

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/4sSFK5a>. If you wish to participate in the discussion of any item, please call (620) 793-1800 for instructions.

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Agenda Meeting, May 19, 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 May 12, 2026, 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. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:

-Bev Schmeidler, County Clerk, will present details. An Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of May 5, 2026, and ending May 19, 2026.

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:

-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. EMERGENCY RISK MANAGEMENT: KCAMP Risk Management Achievement Award:

-Sean Kelly, Barton County Emergency Management Director, will present details. KCAMP's Risk Management Achievement Award is presented for proactive work in reducing risk and liability for member Counties, its employees, facilities and equipment. Having been notified of selection in April, 2026, Patrick Smith, KCAMP Risk Manager, will present the award to the Barton County Commission.

ITEM C. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: Ratify the Purchase – Firewall Upgrade:

-Dereck Hollingshead, Information Technology Director, will provide details. The County released a Request for Proposal in March, 2026, seeking a next-generation firewall solution to replace the existing firewall infrastructure with a goal to enhance network security, improve performance and ensure long-term scalability. With a June deadline approaching, the Information Technology Department purchased the needed technology from SHI International for \$35,307.00. The Commission will be asked to ratify that purchase.

ITEM D. FACILITIES MANAGEMENT: Award of Bid – Contracted Cleaning & Custodial Services:

-Matt Patzner, County Administrator, will provide details. Beginning March 2, 2026, the Facilities Management Department accepted proposals for Contracted Cleaning & Custodial Services. The Request was for qualified vendors to provide comprehensive cleaning and custodial services for multiple County facilities located in Great Bend, Kansas. After a review of current needs, it is suggested that the Facilities Management department be reduced by 1.5 employees and Kleen Smart provide services at the Health Department (5 days a week) and the Annex (3 days a week). Payment to be made through the Facilities Management account of the General Fund.

ITEM E. 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) Memorial 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.

-County Business Offices will be closed on Monday, May 25, 2026, in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. The Health Department, the Records Division of the Sheriff's Office and the County Landfill will also be closed that day. Emergency services will be in normal operation.

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. – Financial Update and Regular Business Discussion – Matt Patzner, County Administrator.

10:30 a.m. – Program Update – Veronica Coons, Barton County Conservation District Manager.

10:45 a.m. – Mid-Size Sport Utility Vehicle Bid Review – Marissa Woodmansee, Juvenile Services Director, and Ryan Lichter, Assistant Director.

11:00 a.m. – The Commission will continue business discussions.

THE COUNTY EDITION, KVGB-AM – Thursdays at 11:05 a.m. Members of the Juvenile Service Department are scheduled for May 21, 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 next Regular Meeting will be at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 2, 2026.

VII. ADJOURN.