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/4vg6lJK. 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 17, 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 October 27, 2026; the November 3, 2026; and the November 10, 2026, Regular Meetings.
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.

KSA 75-4318 states, in general, as an open meeting requirement, a public body may require that a request to receive notice (of regular and special meetings) be submitted to the body prior to the commencement of a fiscal year. Persons interested in receiving notice at this time are urged to contact the Office of the County Administrator, 1400 Main – Suite 108, Great Bend, Kansas, 67530 (mailing). Agenda are generally released to the public prior to the upcoming meetings. No revision to the document is allowed once released without the express approval of the Commission. Contact dwatson@bartoncounty.org with questions.

III. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:

-Chris Saenz, Deputy County Clerk, will present details. An Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of November 3, 2026, and ending November 17, 2026.

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

ITEM A. EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE: Employee Recognition Awards:

-Judith Castro, Employee Engagement Committee (EEC) President, will provide details. The EEC accepts nominations from employees for the Employee Recognition Award. At this time, the Commission will receive details relative to the recommendations for the first three quarters of 2026. These include (first) Kenneth Eaves, Road and Bridge; (second) Rosa Delgadillo, Facilities; and (third) Lindsey Ensley, Public Health.

ITEM B. COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE: Request for Approval – Added / Abated / Escaped / Refunded Taxes:

-Mr. Saenz 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. VOTING AND ALTERNATE DELEGATES: KCAMP and KWORCC:

-Matt Patzner, County Administrator, will provide details. In November, 2024, the Commission voted to move liability, property and workers compensation to the Kansas County Association Multiline Pool (KCAMP) and Kansas Workers Cooperative for Counties (KWORCC). The Commission has now been asked to name a voting and alternate delegate who will be charged with representing Barton County's official position on matters brought before each organization. Designees must be elected officials and must serve for a minimum of one year.

ITEM D. LEGISLATIVE ISSUES: KAC Legislative Initiatives and Legislative Policy Statement:

-Mr. Patzner will present details. In December, County officials will meet at the Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) Annual Conference. A portion of the time there will be spent discussing newly created Legislative Initiatives and the Legislative Policy Statement. Member Counties will be called to review the issues and determine the final policies. They will then be utilized during the upcoming Legislative Session to promote issues related to County Government. Each year, Barton County reviews and considers the policies and initiatives that may have local interest.

ITEM E. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Financial Affairs of a Private Business:

-Mr. Patzner will present. Jason Kulian, Great Bend Economic Development Executive Director, has approached the Commission to discuss the financial affairs of a private business.

ITEM F. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Financial Affairs of a Private Business:

-Mr. Patzner will present. It is anticipated that certain information relative to the financial affairs of a private business were presented in Executive Session, as is allowed by the Kansas Open Meeting Act. The Commission may consider economic development incentives at this time.

ITEM G. 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.

-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 Thursday, November 26, 2026, and Friday, November 27, 2026, in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. The Barton County Health Department and the Records Division of the Sheriff's Office will be closed both days. The Barton County Landfill will be closed on Thursday, November 26. It will reopen on Friday, November 27, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. On Saturday, November 28, it will return to normal operational hours. Emergency services will be in normal operation.

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.

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

10:30 a.m. – Program Update – Julie Gibbs, Health Director.

11:15 a.m. – Solid Wate Management Plan Review – Jennifer Hamby, Director.

11:45 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 November 19, 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, December 1, 2026.

VII. ADJOURN.