



National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor
Tri-County Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 1, 2024
Barton, Pawnee and Russell Counties
Barton Community College, 245 NE 30 Road, F123, Fine Arts Auditorium,
Great Bend, Kansas 67530

The 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/3Zu3y2L>

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- I. OPENING BUSINESS:**
- A. Call Meeting to Order.
 - B. Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - C. Consider Approval of the Agenda.
 - D. 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 three minutes.
 - E. Please silence all phones and electronic devices. Recording the meeting is allowed.



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II. MEETING ORGANIZATION:

-Barton County Commission Chairman Barb Esfeld will detail this item. As this is a joint meeting, each Commission will be asked to authorize the Barton County Clerk to take minutes of said meeting and remit to each County.

III. INTRODUCTIONS:

-Chairman Esfeld will introduce the Pawnee and Russell County Commissioners as well as federal, state and other dignitaries.

IV. LOCAL EFFORTS:

-Pawnee County Chairman Bob Rein, Jr. will detail local efforts relative to the National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor.

V. STATE AND FEDERAL STATEMENTS:

-State and federal officials may provide statements at this time.



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VI. COUNTY OFFICIAL QUESTIONS:

-Chairman Rein will facilitate this process. Barton, Pawnee and Russell County Commissioners have developed an expansive list of questions for federal and state officials. That list has been submitted to the Department of Energy, the Kansas Corporation Commission, other state and federal agencies as well as elected officials. Questions and answers will be addressed as this time.

VII. PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

-Chairman Esfeld will facilitate this process. The floor will be opened to questions from the public. Members of the public will be limited to three minutes. As a reminder, this time should not be used for statements reference the project, corridor or energy consumption.

VIII. LETTER OF OBJECTION:

-Doug McNett, Pawnee County Attorney, will present this item. Mr. McNett developed the proposed Letter of Objection. It details the importance of the agricultural and natural resources industries in an area where land has been owned for generations. In addition, the letter details the potential negative impact of the transmission corridor on our public health and economy.



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IX. ENDING STATEMENTS:

-Chairman Rein will facilitate this process. Any County, state or federal officials can make a closing statement. Statements will be limited to three minutes.

X. ADJOURN:



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