

Barton County Commission Special Meeting Minutes

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August 5, 2026

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 5th day of August, 2026, at the Barton County Courthouse.

Members present:

Duane Reif, Commissioner, 1st District, Chairman

Barb Esfeld, Commissioner, 2nd District

Tricia Schlessiger, Commissioner, 4th District

Donna Zimmerman, Commissioner, 5th District, *(Chairman Pro-Tem)*

Bev Schmeidler, County Clerk

Matt Patzner, County Administrator

Casey Hubbard, Assistant County Administrator

Members absent:

Shawn Hutchinson, Commissioner, 3rd District

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

Commissioner Reif called the meeting to order at 10:40 A.M.

Commissioner Zimmerman moved to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Schlessiger seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

No minutes were considered.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no Old Business.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

A. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION: Communications / 911:

-Matt Patzner, County Administrator, will provide details. The Commission will consider administrative action to facilitate a proposed move of the Communications Department under the umbrella of the Sheriff.

Matt Patzner, County Administrator, said the commission would consider appointing Sheriff Brian Bellendir as the Interim Executive Director of 911 Communications Department.

Commissioner Zimmerman said this would essentially appoint Sheriff Bellendir as Department Head.

Commissioner Zimmerman moved to appoint Sheriff Bellendir as the Interim Executive Director of the 911 Call Center.

Commissioner Schlessiger seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Zimmerman wanted to mention that the direction this was taking was that September 1, they would look at a resolution to take further action to make this a permanent transition to move the 911 center under the Sheriff.

IV. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements 2. Appointments

V. OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business.

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VI. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Schlessiger moved to adjourn at 10:44 A.M.

Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:


Bev Schmeidler
Barton County Clerk


Duane Reif, Chairman