

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/4wR4UmJ>. If you wish to participate in the discussion of any item, please call (620) 793-1800 for instructions.

BOARD OF BARTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF HEALTH

Agenda Meeting
September 15, 2026
9:00 a.m. Until Close

BOARD OF BARTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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 September 1, 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 August 25, 2026, and ending September 8, 2026.

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

ITEM A. INTRODUCTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR: Julie Gibbs, Director:

-Matt Patzner, County Administrator, will provide details. Earlier this year, the County started the process of hiring a Public Health Director. Under direction of the County Administrator, the Public Health Director manages the budget, staff and daily operations of the Barton County Health Department. After an extensive search, the County has hired Julie Gibbs. A public introduction will be made at this time.

ITEM B. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT: Colt Model 1860 Army Percussion Revolver:

-Sheriff Brian Bellendir will provide details. Earlier this year, the Colt Model 1860 Army percussion revolver used by George N. Moses, the first Sheriff of record in Barton County, had been purchased with private funding.

ITEM C. SOLID WASTE: Rebuild of Caterpillar D7H Bulldozer:

-Jennifer Hamby, Solid Waste Director, will provide details. The Barton County Landfill operates a Caterpillar D7H bulldozer to move dirt and debris across various projects. It also functions as a backup for the compactors. In addition to a recent clutch failure, the undercarriage has experienced accelerated wear that requires a rebuild. Foley Equipment has provided a \$129,350.01 estimate for the work. Monies are available in the Solid Waste Fund for this expenditure.

ITEM D. CENTRAL KANSAS COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS: Fiscal Year 2026 Year-End Outcomes:

-Brooke Haulmark, CKCC Director, will provide details. The Kansas Department of Corrections provides grant funding to local judicial districts to work with high-risk offenders and assist in appropriate interventions to lower recidivism. The Year-End Outcomes Report sets out the results at the fiscal year's close and requires the review and approval of the Barton County Commissioners as the Administrative County for the District.

ITEM E. JUVENILE SERVICES: Return Unexpended Behavioral Health Funds to the Kansas Department of Corrections:

-Marissa Woodmansee, Juvenile Services Director, will provide details. In September, 2023, Juvenile Services received \$50,000.00 for the behavioral health needs for youth and families in the 20th Judicial District. Due to the restrictive nature of this grant, monies remain unspent. The Juvenile Services Department requests approval to return \$46,041.22 in unexpended funds to the Kansas Department of Corrections.

ITEM F. RESOLUTION 2026-17: A Resolution Establishing a Temporary Burn Ban:

-Sean Kelly, Emergency Management Director, will present details. Persistent dry weather conditions have created a fire hazard situation within Barton County. Local Fire Chiefs have asked that the Commission prohibit open burning in Barton County by declaring a temporary burn ban until conditions improve.

ITEM G. 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 Kansas Legislative Policy Group (KLPG) 2026 Annual Meeting in Dodge City, Kansas, on September 17 and 18, 2026. The event will be held at United Wireless Arena, 4100 West Comanche Street, Dodge City, Kansas.

B. APPOINTMENTS:

-Subject to change, the following appointments have been scheduled:

10:00 a.m. or following the close of the Board of Health Meeting
– Planning Session with Media Consultant.

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

11:00 a.m. – Hiring a private fee appraiser for a commercial appeal – Wendy Prosser, County Appraiser.

11:15 a.m. – The Commission will continue business discussions.

THE COUNTY EDITION, KVGB-AM – Thursdays at 11:05 a.m. Members of the 20th Judicial District Juvenile Services Department are scheduled for September 17, 2026.

VI. 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, September 22, 2026.

VII. ADJOURN.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Following the Close of the Agenda Meeting Until Close

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

- A. Call Meeting to Order.
- B. Consider Approval of the Agenda.
- C. Consider Minutes of the May 12, 2026, Meeting.
- D. 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.
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II. OLD BUSINESS - Items tabled, or scheduled, from previous Board of Health 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. RESOLUTION 2026-04: A Resolution Appointing the Barton County Local Health Officer and Rescinding Resolution 2026-01, Same, Adopted May 12, 2026:

-Matt Patzner, County Administrator, will provide details. Pursuant to Chapter 65 of the Kansas Statutes, Public Health, the Barton County Commissioners act as the Board of Health for Barton County, Kansas. Said Board is empowered to appoint the Local Health Officer. With the hire of Julie Gibbs, it is suggested that she be named as the Local Health Officer.

ITEM B. RESOLUTION 2026-05: A Resolution Appointing the Barton County Public Health Director and Rescinding Resolution 2026-02, Same, Adopted May 12, 2026:

-Mr. Patzner will provide details. At this time, the Board is asked to consider the appointment of Ms. Gibbs as the Public Health Director.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS:

- A. Discussion Items.
- B. Citizens or organizations may present requests or proposals for initial consideration.
- C. The next meeting of the Board of Health will be announced at a later date.

V. ADJOURN.