

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/4dN1Uin>. If you wish to participate in the discussion of any item, please call (620) 793-1800 for instructions.

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Agenda Meeting
July 7, 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 June 30, 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. NEW BUSINESS - All new business to be considered by the Commission will be heard at this time.

ITEM A. PROCLAMATION 2026-10: Celebrating 10 Years of the Great Bend Bat Cats Baseball Club:

-Commissioner Barb Esfeld will provide details. The Great Bend Bat Cats Baseball Club expands to 32 states and eight countries, bringing student athletes to the Al Burns Memorial Field in Great Bend, Kansas, to develop skills, gain exposure and pursue a dream of playing professional baseball. With an estimated 8,000 people attending free games throughout a typical home season, the team offers local support by participating in community and service opportunities, reinforcing the organization's commitment to giving back. The Commission will now be asked to adopt a Proclamation celebrating 10 years of commitment to youth and community.

ITEM B. INDEPENDENT TOWNSHIP: Board Appointments:

-Bev Schmeidler, County Clerk, will provide details. Randy Oeser, Trustee, and James Debes, Treasurer, have resigned from the Independent Township Board. It is recommended that the Commission accept the resignations and appoint Fred Beck as Trustee and Dustin Daniels as Treasurer. It is the Commissioners' responsibility to make the appointments per KSA 25-1606.

ITEM C. 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.

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. – Equipment Needs – Jennifer Hamby, Solid Waste Director.

10:30 a.m. – Program Update – Dena Popp, 911 Director.

10:45 a.m. – Departmental Planning Session – Lindsey Ensley, Interim Public Health Director.

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

THE COUNTY EDITION, KVGB-AM – Thursdays at 11:05 a.m. Bev Schmeidler, County Clerk, is scheduled for July 9, 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, July 14, 2026.

VI. ADJOURN.