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/3RO5IZm. If you wish to participate in the discussion of any item, please call (620) 793-1800 for instructions.

BOARD OF BARTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Agenda Meeting, November 3, 2026, 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 27, 2026, 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. Please silence all phones and electronic devices. Recording the meeting is allowed and the Commission requests that anyone using special recording equipment be seated in the back row to avoid creating a distraction during the meeting.

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.

KSA 75-4318 states, in general, as an open meeting requirement, a public body may require that a request to receive notice (of regular and special meetings) be submitted to the body prior to the commencement of a fiscal year. Persons interested in receiving notice at this time are urged to contact the Office of the County Administrator, 1400 Main – Suite 108, Great Bend, Kansas, 67530 (mailing). Agenda are generally released to the public prior to the upcoming meetings. No revision to the document is allowed once released without the express approval of the Commission. Contact dwatson@bartoncounty.org with questions.

III. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:

-Bev Schmeidler, County Clerk, will present details. An Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of October 20, 2026, and ending November 3, 2026.

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

ITEM A. SOLID WASTE: Revision of Operating Rates:

-Jennifer Hamby, Solid Waste Director, will provide details. The Landfill operates on user fees. After reviewing both income and expense projections, it is suggested that the refuse tipping fees, the construction and demolition fees, and the contaminated soil fees be adjusted.

ITEM B. DISTRICT CORONER: Appointment of Special Deputy Coroner:

-Matt Patzner, County Administrator, will provide details. Russell County recently informed the Administrator's Office that their two appointed special deputy coroners have resigned. This was followed by a request to appoint Steve Voorhees, a paramedic, as a special deputy coroner. Dr. Patrick Stiles, District Coroner, has approved this appointment.

ITEM C. TWENTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT: District Coroner – Appointment:

-Mr. Patzner will provide details. In accordance with the Kansas Statutes Annotated, Chapter 22a, the Board of County Commissioners of the County with the largest population in a Judicial District is to appoint a District Coroner to serve a four-year term. It is suggested that Dr. Patrick Stiles be appointed to the 2027 – 2030 term.

ITEM D. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

-Chairman Duane Reif will present. Any Commissioner may make a motion for the board to recess to executive session at this time as allowed by K.S.A. 75-4319. Any motion must contain the justification for the executive session, the subject matter to be discussed, any individuals in addition to the board who will attend the executive session and the time at which the regular session shall resume.

V. ENDING BUSINESS – 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.

-In reference to the Golden Belt and Hillcrest Memorial Parks and Cemeteries, all decorations may be placed on graves seven (7) days prior to and shall be removed seven (7) days (after) Veterans Day. Employees will not attempt to find items after being so removed. Additionally, Barton County will not be responsible for the loss of or damage to any appropriate, ornamental items left on any lot, grave or other part of the memorial parks or cemeteries during the listed holiday periods. Resolution 2022-08, Regulations for Barton County Owned and Operated Memorial Parks and Cemeteries, available upon request.

-The County Commission will meet as the Board of County Canvassers at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, November 10, 2026, in the Office of the County Clerk, 1400 Main, Suite 202, Great Bend, Kansas. They will canvass the November 3, 2026, General Election ballots.

B. APPOINTMENTS:

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

9:45 a.m. or following the close of the Agenda Meeting – Planning Session with Media Consultant.

10:00 a.m. – Regular Business Discussion – Matt Patzner, County Administrator.

10:30 a.m. – Vehicle Needs – Sean Kelly, Emergency Management Director.

11:00 a.m. – Advisory Board Applications – Julie Gibbs, Public Health Director.

11:30 a.m. – The Commission will continue business discussions.

TRAVEL 389 APPOINTMENTS: Driving Our Future:

-Travel 389 will continue as the Commission meets with local business owners, listens to citizen ideas and collaborates with those building better tomorrows along our 389 miles of County roadways. Today's appointments include:

1:00 p.m. - M.A.C. Burger-N-More, 301 E 9th, Hoisington

2:00 p.m. – Kans for Kids, 169 S Main, Hoisington

2:30 p.m. – Birzer Repair, 101-227 Missouri Pacific St, Hoisington

3:00 p.m. – RotoMix, 558 S. Main Street, Hoisington

THE COUNTY EDITION, KVGB-AM – Thursdays at 11:05 a.m. Sheriff Brian Bellendir is scheduled for November 5, 2026.

VI. 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 Tuesdays during regular business hours.

D. One or more Commissioners may be present in the Commission Chambers conducting county business throughout the day on Tuesdays.

E. The Commissioners may, individually, schedule personal appointments related to County business at their discretion.

F. The Commission will meet at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, November 10, 2026, in the Office of the County Clerk to canvas ballots from the November 3, 2026, General Election. The Regular Meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m., or following the close of the canvas.

VII. ADJOURN.