

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/4fdiL0i>. 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 22, 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 September 15, 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 September 8, 2026, and ending September 22, 2026.

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

ITEM A. PROCLAMATION 2026-12: Dolly Day ~ September 25, 2026 ~ 9 – TWO – 5, Honoring the Career and Philanthropic Endeavors of Miss Dolly Parton:

-Charell Owings, Executive Director, United Way of Central Kansas, will provide details. Dolly Parton died peacefully on August 25, 2026, in Nashville, Tennessee. She was 80 years old. One of her greatest achievements was Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. Created as a tribute to her father, Dolly's vision was to foster a love of reading among preschool children and their families by providing them with the gift of a specially selected book each month. It is suggested that the Commission proclaim September 25, 2026 ~ 9 – TWO – 5 ~ as Dolly Day in Barton County. In honor of the legacy created by Parton, all citizens are urged to donate to Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, to the United Way of Central Kansas or by simply reading a book to one child on September 25, 2026.

ITEM B. FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT GRANT: City of Claflin – K4 Fuel and Wash, LLC:

-Matt Patzner, County Administrator, will provide details. The City of Claflin approved a \$2,982.64 award to K4 Fuel and Wash LLC, 200 E Front Street, Claflin as part of the Façade Improvement Grant program. The \$3,976.85 project includes a 25% match. If approved by the Commission, the County would be responsible for the full disbursement of funds at the completion of the project. At that time, the City of Claflin would reimburse the County for one-half the cost.

ITEM C. APPRAISER'S OFFICE: Contracting for an Independent Fee Appraisal for Valuation Appeal:

-Mr. Patzner will provide details. Under Kansas law, any taxpayer may protest the final determination of an informal appeal. Wendy Prosser, County Appraiser, received an independent fee-simple appraisal following such a valuation appeal. As Ms. Prosser disagrees with the value given that only one of the three traditional valuation methodologies was utilized, the County must perform or commission its own fee-simple appraisal. It is suggested that KellerCraig be hired to perform such work. Monies were included in the Appraiser's account of the General Fund for this purpose.

ITEM D. COMMISSION REPORT: Kansas Legislative Policy Group Annual Meeting:

-Commissioner Barb Esfeld will report. Commissioner Esfeld attended the Kansas Legislative Policy Group (KLPG) 2026 Annual Meeting in Dodge City, Kansas, on September 17 and 18, 2026. She will present a summary of information provided during the meeting.

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.

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. – Options for Holding Juveniles – Marissa Woodmansee, Juvenile Services Director.

10:30 a.m. – The Commission will continue business discussions.

THE COUNTY EDITION, KVGB-AM – Thursdays at 11:05 a.m. Members of the Health Department are scheduled for September 24, 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, September 29, 2026.

VII. ADJOURN.