.


Debbie Wesley, Barber County Clerk

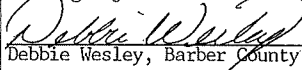

Michael T. Roe, Chairman

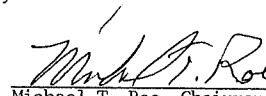
OCTOBER 26, 2020

The Board of Commissioners met via phone conference with all members calling in to review the Emergency Declaration regarding COVID-19.

Commissioner's reviewed the Order and will keep it in place and review again in 7 days.

Meeting adjourned.


Debbie Wesley, Barber County Clerk


Michael T. Roe, Chairman

OCTOBER 29, 2020

The Board of Commissioners met for a regular meeting with Commissioners Harbaugh and Roe present. Clerk Wesley was also present. Commissioner Smith was excused.

Payroll and warrants were approved and signed.

Ann McNett said that the new equipment for the courtrooms was working great but is needing some electrical work done.

Jim Roland with Economic Development said that things had been a little slow with COVID-19 going on. They are still trying to promote the Gyp Hills, Peace Treaty, etc. Commissioner Harbaugh stated that he would like to see Economic Development involved in all of the rural communities. Jim said that he is always available by phone.

Jocelyn Nittler went over the progress of the CARES money and what had been distributed.

Commissioner Harbaugh moved, seconded by Commissioner Roe for a 10-minute Executive Session to discuss non-elected personnel beginning at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried.

Regular Session resumed at 10:10.

Carri Nation with Horizons Mental Health joined the meeting for an update. Things have been slow because of COVID but are starting to pick up again.

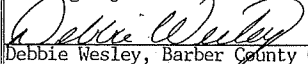
Commissioner Harbaugh moved, seconded by Commissioner Roe to appoint Karen McCellan to the Horizons Mental Health Board to replace Jane Frederick. Motion carried.

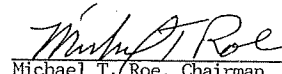
Commissioner Harbaugh moved seconded by Commissioner Roe to approve minutes of October 12, 19 and 26th. Motion carried.

A drop box was talked about for the courthouse. It will be discussed further at the next regular meeting.

Public Health reported that there are 35 active cases, 25 recovered for a total of 70 cases.

Meeting adjourned.


Debbie Wesley, Barber County Clerk

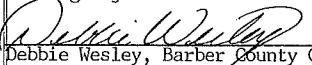

Michael T. Roe, Chairman

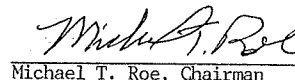
NOVEMBER 2, 2020

The Board met via phone conference with all members calling in to review the Emergency Declaration regarding COVID-19.

The Order was reviewed and will be reviewed again in 7 days.

meeting adjourned.


Debbie Wesley, Barber County Clerk


Michael T. Roe, Chairman

NOVEMBER 9, 2020

The Board of Commissioners met for a regular meeting at the Annex with Commissioners Harbaugh and Roe present. Commissioner Smith was excused. Clerk Wesley was also present.

Commissioner Roe discussed the CDBG Grant for \$111,000, (Community Development Block Grant.) We are working with the City of Medicine Lodge and sharing an administrator for administrating the Grant monies.

Commissioner Roe moved to adopt the Fair Rights and Fair Housing Proclamation, Commissioner Harbaugh seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Harbaugh moved, seconded by Commissioner Roe to adopt the Code of Conduct for Barber County, Kansas. Motion carried.

Canvass will be done at the Courthouse on November 12th.

A taxpayer is requesting forgiveness on a house that burned down in January of 2000. Attorney Wood will check

into what needs to be done and get the proper paperwork.

Commissioner Harbaugh moved, seconded by Commissioner Roe to approve minutes of October 29th and November 2, 2020. Motion carried.

The COVID Emergency Declaration has been reviewed and continued.

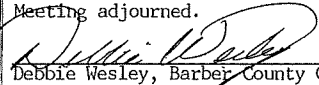
Economic Development was discussed.


Pam Rickard joined the meeting via Zoon. Currently Pam is the only person in Public Health. Over the weekend 11 positive cases have been reported.

Mike requested a 5-minute break.

Karen Spencer and Sheri Weeks joined the meeting to talk about a drop box for the county. We would need to purchase two licensing fees as we are currently full with the current license. The Board is approving the purchase of the drop box and two cameras.

Meeting adjourned.


Debbie Wesley, Barber County Clerk


Michael T. Roe, Chairman

NOVEMBER 12, 2020

2020 General Election Canvass.

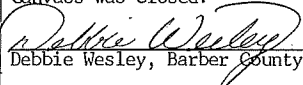
At 10:00 the meeting was opened for the Board of Canvassers to canvass the 2020 General Election with Commissioner Harbaugh and Roe present. Larry Conner was the 3rd member of the Canvassing Board. Commissioner Smith was excused.

