

Claflin Fire District No. 1 Agenda Meeting Minutes

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May 5, 2026

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 5th day of May 2026, at the Barton County Courthouse.

Members present:

Duane Reif, Commissioner, 1st District, Chairman
Barb Esfeld, Commissioner, 2nd District
Shawn Hutchinson, Commissioner, 3rd District
Tricia Schlessiger, Commissioner, 4th District
Donna Zimmerman, Commissioner, 5th District, (Chairman Pro-Tem)
Bev Schmeidler, County Clerk
Matt Patzner, County Administrator
Casey Hubbard, Assistant County Administrator

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

Commissioner Reif called the meeting to order at 9:11 A.M.

Commissioner Zimmerman moved to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Schlessiger moved to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2025, Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

A. RESOLUTION 2026-01: Resolution Transferring and Carrying Over 2025 Fire District No. 1 Unexpended Funds to the Special Equipment Fund:

-Matt Patzner, Barton County Administrator, will provide details. Fire District No. 1, created to provide fire protection to a portion of northeastern Barton County, is financed by the City of Claflin and Cheyenne, Independent and Logan Townships. The Board will consider transferring remaining 2025 funds to the Fire District's Special Equipment Fund.

Matt Patzner, Barton County Administrator, asked the board to consider the transfer of the remaining \$30,000.

Commissioner Reif said there were two people from Fire District No. 1 present and asked if they had any comments. Commissioner Reif said he spoke to the Fire Chief, and it sounded like they got the truck at a reasonable price.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to adopt Resolution 2026-01, A Resolution Transferring and Carrying Over 2025 Fire District No. 1 Unexpended Funds to the Special Equipment Fund.

Commissioner Schlessiger seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. RATIFY THE PURCHASE OF A 2003 STEWART AND STEVENSON TRUCK:

-Mr. Patzner will present details. Fire District No. 1 had the opportunity purchase a 2003 Stewart and Stevenson truck from the Deerfield Fire Department in Deerfield, Missouri, for \$16,150.00. Monies are available in the Fire District No. 1 fund for this purchase.

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Att Patzner, Barton County Administrator, said proceeds from the sale of another truck would go into the operational fund and help to offset the cost of the truck.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked how much was received for the truck. Chris Steiner said \$6,275.00. Steiner said the one sold was a 1990 one-ton regular wheel, regular cab, Chevrolet pickup that was purchased around 2000. Steiner said the skid unit in that truck had been in three different trucks.

Commissioner Hutchinson said they were able to upgrade a brush truck for less than \$10,000. Steiner said the truck had minimal issues in the past, but they were getting water into the engine of the pump, and it was no longer reliable. They had another skid that was donated, a larger skid and the one-ton truck would not work for it.

Commissioner Zimmerman said their efforts to find it were appreciated.

Commissioner Zimmerman moved to ratify the purchase of a 2003 Stewart and Stevenson truck from the Deerfield Fire Department for \$16,150.00. Cost to be paid from the Fire District No. 1 Capital Improvement and Special Equipment Fund, Equipment Line, 070-50-6165.

Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS:

Ryan Oeser – currently selling tickets for their annual gun raffle. All proceeds go towards SCBA and bunker gear for the firefighters. Tickets were \$50 each with only 1,000 being sold.

V. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Schlessiger made a motion to adjourn at 9:20 A.M.

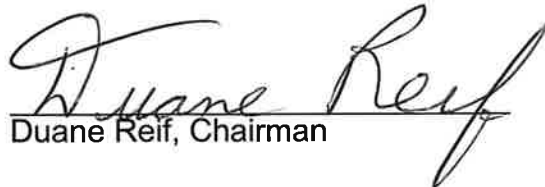
Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Bev Schmeidler
Barton County Clerk



Duane Reif, Chairman