

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/3Bk7DNz>. If you wish to participate in the discussion of any item, please call (620) 793-1800 for instructions.

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Agenda Meeting
February 18, 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 February 11, 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.

-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. PROCLAMATION 2025-01: Severe Weather Preparedness Week, March 3 – 7, 2025:

-Sean Kelly, Emergency Management Director, will present details. Severe Weather Preparedness Week, March 3 – 7, 2025, is a cooperative effort of the National Weather Service, the Kansas Emergency Management Association and local county emergency management agencies. Barton County Emergency Management reminds everyone to be prepared for the spring severe weather season. The proposed Proclamation encourages individuals, businesses and communities to plan and prepare for an emergency.

ITEM B. NOXIOUS WEED: Noxious Weed Eradication Progress Report and Management Plan:

-Chris Schartz, County Works Director, will provide details. The Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA) is responsible for laws aiding in the control and management of noxious and invasive weeds in Kansas. The KDA requires Kansas counties to submit an annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress Report as well as a Management Plan.

ITEM C. ROAD AND BRIDGE: Equipment Trade – RCT350 Broce Broom:

-Mr. Schartz will provide details. Road and Bridge currently uses a 2002 CR350 Broce Broom with 3,567 hours to help remove hazards such as loose gravel, broken glass and trash from roadways. The equipment has been used beyond its useful life. It is suggested that it be replaced with a 2025 RCT350 Broce Broom. The 2025 RCT350 is priced at \$74,300.00, and, with a trade of the 2002 CR350 Broce Broom for \$10,000.00, can be purchased for a total of \$64,300.00 from The G.W. Van Keppel Company.

ITEM D. RESOLUTION 2025-06: A Resolution Transferring Tax Credit Proceeds to Capital Improvement:

-Matt Patzner, County Administrator, will present details. In late 2024, the County solicited bids from interested parties in purchasing Kansas Rehabilitation Tax Credits that were issued for the Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) project at the Barton County Courthouse. On November 26, 2024, the Commission awarded the Kansas Rehabilitation Tax Credits bid to Clocktower Tax Credits for \$1,463,440.00 in tax credits at a bid price of \$1,358,218.66. The tax credits have now been received by the County. The Commission will now consider transfer of the funds to Capital Improvement.

ITEM E. 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.

B. APPOINTMENTS:

-Although subject to change, the following appointments have been scheduled:

9:45 a.m. or following the close of the Agenda Meeting – Financial Update – Matt Patzner, Administrator.

10:00 a.m. – Freedom of Information Request Software – Bev Schmeidler, County Clerk, and Darin DeWitt, Voter Registration Clerk.

10:15 a.m. – Program Update and Comprehensive Plan Review – Marissa Woodmansee, Juvenile Services Director.

10:45 a.m. – Program Update – Employee Engagement Committee.

11:15 a.m. – Facility Usage – Darren Williams, Facilities Manager.

11:45 a.m. – Vehicle Update – Sean Kelly, Emergency Management Director.

1:00 p.m. – Motor Vehicle Fee Bill and HB 2162, Banking Bill – Jim Jordan, County Treasurer.

1:30 p.m. – Regular Business Discussion – Matt Patzner, County Administrator.

THE COUNTY EDITION, KVGB-AM – Thursdays at 11:05 a.m. Members of the Health Department are scheduled for February 20, 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, February 25, 2025.

VI. ADJOURN.