

**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/484dAu7>. If you wish to participate in the discussion of any item, please call (620) 793-1800 for instructions.*

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Agenda Meeting, December 2, 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 November 25, 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 November 17, 2025, and ending December 2, 2025.

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

**ITEM A. COUNTY ENGINEER: Barry McManaman – Retirement:**

-Matt Patzner, County Administrator, will provide details. After graduating from Pratt Community College and K-State with a degree in Civil Engineering, Barry McManaman became a Kansas Department of Transportation Area Engineer in 1984. He stayed with KDOT for over thirty years, when his focus shifted and he was hired as the County Engineer in November, 2015. Working more than 40 years in this area, the Commission will honor Mr. McManaman for his public service.

**ITEM B. RESOLUTION 2025-18: A Resolution Amending Article III of the Barton County Zoning Regulations, Version II:**

-Judy Goreham, Environmental Manager, will provide details. The Zoning and Subdivision Regulations were adopted in 2000 and later revised in 2013. The Planning Commission now recommends amendments to Article III as it pertains to the three different classifications of Wind Energy Conversion Systems (WECS) in the seven Zoning Districts in Barton County. Specifically, this Resolution pertains to Small Scale Single Use, Large Scale Non-Commercial and Commercial Scale WECS development in Barton County, Kansas.

**ITEM C. RESOLUTION 2025-19: A Resolution Amending Article VIII of the Barton County Zoning Regulations, Version II:**

-Ms. Goreham will provide details. The Zoning and Subdivision Regulations were adopted in 2000 and later revised in 2013. The Planning Commission now recommends amendments to Article VIII as it would pertain to the three different classifications of Wind Energy Conversion Systems (WECS) in the seven Zoning Districts in Barton County. This Resolution details updates to regulations pertaining to the development of "Small Scale Single Use Wind Energy Conversion Systems (WECS)", and new regulations reference "Large Scale Non-Commercial Wind Energy Conversion Systems (WECS)", and "Commercial Scale Wind Energy Conversion Systems (WECS)" in Barton County.

**ITEM D. RESOLUTION 2025-20: A Resolution Amending the Official Barton County Zoning Map:**

-Ms. Goreham will provide details. The Zoning and Subdivision Regulations were adopted in 2000 and later revised in 2013. The Planning Commission now recommends amendments to the Official Barton County Zoning Map to allow for three different maps that will isolate the General Zoning Districts, SECS and WECS uses in Barton County.

**ITEM E. LEGISLATIVE ISSUES: KAC Legislative Policy Statement:**

-Mr. Patzner will present details. On December 9, 2025, County officials will meet at the Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) Annual Conference. An important item that will be discussed is the KAC Legislative Policy Statement. Member Counties will be called to review the issues and determine the platform's final form. It will then be utilized during the upcoming Legislative Session to promote issues related to County Government. Each year, Barton County reviews and considers the KAC Platform and other initiatives that may have local interest.

**ITEM F. DISTRICT CORONER: Appointment of Special Deputy Coroners:**

-Mr. Patzner will provide details. Dr. Patrick Stiles is the District Coroner in the 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial District. Dr. Stiles has made recommendation as to the appointment of Special Deputy Coroners as prescribed by Kansas Statutes and by Resolution 2006-11, District Coroner. Special Deputies serve one-year calendar terms.

**ITEM G. BOARD APPOINTMENTS: Health Department Advisory Committee:**

-Karen Winkelman, Public Health Director, will provide details. Barton County solicited applicants for uncompensated positions for the Health Department Advisory Committee. The Health Department Advisory Committee provides guidance, recommendation and assistance to the Barton County Health Department staff. At this time, there are five open positions, terming December 31, 2027, requirements include allied medical health and the animal health professional fields.

**ITEM H. 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.

-The Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) will hold its Annual Meeting from December 9 – 11, 2025, in Wichita, Kansas. In addition to determining a Legislative Policy, individual associations will meet to discuss County needs. The annual meeting is headquartered at the Hyatt Regency and Century II Convention Center, 400 West Waterman, Wichita, Kansas. Included therein is the annual Policy Meeting with the Kansas Natural Resource Coalition and the Kirkham-Michael Appreciation Dinner. As a result, there will be no Commission meeting that week. The next meeting of the Commission will be December 16, 2025.

**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 Consultants.

10:00 a.m. – Program Update – Karen Winkelman, Public Health Director.

10:30 a.m. – Program Update – Brooke Haulmark, CKCC Director.

11:00 a.m. – Regular Business Discussion – Matt Patzner, County Administrator.

Noon – Luncheon with the Commission and Mr. McManaman.

1:00 p.m. – Retirement Reception for Mr. McManaman in the Commission Room.

THE COUNTY EDITION, KVGB-AM – Thursdays at 11:05 a.m. Sheriff Brian Bellendir is scheduled for December 4, 2025.

**V. 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, December 16, 2025.

**VI. ADJOURN.**