

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/4tXV2oj>. If you wish to participate in the discussion of any item, please call (620) 793-1800 for instructions.

BOARD OF BARTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AND FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 GOVERNING BODY

Budget Hearings and Agenda Meetings
August 25, 2026, 9:00 a.m. Until Close

BARTON COUNTY BUDGET HEARING

9:00 a.m. until Close of Budget Hearing

BUDGET HEARING: 2027 Operating Budget:

-Matt Patzner, County Administrator, will provide details. Elected officials, Department Heads and supported agencies were asked to submit budget requests for the 2027 Operating Year. The Commission reviewed the requests and, with the assistance of the Administrator, drafted a balanced operating budget. The proposed 2027 Operating Budget is now presented to receive public comment.

CLOSE OF BUDGET HEARING

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 August 11, 2026, and the August 18, 2026, Regular Meetings.
- 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 August 11, 2026, and ending August 25, 2026.

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

ITEM A. ADOPTION OF THE 2027 BARTON COUNTY OPERATING BUDGET:

-Mr. Patzner will provide details. At the Budget Hearing for the proposed 2027 Operating Budget for Barton County, conducted prior to this Regular Agenda Meeting, public comments were received. The Commission is now asked to consider adoption of the budget.

ITEM B. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT PLANS:

-Mr. Patzner will provide details. Through the budgeting process, Barton County transfers cash, as savings, to both the Capital Improvement and the Equipment Replacement Funds. The plans, revised annually, allow the County to prepare for projected long-term expenditures.

ITEM C. SOUTHWEST DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES, INC: Agreement for Services:

-Mr. Patzner will provide details. Southwest Developmental Services, Inc. (SDSI) is the Community Developmental Disability Organization (CDDO) for the County. Under the 2027 service agreement, SDSI will provide all services required by Kansas statutes for a CDDO for a total of \$70,000.00.

ITEM D. 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.

-The Commission may attend the County-wide Fire Chiefs meeting at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 25, 2026, at the Hoisington Activity Center, 1200 Susank Road, Hoisington, Kansas.

B. APPOINTMENTS:

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

10:00 a.m. – Budget Hearing and Agenda Meeting – Fire District No. 1.

10:15 a.m. or following the close of the Fire District Meeting – Planning Session with Media Consultant.

10:30 a.m. – Regular Business Discussion – Matt Patzner, County Administrator.

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.

THE COUNTY EDITION, KVGB-AM – Thursdays at 11:05 a.m. Matt Patzner, County Administrator, is scheduled for August 27, 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, September 1, 2026.

VII. ADJOURN.

GOVERNING BODY OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1

Budget Hearing and Agenda Meeting
10:00 a.m. until Close of Budget Hearing

BUDGET HEARING

BUDGET HEARING: 2027 Operating Budget:

-Mr. Patzner will provide details. Fire District officials were asked to submit a preliminary budget request for the 2027 Operating Year. Budget information will now be presented for public comment.

CLOSE OF BUDGET HEARING

AGENDA MEETING

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

- A. Call Meeting to Order.
- B. Consider Approval of Agenda.
- C. Consider Minutes of the May 5, 2026, Regular Meeting.
- D. Cell phones and other electronic devices, other than those used by the media and law enforcement, should be shut off.

II. OLD BUSINESS – Items tabled, or scheduled, from previous 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 Governing Body will be heard at this time.

ITEM A. ADOPTION OF THE 2027 FIRE DISTRICT OPERATING BUDGET:

-Mr. Patzner will provide details. The Budget Hearing for the proposed 2027 Operating Budget was conducted prior to this Regular Meeting. The Governing Body is now asked to consider adoption of the proposed budget.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS:

- A. Discussion Items.
- B. Citizens or organizations may present requests or proposals for initial consideration.
- C. Next Regular Meeting will be announced at a later date.

V. ADJOURN.