

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/4e7Wekq>. If you wish to participate in the discussion of any item, please call (620) 793-1800 for instructions.

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Agenda Meeting
September 1, 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 August 25, 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. NEW BUSINESS - All new business to be considered by the Commission will be heard at this time.

ITEM A. PROCLAMATION 2026-11: Honoring the Work of the Kans for Kids Fighting Cancer Foundation:

-Chairman Duane Reif will provide details. Since 1994, aluminum cans have been collected as a way to raise money to assist families dealing with childhood cancer through the efforts of Kans for Kids. Now expanding into Barton, Ellsworth, Pawnee, Rice, Rush, Russell and Stafford Counties, the Kans for Kids Fighting Cancer Foundation has assisted 48 children since inception. The Commission is asked to consider a Proclamation honoring the Foundation and its work during Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

ITEM B. 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 C. RESOLUTION 2026-16: A Resolution Providing for the Transfer of Barton County's Responsibility for the Provision of 911 Services to the Barton County Sheriff's Office:

-Matt Patzner, County Administrator, will provide details. Should the proposed Resolution be adopted, the Commission will transfer the provision of 24-hour 911 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) services to the Barton County Sheriff's Office, and in doing so, Communications shall become a division of the Sheriff's Office. It is the intent of the Commission to not change any practices that exist as of the date of this Resolution, although the Commission shall implement a charge to emergency service providers for 911 services beginning in Fiscal Year 2028. It is anticipated that the monies collected may be through an apportionment and collected funds shall be dedicated to infrastructure, equipment and personnel costs relative to 911 and 911 operations.

ITEM D. FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT GRANT: City of Great Bend Projects:

-Mr. Patzner will provide details. It is anticipated that the City of Great Bend will review and award Façade Improvement Funding for up to six businesses at a total not to exceed \$60,000.00 on August 31, 2026. It is the intent of the County to consider like action. Included for consideration are:

- Vet 2 Properties, representing Animal Care Hospital at 3400 – 10th, with a \$71,850.00 project. The \$20,000.00 request includes a 72% match.
- J Six LLC, representing Charlie's Place, J Six LLC, Golden Belt Downtown Venue at 1109 and 1111 Main, with a \$89,785.42 project. The \$20,000.00 request includes a 78% match.
- Evans, Bierly, Hutchinson & Associates PA at 1105 Williams with a \$25,625.00 project. The \$19,218.75 request includes a 25% match.

- Shane Smith, EJG LLC, representing Kansas Sportsman Sales and Rentals and Red Cedar Land Office at 3810 – 10th, with a \$48,639.12 project. The \$20,000.00 request includes a 59% match.
- Matt and Mayra Kurtz, representing Identifications Company at 1413 Main, with a \$36,000.00 project. The \$20,000.00 request includes a 44% match.
- Terry Vink and Kenny Vink, representing TKM Leasing (The Golf Shack, Golden Belt Leasing, new business) at 1125 US Highway 281 Bypass, with an \$89,000.00 project. The \$20,000.00 request includes a 78% match.

If approved, the County will be responsible for the full disbursement of funds at the completion of each project. At that time, the City of Great Bend will be asked to reimburse the County for one-half that cost.

ITEM E. ROAD AND BRIDGE: Purchase of Two Skid Steer Tracks:

-Chris Schartz, County Works Director, will provide details. In early August, the Road and Bridge Department requested quotes for two skid steer tracks with the trade in of two used units. Foley Equipment quoted \$53,039.71 for two 2026 Caterpillar 26505SC Compact Track Loaders with the trade of a 2024 and a 2026 Bobcat.

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.

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.

-County business offices will be closed in observance of the Labor Day holiday on Monday, September 7, 2026. The Health Department, the Records Division of the Sheriff's Office and the Landfill will also be closed. Emergency services will be in normal operation. As a result, the next meeting of the County Commission will be September 15, 2026.

B. APPOINTMENTS:

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

10:00 a.m. or following the close of the Agenda Meeting – Planning Session with Media Consultant.

10:15 a.m. – Regular Business Discussion – Matt Patzner, County Administrator.

10:30 a.m. – Unexpended Behavioral Health Funds – Marissa Woodmansee, Juvenile Services Director.

10:45 a.m. – Repair of Caterpillar D7H Transmission and Undercarriage Rebuild – Jennifer Hamby, Solid Waste Director.

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

THE COUNTY EDITION, KVGB-AM – Thursdays at 11:05 a.m. Sheriff Brian Bellendir is scheduled for September 3, 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., Tuesday, September 15, 2026.

VI. ADJOURN.