

**BOARD OF BARTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AGENDA MEETINGS**

Barton County Courthouse – 1400 Main, Room 106 – First Floor  
Wednesdays, unless otherwise announced, in Regular Meeting – 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Agenda Meeting – 9:00 a.m. Until Close

*The Commission meeting will be live-streamed through Microsoft Teams. Citizens may view the meeting through their own sign in or by signing in “anonymously”. Please follow this link: <https://bit.ly/3pTWEkp>. If you wish to participate in the discussion of any item, please call (620) 793-1800 for instructions.*

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Agenda Meeting  
November 2, 2022  
9:00 a.m. Until Close

**I. OPENING BUSINESS:**

- A. Call Meeting to Order.
- B. Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. Consider Approval of the Agenda.
- D. Minutes of the October 26, 2022, Regular Meeting are not available.
- E. Any citizen wishing to make statements during the discussion of any item must first be recognized by the Commission Chair. After being recognized, that person should state their name and the name of any organization represented. Statements should be limited to five minutes.
- F. Cell phones and other electronic devices, other than those used by the media and law enforcement, should be shut off.

**II. OLD BUSINESS - Items tabled, or scheduled, from previous Commission Meetings, will be heard at this time.**

-There is no Old Business at this time.

**III. NEW BUSINESS - All new business to be considered by the Commission will be heard at this time.**

**ITEM A. SUNFLOWER DIVERSIFIED SERVICES: Letter of Support:**

-Christina Jimenez, Transportation Coordinator, Sunflower Diversified Services, will provide details. Sunflower Diversified Services has requested a Letter of Support for a Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) grant application. Monies provided by KDOT would be used to continue the operation of their public transportation system.

**ITEM B. PROCLAMATION 2022-17: Operation Green Light for Veterans:**

-Matt Patzner, Director of Operations will provide details. The National Association of Counties (NACo) and the National Association of County Veteran Service Officers (NACVSO) invited county leaders to join Operation Green Light for Veterans by lighting county buildings green from November 7 to November 13. The initiative shines a light on the issues veterans face and the resources available at the county, state and federal levels. It is anticipated that the County will light the Golden Belt Veterans Memorial.

**ITEM C. GOLDEN BELT VETERANS MEMORIAL: Dedication of Commemorative Stone IV:**

-Darren Williams, County Works Director, and Mick Lang, Memorial Parks Advisory Committee Member, will present details. The Memorial Parks Advisory Committee has scheduled the dedication of the Fourth Stone at the Veterans Memorial for 1:30 p.m., Friday, November 11, 2022, Veterans Day. The Ceremony will include musical selections and the Dedication.

**ITEM D. CORRECTION: Road and Bridge – Purchase of one (1) mowing tractor:**

-Mr. Patzner will present details. On November 30, 2021, the Commission authorized the purchase of a John Deere 6155M mowing tractor for a bid price of \$139,386.40. The correct vendor has now been identified as Deere & Company. The Commission will be asked to take corrective action.

**ITEM E. FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: Grant Deadline Extension:**

-Mr. Patzner will provide details. During the November 2, 2021, Commission Meeting, McCord Property Management was allocated \$19,594.00 for façade improvements for the Historic Wolf Hotel, located at 1 N Main, Ellinwood, Kansas. Given the historic nature of the hotel, sourcing materials for the project has proven problematic. The Commission will be asked to extend the grant period to June 30, 2023.

**ITEM F. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT BROKERAGE: Request for Qualifications:**

-Mr. Patzner will provide details. Barton County received final renewal numbers from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas and Freedom Claims Management Inc. for employee health coverage for the 2023 year. Note that coverage includes health, dental, prescription, and free telehealth access for employees through Teladoc. The Commission will be asked to consider renewal of employee health insurance with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas and Freedom Claims Management Inc.

**ITEM G. RESOLUTION: A Resolution Concerning the Commission and Familiar Conflict of Interest:**

-Commissioner Kirby Krier will provide details. Under the proposed Resolution, a Familiar Conflict of Interest Policy is detailed. Included therein is the definition of familiar relationships and guidelines for operations.

