

**BOARD OF BARTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER AGENDA MEETINGS**

Barton County Courthouse – 1400 Main, Suite 106, Great Bend, Kansas  
Tuesdays, unless otherwise announced, in Regular Meeting – 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Agenda Meeting – 9:00 a.m. Until Close

*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/41k0LcR>. If you wish to participate in the discussion of any item, please call (620) 793-1800 for instructions.*

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Agenda Meeting  
September 16, 2025  
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 September 9, 2025, Regular Meeting.
- 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.**

**ITEM A. EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE: Employee Recognition Award:**

-Judith Castro, Employee Engagement Committee (EEC) President, will provide details. The EEC accepts nominations from employees for the Employee Recognition Award. Deputy Michael Fahrney was nominated by his fellow employees at the Sheriff's Office. Comments included his growth and professionalism, willingness to learn and his ability to lead.

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

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

-Bev Schmeidler, County Clerk, 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 B. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Sean Kelly – Kansas Certified Emergency Manager Designation:**

-Matt Patzner, County Administrator, will provide details. The 2025 Kansas Emergency Management Association (KEMA) annual training conference was held in Manhattan this month. While at the Conference, Sean Kelly, Barton County Emergency Management Director, received the Kansas Certified Emergency Manager designation.

**ITEM C. FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT GRANT: Moses Properties, LLC – 2015 Forest Avenue, Back of Property:**

-Mr. Patzner will provide details. Earl Moses, on behalf of Moses Properties, 2015 Forest, Great Bend, Kansas, has applied for \$10,000.00 in grant funding. This project involves the back of the building, which is in the consumption district used for community events.

**ITEM D. AGREEMENT FOR PURCHASE AND SALE OF REAL ESTATE:**

-Mr. Patzner will provide details. Barton County was approached by representatives of the Marilyn J. Kopke Revocable Trust and the Larry L. Kopke Revocable Trust to purchase a portion of four lots in Block 116 of the City of Great Bend. The land is located between the Health Department and the Barton County Annex. If approved, the cost of the vacant lots is \$25,050.00 and monies are available in the Capital Improvement Fund for the purchase.

**ITEM E. RESOLUTION 2025-14: Resolution to Approve Functional Classification System:**

-Barry McManaman, County Engineer, will provide details. The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) works with every Kansas county to periodically update functional classification maps. There are three rural road classifications that are not on the state highway system in Barton County. Maintained by either the County or by townships, these classifications include major collectors, minor collectors and local roads. Mr. McManaman has worked with KDOT staff to identify changes to the functional classification map that will more accurately represent the level of service for Barton County and township roads. KDOT asks that the Commission approve the updated map through the adoption of a Resolution.

**ITEM F. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

-Chairman Tricia Schlessiger 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.

**IV. 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.

-The Commission may attend the Kansas Legislative Policy Group (KLPG) 2025 Annual Meeting in Russell, Kansas, on September 17 and 18, 2025. The event will be held at Meridy's Restaurant, 1220 South Fossil, Russell, Kansas.

**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 Consultants.

10:00 a.m. – Financial Update – Matt Patzner, Administrator.

10:15 a.m. – Tax Sale Update – Jim Jordan, County Treasurer.

10:30 a.m. – Program Update – Marissa Woodmansee, Juvenile Services Director.

10:45 a.m. – Regular Business Discussion – Matt Patzner, County Administrator.

Travel 389 – All businesses located in Claflin and Hoisington, Kansas:

Noon - Squeegy's, 100 E Front

1:00 p.m. – View Day Care Road

1:15 p.m. – Central Prairie CO-OP, 1097 NE 130 Avenue

1:45 p.m. – Millers of Claflin, 200 Main Street

2:15 p.m. – Cheyenne Bottoms Armory \ Quilting by Vickie, 105 Main

2:30 p.m. – Bailey's Food Bin, 101 Main

3:00 p.m. – Front Street Merchant, 200 W Front Street

3:45 p.m. – Ehler Chevrolet, 271 S Main, Hoisington

THE COUNTY EDITION, KVGB-AM – Thursdays at 11:05 a.m. Members of the Health Department are scheduled for September 18, 2025.

**V. OTHER BUSINESS:**

- A. Discussion Items.
- B. Citizens or organizations may present requests or proposals for initial consideration at this time.
- 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, September 23, 2025.

**VI. ADJOURN.**