

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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June 2, 2026

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 2nd day of June, 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 9:00 A.M.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Zimmerman seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Esfeld moved to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2026, Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Schlessiger seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no Old Business.

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 May 19, 2026, and ending June 2, 2026.

Bev Schmeidler, County Clerk, presented details and asked for approval.

Commissioner Schlessiger moved to approve appropriations for the period of May 19, 2026, to June 2, 2026. Authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. JUVENILE SERVICES: Vehicle Replacement Approval:

-Marissa Woodmansee, Juvenile Services Director, will provide details. The Juvenile Services Department requests approval of the purchase of a 2026 Chevrolet Traverse to replace two (2) current vehicles in the Juvenile Services fleet. Bids were accepted until May 18, 2026, with one local dealer submitting a proposal.

Marissa Woodmansee, Juvenile Services Director, said Ryan Lichter did the process from start to finish. He put out the proposal for bids. Woodmansee said they received seven local bids and one from out of state. Woodmansee said Lichter also test drove the vehicles to be sure they fit their needs and the needs of the population they transport. Woodmansee said they decided on the 2026 Traverse and added that they had funds available in the budget.

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Commissioner Zimmerman said the Traverse were pretty roomy and asked if it had third row seating. Woodmansee said it did have a third row with captain's seats in the front two rows which made it easier to get car seats in and out, they can also collapse some of the seats.

Commissioner Reif said those were important features when transporting several people.

Woodmansee noted that they were trading in two vehicles for the purchase. One of them had very high mileage and they maintained a certain threshold because they were transporting other people's children.

Commissioner Zimmerman asked Woodmansee how many vehicles they would then have in their fleet. Woodmansee said they would have four vehicles, 2 vans, a small sized car and the Traverse. She said she was glad to receive so many bids and were able to go with a local bid.

Commissioner Esfeld moved to approve the purchase of a 2026 Chevrolet Traverse LT from Marmie Chevrolet GMC with the trade of a 2016 Chevrolet Impala and a 2019 Jeep Cherokee Latitude. The bid cost of \$21,819.00 is to be paid from the Juvenile Services, Immediate Intervention Fund, Equipment Line, 128-87-6325.

Commissioner Schlessiger seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

No Executive Session Held

B. 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:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

Commissioner Esfeld – recognized the Great Bend Panther Baseball and Softball Teams.

Commissioner Schlessiger – recognize Track athletes at well.

Bev Schmeidler – update on election filings.

Commissioner Schlessiger – attended Zoom meeting with KNRC about Quivira Wildlife Refuge.

VII. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Zimmerman moved to adjourn at 9:16 A.M.

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

Bev Schmeidler
Barton County Clerk

Duane Reif, Chairman