

BOARD OF BARTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER AGENDA MEETINGS

Temporary Work and Meeting Address – 1500 Kansas, Great Bend, Kansas
Mailing Address - Barton County Courthouse – 1400 Main, Room 106, Great Bend, Kansas
Tuesdays, 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/44JeHvC>. If you wish to participate in the discussion of any item, please call (620) 793-1800 for instructions.

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Agenda Meeting
January 2, 2024
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 December 19, 2023, and December 28, 2023, Regular Meetings 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. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:

-Bev Schmeidler, County Clerk, will present details. An Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of December 19, 2023, and ending December 29, 2023.

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

-There is no Old Business at this time.

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

ITEM A. COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE: Request for Approval – Added / Abated / Escaped / Refunded Taxes:

-Ms. Schmeidler will present a listing of Added / Abated / Escaped / Refunded Taxes. Orders for these actions are kept on file in the County Clerk's Office. These are used to correct assessments and are requested by the County Appraiser's Office or the County Clerk's Office.

ITEM B. RESOLUTION 2024-01: Application for Approval of a Conditional Land Use Permit for a Described Tract of Land:

-Judy Goreham, Environmental Manager, will provide details. Melissa Nelson, dba Performance Crop Research, wishes to expand her business at 526 SW 20 Ave, Great Bend, Kansas. The site is zoned Agricultural District and an agriculture-related business is a conditionally permitted use in this zoning district. A Public Hearing was held on December 14, 2023, to consider the request, and it was unanimously recommended by the Barton County Planning Commission that the Barton County Commissioners approve this request.

ITEM C. DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES FOR COUNTY FUNDS:

-Jim Jordan, County Treasurer, will present details. A designation of Barton County financial institutions as official depositories comes before the Commission. Such institutions must meet the 100% pledged securities requirement for all County funds. According to County Resolution 2023-07, all depositories must provide to the County Treasurer proof of security for these funds whenever such information is requested.

ITEM D. RESOLUTION 2024-02: A Resolution of the Board of Barton County Commissioners Authorizing Participation in the Rural Opportunity Zone Student Loan Repayment Program Calendar Year 2024:

-Matt Patzner, County Administrator, will provide details. The Rural Opportunity Zone (ROZ) Student Loan Repayment Program provides up to a \$15,000 benefit as a workforce recruitment tool for eligible persons establishing domicile in Barton County. The Kansas Department of Commerce requires counties to pass a resolution obligating them to participate in this ROZ program for at least five years.

ITEM E. KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES: 2024 Membership:

-Mr. Patzner will provide details. The Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) has submitted a renewal notice for the 2024 membership. Based on a calculation that includes a base fee, population and valuation, the dues are \$6,384.10. The Association sponsors the annual KAC Conference, various educational meetings throughout the year and lobbies the State and Federal Legislature on behalf of Kansas Counties.

ITEM F. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES: 2024 Membership:

-Mr. Patzner will provide details. The National Association of Counties (NACo) has submitted a renewal notice for the 2024 membership. The balance due is \$553.00. Founded in 1935, NACo unites county officials to advocate county priorities in federal policymaking; promotes exemplary county policies and practices; nurtures leadership skills and expands knowledge networks; optimizes county and taxpayer resources and cost savings and enriches the public's understanding of county government.

ITEM G. THE LEAGUE OF KANSAS MUNICIPALITIES: 2024 Membership:

-Mr. Patzner will provide details. The mission of the League is to strengthen and advocate for the interests of the municipalities of Kansas to advance the general welfare and promote the quality of life of the people who live within Kansas.

ITEM H. KANSAS NATURAL RESOURCE COALITION: 2023 Membership:

-Mr. Patzner will present details. The Kansas Natural Resource Coalition (KNRC) serves as a conduit between local, state and federal governments to promote balanced, necessary and effective administrative policymaking initiatives that materially affect the natural or human systems governed by individual member counties. The Commission has been asked to consider membership for 2024.

ITEM I. KANSAS LEGISLATIVE POLICY GROUP: 2024 Membership:

-Mr. Patzner will provide details. The Kansas Legislative Policy Group (KLPG) is a bi-partisan coalition of western Kansas counties with the common interest in the preservation of the counties tax base and retention of local control. The KLPG serves as a policy and decision-making body establishing legislative priorities at its annual meeting and providing speakers to address KLPG members about the important topics of the day. At this time, the Commission will consider renewal of the membership, priced at \$5,471.34.

ITEM J. ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES:

-Mr. Patzner will provide details. Recently hired personnel will be introduced.

ITEM K. HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Professional Liability / General Liability Insurance Renewal:

-Karen Winkelman, Health Director, will provide details. The Barton County Health Department is required to hold Professional Liability / General Liability insurance. The Health Department worked with the Kansas Association of Local Health Departments and received a quote from the Association Member Benefits & Insurance Agency (AMBA). Given that coverage was ending and the late delivery of the renewal, the billing has been approved. It is suggested that the expenditure be ratified by the Commission.

ITEM L. BOARD APPOINTMENTS: Health Department Advisory Committee:

-Ms. Winkelman will provide details. Barton County solicited applicants for uncompensated positions for the Health Department Advisory Committee. The Health Department Advisory Committee provides guidance, recommendation and assistance to the Barton County Health Department staff.

ITEM M. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Local Emergency Planning Committee:

-Sean Kelly, Emergency Management Director / Engineering Technician, will provide details. The Barton County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) is comprised of representatives from the following groups: state/local officials; law enforcement; firefighting; emergency management; health; hospital; broadcast media and/or communications media; transportation; local environmental group; community service/civic group; emergency medical services; and facilities/industries regulated by SARA Title III. With the retirement of Amy Miller as Emergency Risk Manager, it is suggested that Mr. Kelly be appointed to the LEPC.

ITEM N. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: South Central Regional Council for Homeland Security:

-Mr. Kelly will present details. The South Central Regional Council for Homeland Security supports statewide all-hazard preparedness while reducing vulnerabilities. The Council works to accomplish this by building capabilities and developing comprehensive strategies in partnership with other government agencies and the private sector. At this time, the Commission will consider the appointment of Mr. Kelly for the next two-year term.

ITEM O. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

-Chairman Shawn Hutchinson 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.

-County officials, individually or in groups, may visit the Courthouse or those buildings being used for displaced Courthouse offices during the HVAC improvement project. With the Courthouse located at 1400 Main, other buildings being used for housing are 1520 Main and 1709 Main, Great Bend, Kansas.

B. APPOINTMENTS:

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

10:15 a.m. or following the close of the Agenda Meeting – Regular Business Discussion – Matt Patzner, County Administrator.

11:00 a.m. – Program Update – Brenda Kaiser, Human Resource Director.

THE COUNTY EDITION, KVGB-AM – Thursdays at 11:05 a.m. Sheriff Brian Bellendir is scheduled for January 4, 2024.

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 next Regular Meeting will be at 9:00 a.m., Monday, January 8, 2024.

VII. ADJOURN.