**ITEM H. JUVENILE SERVICES: Out of State Travel – CADCA’s National Leadership Forum:**

-Marissa Woodmansee, Juvenile Services Director, will provide details. In 2021, Juvenile Services received a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Drug-Free Communities Support program grant. A component of this grant includes training with the National Coalition Academy (NCA), working in partnership with the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA). The Commission will be asked to allow Tyler Morton, Juvenile Services, and Katelyn Sigler, Health Department, to attend the National Leadership Forum in National Harbor, Maryland, in early 2023.

**ITEM I. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: Replacement of Certain Computers:**

-Dereck Hollingshead, Information Technology Director, will provide details. The County has developed a plan for the annual replacement of a certain number of computers. This practice improves the County's technological capabilities and allows for more consistent budgeting. Funding sources include the Clerk's Tech Fund, Equipment Replacement, the General Fund, the Register of Deeds Tech Fund, the Inmate Fund, Law Enforcement Trust, Road and Bridge, Health and Corrections. The Information Technology Department accepted bids through Vendor Registry for the needed equipment.

**ITEM J. SOLID WASTE: Certified Rebuild of 826G Caterpillar Compactor:**

-Jennifer Hamby, Solid Waste Director, will present details. The Landfill operates a Caterpillar 826G Compactor at its Municipal Solid Waste Landfill. This 1998 model compactor has approximately 6,000 hours. In addition to other repairs, the turbo has failed, and the cooling system is leaking, rendering the machine inoperable. Foley Equipment offers a certified rebuild program with a 3-year, 5,000-hour warranty on the power train and hydraulic system. The quote for the rebuild is \$502,907.16.

**ITEM K. COUNTY COUNSELOR: Knop Sand – Trade of Water Rights for Certain Property:**

-Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor, and Barry McManaman, County Engineer, will provide details. On May 4, 2022, the Commission authorized the sale of the northwest 20 acres of the sandpit area, located in the W/2, Sec. 5, T20S, R11W. As a part of that proposed transaction, Barton County noted a strong preference to exchange the real estate for transferable water rights. At this time, the Commission will consider the exchange of the northwest 20 acres of the sandpit for water rights as currently held by Knop Sand Company, Inc. Should the exchange be approved, in addition to approval of the deed, it is suggested that the Commission authorize Mr. McManaman to submit an Application for Permit to Appropriate Water for Beneficial Use and other related documents to the Kansas Department of Agriculture, Division of Water Resources.

**IV. ENDING BUSINESS – After new items are heard by the Commission, the following items, including announcements, will be heard.**

**A. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

-Following the close of the Agenda Meeting, the Commission will consider the authorization of personnel changes for classified positions, sign any documentation approved during the agenda meeting or sign any other documentation required for regular County business. Similar action may take place throughout the day.

**B. APPOINTMENTS:**

-Although subject to change, the following appointments have been scheduled:

10:00 a.m. or following the close of the Agenda Meeting – Personnel – Darren Williams, County Works Director.

10:15 a.m. – Kansas Firefighter Recruitment and Safety Grant award – Chief Doug Hubbard, Fire District No. 1.

10:30 a.m. – Remodel of Bathrooms and Doorways Bids – Karen Winkelman, Public Health Director.

10:45 a.m. – Regular Business Discussion – Matt Patzner, Director of Operations.

11:15 a.m. – Insurance Plan Overview – Freedom Claims.

THE COUNTY EDITION, KVGB-AM – Thursdays at 11:05 a.m. Commissioner Shawn Hutchinson is scheduled for November 3, 2022.

**V. OTHER BUSINESS:**

- A. Discussion Items.
- B. Citizens or organizations may present requests or proposals for initial consideration.
- C. The Commissioners are available to the Public on Wednesdays during regular business hours.
- D. One or more Commissioners may be present in the Commission Chambers conducting county business throughout the day on Wednesdays.
- E. The Commissioners may, individually, schedule personal appointments related to County business at their discretion.
- F. The next Regular Meeting will be at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, November 9, 2022.

**VI. ADJOURN.**