

# Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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July 29, 2025

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 29th day of July, 2025, at the Barton County Courthouse.

## *Members present:*

Duane Reif, Commissioner, 1<sup>st</sup> District, (Chairman Pro-Tem)  
Barb Esfeld, Commissioner, 2<sup>nd</sup> District  
Shawn Hutchinson, Commissioner, 3<sup>rd</sup> District  
Tricia Schlessiger, Commissioner, 4<sup>th</sup> District, Chairman  
Donna Zimmerman, Commissioner, 5<sup>th</sup> District  
Bev Schmeidler, County Clerk  
Matt Patzner, County Administrator  
Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor

## **I. OPENING BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Schlessiger called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

Commissioner Zimmerman moved to approve the agenda.  
Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Reif moved to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2025, Regular Meeting.  
Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **II. OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business.

## **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 July 15, 2025, and ending July 29, 2025.

Bev Schmeidler, County Clerk, presented details and asked for approval.

Commissioner Esfeld moved to approve appropriations for the period of July 15, 2025, to July 29, 2025.  
Authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.  
Commissioner Zimmerman seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor, said that none of the Executive Sessions would be held during Regular Session but would be done after adjourning the Regular Meeting. Hoffman said there would be interviews conducted during Executive Sessions but there would be no action taken.

***This agenda was approved by the Commissioners; however, the Executive Sessions were not held during the Regular Agenda but held during the Study Session time.***

## **IV. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **A. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

-Chairman Tricia Schlessiger will present. Any Commissioner may make a motion for the board to recess  
\* executive session at this time as allowed by K.S.A. 75-4319. Any motion must contain the justification

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*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.*

## **B. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Personnel matters of non-elected personnel:**

*-The Commission will enter into Executive Session pursuant to KSA 75-7319 (b) (4). The Commission may invite such parties as needed into said Session. It is anticipated that the Commission will interview candidates for the position of Compliance / Human Resource Officer. Interviews are scheduled at 9:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.*

## **C. ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION: Personnel matters of non-elected personnel:**

*-The Commission will make any necessary announcements as a result of the Executive Session. If necessary, further discussion or a decision may be made at this time.*

## **V. RECESS – The Commission will recess until 1:00 p.m. It is anticipated that the Commission will hold study sessions and be provided a lunch during this period.**

*Recommended motion – Move to recess the agenda meeting. The meeting will resume at 1:00 p.m. in this room.*

## **VI. RETURN – The Commission will resume the agenda meeting**

## **NEW BUSINESS, Continued.**

## **D. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Personnel matters of non-elected personnel:**

*-The Commission will enter into Executive Session. The Commission may invite such parties as needed into said Session. It is anticipated that the Commission will interview one candidate for the position of Compliance / Human Resource Officer. One interview is scheduled at 1:00 p.m.*

## **E. ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION: Personnel matters of non-elected personnel:**

*-The Commission will make any necessary announcements as a result of the Executive Session. If necessary, further discussion or a decision may be made at this time.*

## **F. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Personnel matters of non-elected personnel:**

*-The Commission will enter into Executive Session. The Commission may invite such parties as needed into said Session. It is anticipated that the Commission will discuss the interviews.*

## **G. ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION: Personnel matters of non-elected personnel:**

*-The Commission will make any necessary announcements as a result of the Executive Session. If necessary, further discussion or a decision may be made at this time.*

## **VII. ENDING BUSINESS:**

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| 1. Announcements | 2. Appointments |
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## **VIII. OTHER BUSINESS:**

*There was no other business.*

## **IX. ADJOURN:**

*Commissioner Hutchinson moved to adjourn at 9:07 A.M.*

*Commissioner Reif seconded the motion.*

*All voted aye. Motion passed.*

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TEST:



Bev Schmeidler  
Barton County Clerk



Tricia Schlessiger, Chairman

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION: (Done in Study Session)**

Notes from County Administrator

9:15 am

Commissioner Zimmerman moves that the Commission enter into Executive Session for a period of 45 minutes. The subject to be discussed will be non-elected personnel. The reason this needs to be discussed in Executive Session is to discuss an application with an applicant for a county position. The Governing body, the County Counselor, the County Administrator, and the applicant are to be included in said meeting. The Open Meeting will resume at 10:00 A.M. in this room. The executive session will be conducted in the Conference Room of the Barton County Courthouse Suite 101. Commissioner Hutchinson seconds. All in favor aye from all.

10:00 am

Commissioner Zimmerman moves to come out of executive session with no action taken. Commissioner Hutchinson seconds. Aye from all.

10:30 am

Commissioner Zimmerman moves that the Commission enter into Executive Session for a period of 45 minutes. The subject to be discussed will be non-elected personnel. The reason this needs to be discussed in Executive Session is to discuss an application with an applicant for a county position. The Governing body, the County Counselor, the County Administrator, and the applicant are to be included in said meeting. The Open Meeting will resume at 11:15 A.M. in this room. The executive session will be conducted in the Conference Room of the Barton County Courthouse Suite 101. Commissioner Hutchinson seconds. All in favor aye from all.

11:15 am

Commissioner Zimmerman moves to come out of executive session with no action taken. Commissioner Hutchinson seconds. Aye from all.

1:10 pm

Commissioner Hutchinson moves that the Commission enter into Executive Session for a period of 50 minutes. The subject to be discussed will be non-elected personnel. The reason this needs to be discussed in Executive Session is to discuss an application with an applicant for a county position. The Governing body, the County Counselor, the County Administrator, and the applicant are to be included in said meeting. The Open Meeting will resume at 2:00 P.M. in this room. The executive session will be conducted in the Conference Room of the Barton County Courthouse Suite 101. Commissioner Reif seconds. All in favor aye from all present. Commissioner Zimmerman was absent.

2:00 pm

Commissioner Esfeld moves to come out of executive session with no action taken. Commissioner Hutchinson seconds. Aye from all present. Commissioner Zimmerman was absent.