

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/3ld4aDY>. If you wish to participate in the discussion of any item, please call (620) 793-1800 for instructions.

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Agenda Meeting, October 21, 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 October 14, 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. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:

-Bev Schmeidler, County Clerk, will present details. An Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of October 7, 2025, and ending October 21, 2025.

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

ITEM A. PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE:

-Karen Winkelman, Public Health Director, will provide details. The Barton County Health Department has taken innovative measures to reach area citizens, to include expanded hours, digital outreaches, community vaccine initiatives and more. Through the promotion of physical and mental health advancement from birth through senior adulthood, Public Health provides a wide range of services. An overview will be provided at this time.

ITEM B. JUVENILE SERVICES: Stepping Up for Juvenile Justice in Kansas Update:

-Marissa Woodmansee, Juvenile Services Director, will provide an update on the Stepping Up for Juvenile Justice in Kansas program. Governor Laura Kelly, in collaboration with the Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC), initiated the juvenile justice-focused Stepping Up initiative to address the prevalence of behavioral health needs among youth in Kansas. The program's aim is to reduce the use of detention and increase connections to improve outcomes for youth and families and enhance community safety.

ITEM C. 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.

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:

9:30 a.m. or following the close of the Agenda Meeting – Planning Session with Media Consultants.

9:45 a.m. – Financial and Program Update – Matt Patzner, Administrator.

10:00 a.m. – Request for Proposals – Annual Computer Replacement Project – Dereck Hollingshead, Information Technology Director.

10:15 a.m. – Program Update – Wendy Prosser, County Appraiser.

11:00 a.m. – Freedom Claims with Human Resources Team.

Travel 389 – All businesses are located in or near Great Bend, Kansas:

1:00 p.m. – Marmie Auto Group – Marmie Ford, 1815 10th Street; Marmie Motors, 1724 10th Street, and Marmie Chevrolet, 4217 W 10th Street

2:15 p.m. – Kustom Floor Designs, 1515 Main

3:00 p.m. – Corinthians Hill Event Center, 464 NE 20 Ave

THE COUNTY EDITION, KVGB-AM – Thursdays at 11:05 a.m. Members of the 20th Judicial District Juvenile Services Department are scheduled for October 23, 2025.

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, October 28, 2025.

VII. ADJOURN.