

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: <http://bit.ly/4oEz1st>. If you wish to participate in the discussion of any item, please call (620) 793-1800 for instructions.

BOARD OF BARTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Agenda Meeting, November 4, 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 October 21, 2025, and the October 28, 2025, Regular Meetings 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 October 21, 2025, and ending November 4, 2025.

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:

-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. As the Treasurer needed the report completed, the Commission will be asked to ratify the order.

ITEM B. WHEATLAND TOWNSHIP: Board Appointments:

-Ms. Schmeidler will provide details. Garry Batt, Wheatland Township Treasurer, passed away in October, 2025. The remaining Wheatland Township Board members recommend that the Commission accept Tim Maier's resignation as Township Clerk and the appointment of Mr. Maier as Township Treasurer and Rhonda Templing as Township Clerk. It is the Commissioners' responsibility to make the appointments per KSA 25-1606.

ITEM C. REVISION OF THE 2025 / 2026 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS LISTING:

-Matt Patzner, County Administrator, will provide details. It is suggested that the Commission approve the 2025 / 2026 Authorized Positions Listing. The Road and Bridge Department has need to shift a seasonal position to a part-time position. This will not impact the over-all number of County employees nor significantly impact the hours worked in the Road and Bridge Department.

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.

-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) Veterans 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.

-Barton County Office Buildings will be closed on Tuesday, November 11, 2025, in observance of the Veterans Day holiday. The Health Department, the Records Division of the Sheriff's Office and the Landfill will also be closed that day. Emergency services will be in normal operation.

-The Memorial Parks Advisory Committee has scheduled a memorial recognition ceremony at the Golden Belt Veterans Memorial at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 11, 2025. The ceremony will be held at the Golden Belt Memorial Park, 59 NW 50 Road, Great Bend, Kansas. County officials may attend.

-The County Commission will meet as the Board of County Canvassers at 8:30 a.m., Monday, November 17, 2025, in the Office of the County Clerk. At that time, they will canvass the November 4, 2025, General Election.

B. APPOINTMENTS:

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

9:30 a.m. or following the close of the Agenda Meeting – Planning Session with Media Consultants.

9:45 a.m. – Regular Business Discussion – Matt Patzner, County Administrator.

10:00 a.m. – Program Update – Tall Grass

Engineering Consultant Interviews

10:30 a.m. – Kirkham-Michael and Associates

11:15 a.m. – Kaw Valley Engineering

1:15 p.m. – Penny Retiring Discussion – Jim Jordan, County Treasurer.

1:30 p.m. – Community Programming – Wendy Lockwood, The Center.

2:00 p.m. – Program Update – Brooke Haulmark, CKCC Director.

THE COUNTY EDITION, KVGB-AM – Thursdays at 11:05 a.m. Sheriff Brian Bellendir is scheduled for November 6, 2025.

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., Monday, November 17, 2025.

VII. ADJOURN.