

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/4a12hoK>. If you wish to participate in the discussion of any item, please call (620) 793-1800 for instructions.

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Agenda Meeting, March 24, 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. Consider the minutes of the March 10, 2026, 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. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:

-Bev Schmeidler, County Clerk, will present details. An Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of March 10, 2026, and ending March 24, 2026.

IV. 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:

-Ms. Schmeidler 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. RESOLUTION 2026-07: Establishing Commission Districts for Barton County, Kansas, and Rescinding Resolution 2023-15, Same, adopted May 17, 2023:

-Ms. Schmeidler will present details. At least once every three years, the Commission shall review districting to assure that each of the five districts is as compact and equal in population as possible.

ITEM C. LETTER OF SUPPORT: Purchase of the Colt Revolver Used by Sheriff George N. Moses:

-Sheriff Brian Bellendir will present details. On February 17, 2026, Sheriff Bellendir reported to the Commission that the Colt revolver used by Sheriff George N. Moses may be available for purchase. Currently owned by the great-grand daughter of Sheriff Moses, it is suggested that private funding be used for the purchase and that the gun be donated to Barton County to provide for its perpetual care. Sheriff Bellendir will ask that the Commission consider providing a Letter of Support for the purchase by Sheriff Bellendir of the Civil War-era revolver.

ITEM D. LETTER OF SUPPORT: Grant Funding for Infrastructure enhancements on Fifteenth Street, City of Hoisington:

-Matt Patzner, County Administrator, will present details. The City of Hoisington seeks grant funding for infrastructure enhancements on Fifteenth Street between Clay and Susank Road. The City believes that the improvement will promote safety, increase its appeal to potential homebuyers and promote community development. A Letter of Support will be presented at this time.

ITEM E. COMMUNICATIONS: State 911 Board Critical Facility Mapping Grant Program:

-Dena Popp, 911 Director, will present details. In mid-2025, the State 911 Board announced the Critical Facility Mapping Grant Program which provided funding to map K-12 schools in an effort to support emergency response, planning and NG911 integration. Ms. Popp has since been notified that Communications has received funding to create maps for each school in Barton County. It is noted that completed maps will be the property of the Kansas Legislature.

ITEM F. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: Request for Proposals – CrowdStrike Endpoint Protection:

-Dereck Hollingshead, Information Technology Director, will provide details. Beginning February 17, 2026, the Information Technology Department accepted proposals for CrowdStrike Endpoint Protection software for all County owned computers and servers. This included 260 computers and servers needing active endpoint protection with Falcon Complete. Monies were included in the Information Technology account for this anticipated purchase. Given the timing of this bid and need to update County equipment, the proposal was awarded to CIS Security for \$17,160.00. The Commission will be asked to ratify the award.

ITEM G. SOLID WASTE: Local Recycling Grant:

-Jennifer Hamby, Solid Waste Director, will provide details. In the 2026 Operating Budget, the Commission allocated \$15,000.00 under Solid Waste for local recycling with an understanding that applications would be accepted locally for the monies. Eligible to apply include any County department, agency, organization, recycling center, city, school district or community college located in Barton County. To be eligible, the application must demonstrate a positive economic and environmental impact in the County, be consistent with the Barton County Solid Waste Management Plan, benefit the County and its residents and increase recycling.

ITEM H. FACILITIES MANAGEMENT: Carrier Water Source Heat Pump:

-Darren Williams, Facilities Director, will present details. A Carrier water source heat pump has failed at the Courthouse. The unit, which is part of the individual heating and cooling system that is utilized throughout the Courthouse, is out of warranty. It is suggested that a new unit be purchased from Kruse Corporation for a total of \$15,272.00. Given that the lead time for the unit is up to 19 weeks, an order has been placed and the Commission is asked to ratify the purchase.

ITEM I. 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 – 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 – Planning Session with Media Consultant.

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

10:30 a.m. – Program Update – Josh Beckman, County Engineer, Kirkham Michael

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

11:15 a.m. – Program Update – Jennifer Hamby, Solid Waste Director.

11:30 a.m. – Request for Proposal – Wasabi Cloud Storage – Dereck Hollingshead, IT Director.

1:00 p.m. – Request for Proposals – Contracted Cleaning & Custodial Services – Darren Williams, Facilities Director.

1:30 p.m. – Program Update – Jason Kuilan, Executive Director, Great Bend Economic Development.

2:15 p.m. – Discussion with Barton County Historical Society – Justin Engleman, Director.

THE COUNTY EDITION, KVGB-AM – Thursdays at 11:05 a.m. Members of the Barton County Health Department are scheduled for March 26, 2026.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

- A. Discussion Items.
- B. Citizens or organizations may present requests or proposals for initial consideration.
- 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, March 31, 2026.

VII. ADJOURN.