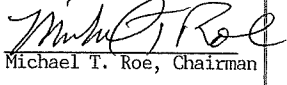
There was a total of 32 provisional ballots. Commissioner Harbaugh moved to accept 20 provisional ballots, seconded by Larry Conner. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed all of the poll books, advance and write-in-books.

The provisional ballots were added to the election book and the election book was signed and the canvass closed.

Canvass was closed.


Debbie Wesley, Barber County Clerk


Michael T. Roe, Chairman

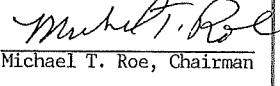
NOVEMBER 16, 2020

The Board of Commissioners met via phone conference with all members calling in to review the Emergency Declaration regarding COVID-19.

The Order was reviewed and will be reviewed again in 7 days.

Meeting adjourned.


Debbie Wesley, Barber County Clerk


Michael T. Roe, Chairman

NOVEMBER 25, 2020

The Board of Commissioners met for a regular meeting with Commissioners Harbaugh and Roe in attendance. Commissioner Smith was excused. Clerk Wesley was present.

Payroll and warrants were approved and signed.

Ann McNett updated the Board on the grant that the state received for the District Court and the equipment she is purchasing for Barber County District Court.

Larry Conner discussed the overlay project on the Isabel Road. Approval was given to get a steel structure to replace the carport that got torn up in a storm at the landfill.

Jody Nittler joined the meeting to discuss Mingona Road. He is wanting to put in a water line. Only about three people use the road. It is very costly to bore the road and he would like to trench it. Commissioner Harbaugh said that the problem with trenching is eventually it sinks. Jody said that it is a dead-end road. Jody was asked to get estimates on boring the road. No decision was made. Jody will talk to the Township Board and adjoining neighbors.

Commissioner Harbaugh moved, seconded by Commissioner Roe to approve minutes of November 9th, 12th and 16th. Motion carried.

Karen Spencer joined the meeting and asked permission to give Matt Lynch access to the courthouse for working severed minerals during the weekend due to COVID-19. Permission was given.

Mike Loreg asked permission for new chairs for the dispatch and could they be paid out of equipment reserve.

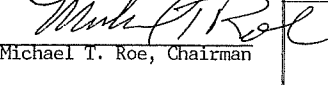
Jason LeClair, incoming Sheriff had some questions for the Board.

Commissioner Roe moved, seconded by Commissioner Harbaugh to renew the current Barber County Mask Order until it is rescinded. Motion carried.

The County Emergency Declaration was reviewed.

Meeting adjourned.


Debbie Wesley, Barber County Clerk


Michael T. Roe, Chairman

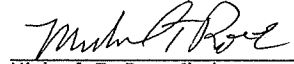
NOVEMBER 30, 2020

Commissioners Roe and Harbaugh called in via-phone conference to review the Emergency Declaration regarding COVID-19.

Commissioner's reviewed the Emergency Declaration Order and will keep it in place and review it again in 7 days.

Meeting adjourned.


Debbie Wesley, Barber County Clerk


Michael T. Roe, Chairman

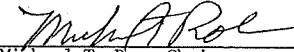
DECEMBER 7, 2020

Commissioners Roe and Harbaugh called in via phone conference to review the Emergency Declaration regarding COVID-19.

Commissioner's reviewed the Emergency Declaration Order and will keep it in place and review again in 7 days.

Meeting adjourned.


Debbie Wesley, Barber County Clerk


Michael T. Roe, Chairman

DECEMBER 14, 2020

The Board of Commissioners met for a regular meeting with Commissioners Roe and Smith in attendance. Commissioner Harbaugh joined the meeting via phone. Clerk Wesley and Attorney Wood were also present.

Pam Rickard joined the meeting and in the current week there were 29 new positive cases. Total cases for Barber County are 208. She may hire a copule of part-time retired nurses to help with the COVID-19 tracking.

The Board signed the R&S Digital Contract for the 2021 year.

Commissioner smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Harbaugh to appoint David Wolgamott to the position of Aetna Township Clerk. Motion carried.

Jody Nittler brought in a letter from adjoining farmers regarding Mingona Road and they do not have a problem with trenching the road. He also brought in an estimate for boring which was \$1,850.00. Larry said that he had talked to the Township and they did not have a problem with trenching since it is a dead-end road.

The monitoring wells report for the landfill came back from KDHE and they are all good.

Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Harbaugh for a 10-minute Executive Session to discuss non-elected personnel beginning at 9:42. Motion carried.

Regular Session resumed at 9:52.

Commissioner Roe moved seconded by Commissioner Harbaugh to approve minutes of November 25, 30 and December 7. Motion carried.

The Executive Declaration was reviewed and continued.

