

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/3LI7atl>. If you wish to participate in the discussion of any item, please call (620) 793-1800 for instructions.

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Agenda Meeting, June 16, 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 June 9, 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.

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 June 2, 2026, and ending June 16, 2026.

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

ITEM A. PROCLAMATION 2026-09: Honoring the Central Plains High School Track and Field Medalists:

-Coach Dustin Robison will present details. When students excel in any area it is vital that the community recognize the commitment of the student, their family, their school and their coaches. At this time, the Commission will be asked to honor the Central Plains student athletes for their positive contribution to include placing at the annual State Track event and setting school records.

ITEM B. LETTER OF SUPPORT: Rise Up Central Kansas – Kansas Fights Addiction (KFA) Peer Navigation Grant:

-Commissioner Barb Esfeld will present details. The Commission has been asked to support Rise Up Central Kansas in their effort to secure Kansas Fights Addiction (KFA) Peer Navigation Grant funding. The opportunity to expand recovery support services for individuals affected by substance use disorders throughout Barton County aligns with several program supported by local tax dollars. At this time, the Commission will be asked to issue a letter of support.

ITEM C. 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 D. COUNTY WORKS: Award of Request for Quotes for Bridge and Low Water Crossing Repairs:

-Chris Schartz, County Works Director, will provide details. On April 30, 2026, the County released a Request for Quotes for Bridge and Low Water Crossing Repairs. Included were repairs on a Stone Arch Bridge located on NE 50 Avenue, 0.13 miles south of NE 230 Road; Bridge 218 located on NE 220 Road, 0.11 miles west of NE 60 Avenue; and a low water crossing on NW 130 Road, 0.04 miles east of NW 50 Avenue. Vendor is to provide all equipment, labor, supplies, insurance and incidentals necessary to complete the work, as well as traffic control and dewatering of sites if needed. Quotes were received from L&M Contractors and KS Construction.

ITEM E. JUVENILE SERVICES: Out-of-State Travel, American Probation and Parole Association (APPA) Summer Institute:

-Marissa Woodmansee, Juvenile Services Director, will provide details. The American Probation and Parole Association (APPA) fosters honesty and integrity to transforms lives and builds strong communities under the community corrections umbrella. In doing so, the APPA's training institute delivers a comprehensive learning experience through a wide range of accredited workshops and focused intensive sessions. Ms. Woodmansee has been invited to serve as a panelist for the "Stepping up for Youth" track in Chicago in August, 2026. This will include three sessions showcasing Kansas' implementation of the strategies. Costs of travel will be covered by the Council of State Governments Justice Center.

ITEM F. 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.

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.

Budget Meetings:

10:30 a.m. County Attorney

11:00 a.m. RSVP

11:15 a.m. Fire District No. 1

11:30 a.m. The Center

1:00 p.m. District Court

1:30 p.m. Sunflower Diversified

2:15 p.m. County Works departments

3:00 p.m. SDSI

3:30 p.m. Core Communities

3:45 p.m. Golden Belt Humane Society

4:00 p.m. – The Commission will continue business discussions.

THE COUNTY EDITION, KVGB-AM – Thursdays at 11:05 a.m. Wendy Prosser, County Appraiser, is scheduled for June 18, 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 23, 2026.

VII. ADJOURN.