

BOARD OF BARTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER AGENDA MEETINGS

Barton County Courthouse – 1400 Main, Suite 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/3KBEylq>. 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 6, 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. Consider the minutes of the December 30, 2025, Regular Meeting.
- 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.

III. 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:

-Bev Schmeidler, County Clerk, 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. BEAVER TOWNSHIP: Board Appointments:

-Ms. Schmeidler will provide details. Jennifer Steinert, Beaver Township Trustee, has resigned effective December 31, 2025. The remaining township board members recommend the appointment of Brian Miller effective January 1, 2026. It is the Commissioners' responsibility to make the appointment per KSA 25-1606.

ITEM C. DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL DEPOSITORYES 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. CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT: Media Consultant:

-Matt Patzner, County Administrator, will provide details. Barton County wishes to continue the provision of a media consultant contractor agreement with Elle Hutchinson. Barton County is committed to improving its media outreach, civic engagement and visibility of County services, policies and public engagement opportunities.

ITEM E. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES: 2026 Membership:

-Mr. Patzner will provide details. The National Association of Counties (NACo) has submitted a \$510.00 renewal notice for the 2026 membership. 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 F. KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES: 2026 Membership:

-Mr. Patzner will provide details. The Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) has submitted a renewal notice for the 2026 membership. Based on a calculation that includes a base fee, population and valuation, the dues are \$6,577.84. 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 G. KANSAS LEGISLATIVE POLICY GROUP: 2026 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 \$6,273.67.

ITEM H. THE LEAGUE OF KANSAS MUNICIPALITIES: 2026 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 I. KANSAS NATURAL RESOURCE COALITION: 2026 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 2026.

ITEM J. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

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:

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.

10:15 a.m. – Bulk Mailing RFP – Wendy Prosser, County Appraiser.

10:30 a.m. – Dirt Purchase from Oneok – Jennifer Hamby, Solid Waste Director.

10:45 a.m. – Program Update – Brooke Haulmark, CKCC Director.

11:15 a.m. – Program Update – Christy Crews, Hometown Grants.

THE COUNTY EDITION, KVGB-AM – Thursdays at 11:05 a.m. Sheriff Brian Bellendir is scheduled for January 8, 2026.

V. OTHER BUSINESS:

- A. Discussion Items.
- B. Citizens or organizations may present requests or proposals for initial consideration at this time.
- 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 12, 2026.

VI. ADJOURN.