Commissioner Roe requested an Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Smith to discuss non-elected personnel beginning at 10:08. Motion carried.

Regular Session resumed at 10:18.

Rhonda Fernandez with PIC joined the meeting to have the New Directions contract signed.

Commissioner Smith made a Motion for a 30-minute Executive Session to discuss non-elected personnel beginning at 11:00, Commissioner Harbaugh seconded. Motion carried. Counselor Wood and Clerk Wesley were also present. Hannah Brass was also present.

Regular Session resumed at 11:30.


Commissioner Smith moved to extend the Executive Session for 15 minutes. Commissioner Harbaugh seconded. Motion carried.

Regular Session resumed at 11:16.

Commissioner harbaugh moved to appoint Hannah Brass as Barber County Counselor beginning December 28, 2020. Commissioner Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.


Debbie Wesley, Barber County Clerk


Michael T. Roe, Chairman


DECEMBER 21, 2020

Commissioners Roe and Harbaugh called in via phone conference to review the emergency Declaration regarding COVID-19.

It will be reviewed again in 7 days.

Meeting adjourned.


Debbie Wesley, Barber County Clerk


Michael T. Roe, Chairman

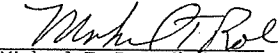
DECEMBER 28, 2020

Commissioners Roe and Smith called in via phone conference to review the Emergency Declaration regarding COVID-19.

It was reviewed and will stay in place and reviewed again in 7 days.

Meeting adjourned.


Debbie Wesley, Barber County Clerk


Michael T. Roe, Chairman

DECEMBER 30, 2020

The Board of Commissioners met for a regular meeting with all members, Clerk Wesley and Counselor Brass present.

Payroll and warrants were approved and signed.

Pam Rickard with Public Health joined the meeting to discuss hiring in the Public health Department. She is going to try and hire part-time health to begin with.

Rose Mary Saunders with Ranson Financial joined the meeting to discuss the CDBG Grant.

Commissioner Harbaugh made a motion to award the CDBG Grant money to the businesses that applied for grand money.

Commissioner Smith seconded. Motion carried.

All of the proper paperwork will be signed and sent to Ranson Financial.

Commissioner Harbaugh moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith for a 10-minute Executive Session to discuss non-elected personnel beginning at 9:47. Motion carried.

Clerk Wesley, Counselor Brass and Mike Loreg were asked to join the meeting.

Regular Session resumed at 9:57.

Payroll and warrants were approved and signed.

Commissioner Smith moved seconded by Commissioner Harbaugh to approve minutes of December 14, 21 & 28th. Motion carried.


Commissioner Smith has served the County for 8 years and has served the County well. Commissioners Roe and Harbaugh and Clerk Wesley thanked him for his service and wished him well with his retirement.

The next regular meeting will be January 11, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned.


Debbie Wesley, Barber County Clerk

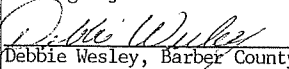
JANUARY 4, 2021


Michael T. Roe, Chairman

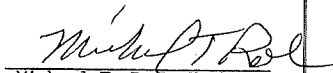
Commissioners Roe and Harbaugh called in via phone conference to review the Emergency Declaration regarding COVID-19.

Commissioner's reviewed the Emergency Declaration Order and will keep it in place and review it again in 7 days.

Meeting adjourned.


Debbie Wesley, Barber County Clerk

JANUARY 11, 2021


Michael T. Roe, Chairman

The Board of Commissioners met for a regular meeting with all members, Clerk Wesley and Counselor Brass present.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the County Clerk swore in the newly elected officials which included the Barber County Sheriff, Jason LeClair; Register of Deeds, Betty Jo Swayden and County Commissioner's, Adam Mills, Commissioner district 3 and Paul Harbaugh, Commissioner District 2.

Commissioner Roe moved, seconded by Commissioner Mills to appoint Paul Harbaugh as the Chairman of the Board for the 2021 year.

Commissioner Roe moved, seconded by Commissioner to accept the 2021 holidays, mileage at 57.5; Chairman for 2021, Paul Harbaugh and Official paper, The Gyp Hill Premiere. Motion carried.

Clerk Wesley asked what the Board wanted to do with the COVID pay since the Federal program ran out December 31.

The Board decided to pay for 40 hours if you test positive and half that for part-time. This will be in effect until April 10th.

Counselor Brass will work on a new COVID Pay Policy for review.

Commissioner Roe moved seconded by Commissioner Harbaugh to approve minutes of December 30, and January 4. Motion carried.

The Emergency Order was reviewed and continued.

Larry Conner with the Road and Bridge Department reviewed his 2020 budget with the Board.

Road and Bridge is going to redo the deck on Bridge 52 at Union Chapel.

Mike Loreg talked about Emergency Managent. He is looking into better ways to secure the courthouse.