

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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May 5, 2026

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

Members present:

Duane Reif, Commissioner, 1st District, Chairman
Barb Esfeld, Commissioner, 2nd District
Shawn Hutchinson, Commissioner, 3rd 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

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

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

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

Commissioner Esfeld moved to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2026, Regular Meeting.
Commissioner Schlessiger seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

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 April 21, 2026, and ending May 5, 2026.

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

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to approve appropriations for the period of April 21, 2026, to May 5, 2026 and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.
Commissioner Schlessiger seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. RESOLUTION 2026-12: A Resolution Transferring and Carrying Over 2025 Unexpended Funds to the Capital Improvement Fund:

-Matt Patzner, County Administrator, will present details. After accounting of all 2025 transactions, monies are suggested for transfer to the Capital Improvement Fund.

Matt Patzner, County Administrator, said it had been the county's practice to transfer unexpended funds from one year to the next. After discussions with the commissioners and in light of the uncertainty with the economy, the proposed transfers would better position the county for the future. Today, we have a proposed transfer to the Capital Improvement Fund, Federal Funds Exchange line of \$159,669.33, the exact total of Federal Funds Exchange money received in 2025. It goes into the Road & Bridge Fund and basically transfers out into Federal Funds Exchange line at the end of the year, mostly used for hot mix

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Commissioner Zimmerman said it was indicative of how tight the budget was and how hard they had tried to hold the line on property taxes.

Commissioner Zimmerman moved to adopt Resolution 2026-12, A Resolution Transferring and Carrying Over 2025 Unexpended Funds to the Capital Improvement Fund.

Commissioner Schlessiger seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. CENTRAL KANSAS COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS: Budgeting Transfer:

-Mr. Patzner will provide details. Earlier this year, Central Kansas Community Corrections (CKCC) sold a vehicle and proceeds were to be used to offset the purchase of a vehicle better suited to departmental needs. The Commission is asked to approve the transfer of certain monies from CKCC Fund 095 to the CKCC – Reimbursements Fund 096 as is allowed by the Kansas Department of Corrections.

Matt Patzner, County Administrator, presented details and said it was a housekeeping item to get in line with how the Department of Corrections wanted it to be handled.

Commissioner Esfeld said she was glad they were able to utilize a former city vehicle that was not worn out and was a good price.

Commissioner Esfeld moved to authorize the transfer of \$6,599.00 from the Central Kansas Community Corrections Fund, Vehicular Equipment Line, 095-70-6205, to the CKCC – Reimbursements Fund, Vehicular Line, 096-70-6205. Further, move to amend the February 24, 2026, motion for the purchase of a vehicle from the Great Bend Police Department so that the \$20,000.00 total cost reflects the payment of \$14,430.00 from the CKCC Fund, Vehicular Equipment Line, 095-70-6205, and \$5,570.00 to the CKCC – Reimbursements Fund, Vehicular Line, 096-70-6205.

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

C. LETTER OF SUPPORT: City of Great Bend – Kansas Transportation Alternatives Program Grant Application – 10th & Main ADA Pedestrian Crossing Improvements:

-Mr. Patzner will provide details. The City of Great Bend has asked the County to provide a letter of support for the grant application for the proposed pedestrian crossing improvements at the intersection of 10th Street (US-56) and Main Street (US-281), Great Bend, Kansas. This intersection plays an important role in the overall transportation network serving Barton County and surrounding communities. With no marked pedestrian crossings, there are safety concerns for pedestrians navigating the high-volume roadway. The proposed improvements will enhance safety, improve accessibility and better accommodate all users within this critical part of the transportation system.

Matt Patzner, County Administrator, presented details and said Dave Dunekack, Public Works Director, City of Great Bend, was present.

Dunekack said this was part of the second phase of the grant. He said the final application was due May 15th and KDOT required letters of support. They were also hoping to get turning lanes at the intersection and safety would be improved.

Commissioner Schlessiger moved to approve the Letter of Support for the City of Great Bend's Kansas Transportation Alternatives Program Grant Application – 10th & Main ADA Pedestrian Crossing Improvements.

Commissioner Zimmerman seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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No Executive Session Held

D. 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:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business.

VII. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to adjourn at 9:11 A.M.

Commissioner Zimmerman seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Bev Schmeidler
Barton County Clerk



Duane Reif, Chairman