

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/4my9bpE>. 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 23, 2025, 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 16, 2025, Regular Meeting will not be 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 9, 2025, and ending September 23, 2025.

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

ITEM A. KANSAS LEGISLATIVE POLICY GROUP: Annual Meeting Review:

-Commissioner Barb Esfeld will provide details. The Kansas Legislative Policy Group (KLPG) held its 2025 Annual Meeting in Russell, Kansas, on September 17 and 18, 2025. Commissioner Esfeld will summarize the meeting outcomes.

ITEM B. CITY OF CLAFLIN: Cooperative Effort to Repair Roads:

-Chris Schartz, County Works Director, will provide details. The City of Claflin has requested assistance with sealing of certain roads. As an independent contractor, the County would receive no more than \$6,000.00 for labor and equipment.

ITEM C. RESOLUTION 2025-15: Designation of Casey Hubbard, Assistant Administrator / Human Resource Director, as Barton County's KPERS Agent:

-Matt Patzner, County Administrator, will provide details. The Kansas Public Employees Retirement (KPERS) Act of 1961 provides in K.S.A. 74-4902(6) for the designation of an agent for each participating employer through whom system transactions and communications are directed. In addition, this agent acts as a local contact for employees for retirement system information, transactions, forms and publications. The proposed Resolution names Casey Hubbard, Assistant Administrator / Human Resource Director, as the agent with Mr. Patzner remaining as an additional signer.

ITEM D. 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.

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 Consultants.

10:00 a.m. – Proposed Revisions to the Wind Energy Conservation Systems (WECS) Regulations – Judy Goreham, Environmental Manager.

10:30 a.m. – Program Update – Chris Schartz, County Works Director.

10:45 a.m. – VMWare Licensing Renewal – Dereck Hollingshead, IT Director.

11:00 a.m. – Regular Business Discussion – Matt Patzner, County Administrator.

Travel 389 – All businesses located in Ellinwood, Kansas:

11:30 a.m. – RMACs Truck and Equipment and Tri Ag, 814 E Santa Fe

Noon – The Commission will join Joiner Construction for lunch in their conference room, 411 E Santa Fe

1:15 p.m. – Ellinwood Packing Plant, 989 US Highway 56

1:45 p.m. – 10-39 Café, 104 W 1st

2:00 p.m. – Kansas Earth and Sky Candle Co., 23 N Main

2:30 p.m. – Sauer Chiropractic and Sports Clinic, 6 N Main

3:00 p.m. – St. John Child Development Center, 615 N Main

3:45 p.m. – Ellinwood City Office, 104 E 2nd

THE COUNTY EDITION, KVGB-AM – Thursdays at 11:05 a.m. Chris Scharz, County Works Director, is scheduled for September 25, 2025.

V. 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 30, 2025.

VI. ADJOURN.