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/43zm0YJ. If you wish to participate in the discussion of any item, please call (620) 793-1800 for instructions.

The County Commission will meet as the Board of County Canvassers at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, November 10, 2026, in the Office of the County Clerk, 1400 Main, Suite 202, Great Bend, Kansas. They will canvass the November 3, 2026, General Election ballots.

BOARD OF BARTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Agenda Meeting
November 10, 2026
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. Minutes of the October 27, 2026, and the November 3, 2026, Regular Meetings are not available.
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.

KSA 75-4318 states, in general, as an open meeting requirement, a public body may require that a request to receive notice (of regular and special meetings) be submitted to the body prior to the commencement of a fiscal year. Persons interested in receiving notice at this time are urged to contact the Office of the County Administrator, 1400 Main – Suite 108, Great Bend, Kansas, 67530 (mailing). Agenda are generally released to the public prior to the upcoming meetings. No revision to the document is allowed once released without the express approval of the Commission. Contact dwatson@bartoncounty.org with questions.

II. OLD BUSINESS - Items tabled, or scheduled, from previous Commission Meetings, will be heard at this time.

-There is no Old Business at this time.

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

ITEM A. BARTON COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION: 2026 Update:

-Mike Carlson and Charles Atkinson, Barton County Fair Board, will provide details. Accounting of the 2026 Barton County Fair has been completed, to include statistical information on attendance, income and other standards. In addition to a productivity review, the Commission will be asked to approve payment of related expenditures.

ITEM B. BOARD APPOINTMENTS: Health Department Advisory Committee:

-Julie Gibbs, Public Health Director, will provide details. Barton County solicited applicants for uncompensated positions for the Health Department Advisory Committee. The Health Department Advisory Committee provides guidance, recommendation and assistance to the Barton County Health Department staff. At this time, there are four open positions, terming December 31, 2028; requirements include allied medical health and citizens.

ITEM C. 2026 HIGHWAY STRIPING PROJECT: Project Update:

-Chris Schartz, County Works Director, will provide details. Barton County accepted proposals for the 2026 Highway Striping Project until February 23, 2026, for work that included centerline and edge line striping on approximately 97 miles of County roadway. Straight-Line Striping, Inc., was awarded the $112,311.45 bid. After award, striping 7th Street in Ellinwood and the McKinely Street Bridge outside of Great Bend were added to the project. This resulted in an actual cost of $115,191.90. It is suggested that the $2,880.45 difference be paid from the Road and Bridge Fund.

ITEM D. KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES: Voting Delegates:

-Matt Patzner, County Administrator, will provide details. The Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) will hold its Annual Conference from December 7 – 10, 2026, in Wichita. Each year, the Commission designates a voting delegate and first and second voting alternates for the meeting.

ITEM E. 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.

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.

-In reference to the Golden Belt and Hillcrest Memorial Parks and Cemeteries, all decorations may be placed on graves seven (7) days prior to and shall be removed seven (7) days (after) Veterans Day. Employees will not attempt to find items after being so removed. Additionally, Barton County will not be responsible for the loss of or damage to any appropriate, ornamental items left on any lot, grave or other part of the memorial parks or cemeteries during the listed holiday periods. Resolution 2022-08, Regulations for Barton County Owned and Operated Memorial Parks and Cemeteries, available upon request.

-Barton County Office Buildings will be closed on Wednesday, November 11, 2026, in observance of the Veterans Day holiday. The Health Department, the Records Division of the Sheriff's Office and the Landfill will also be closed that day. Emergency services will be in normal operation.

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 Consultant.

10:00 a.m. – Regular Business Discussion – Matt Patzner, County Administrator.

10:15 a.m. – Vehicle Needs – Sean Kelly, Emergency Management Director.

10:30 a.m. – Program Update – Veronica Coons, Barton County Conservation District Manager.

10:45 a.m. – Program Update – Josh Beckman, County Engineer, Kirkham Michael.

11:00 a.m. – Program Update – Chris Schartz, County Works Director.

11:30 a.m. – The Commission will continue business discussions.

TRAVEL 389 APPOINTMENTS: Driving Our Future:

-Travel 389 will continue as the Commission meets with local business owners, listens to citizen ideas and collaborates with those building better tomorrows along our 389 miles of County roadways. Today's appointments include:

1:00 p.m. – Zarah Coffee Shop – 1216 Main, Great Bend, Kansas.

2:00 p.m. – Happy Girl Flower Shop – 2102 Kansas, Great Bend, Kansas.

2:45 p.m. – Moment Viewing, Golden Belt Memorial Park, 59 NW 50 Rd, Great Bend, Kansas.

3:30 p.m. – The Trust Company, 2009 Forest, Great Bend, Kansas.

THE COUNTY EDITION, KVGB-AM – Thursdays at 11:05 a.m. Members of the 20th District Juvenile Services Department are scheduled for November 12, 2026.

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, November 17, 2026.

VI. ADJOURN.