

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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February 10, 2026

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 10th day of February, 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

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.

Minutes of the February 3, 2026, Regular Meeting were not available.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

III. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS: 13th Month – 3rd Batch:

-Bev Schmeidler, County Clerk, will present details. An Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period ending December 31, 2025. This is considered the third "13th Month" for 2025 expenditures.

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

Commissioner Zimmerman moved to approve 13th Month – 3rd Batch appropriations for the period ending December 31, 2025. Authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.

Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

IV. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS:

-Ms. Schmeidler will present details. An Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the period of January 27, 2026, and ending February 10, 2026.

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

Commissioner Esfeld moved to approve appropriations for the period of January 27, 2026, to February 10, 2026. Authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.

Commissioner Schlessiger seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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NEW BUSINESS:

A. COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE: Request for Approval – Added / Abated / Escaped / Refunded

Taxes:

-Ms. Schmeidler will present a listing of Added / Abated / Escaped / Refunded Taxes. Orders for these actions are kept on file in the County Clerk's Office. These are used to correct assessments and are requested by the County Appraiser's Office or the County Clerk's Office.

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

BATCH #3	VALUES	ESCAPED TAXES	ADDED / ABATED	REFUNDS
Gas				
Oil	(426,874)		(\$68,403.14)	\$21,423.85
Personal Property	(41,074)		(\$5,824.38)	\$4,691.99
Real Estate	(34,660)		(\$4,255.04)	\$0.00
16/20 M Trucks	0		\$0.00	\$0.00
State Assessed Utilities				
Special Assessments				
Grand Totals	(502,608)	\$0.00	(\$78,482.56)	\$26,115.84
Total Taxes	(\$78,482.56)			
Total Records Selected	57			

Commissioner Esfeld said the refunds showing for oil were not actually money that was being paid back were the exemptions. She said there was a Senate Bill in the works that, if passed, would allow the County Appraiser to review those and exempt them without having to send them to the state. She said that would eliminate the backlog and the numbers showing money that was not really there.

Commissioner Zimmerman asked if that would remove the value before levies were set.

Commissioner Esfeld said it would. She added the appraiser could already do that with things on farms such as sprayers. Commissioner Esfeld said they could be worked before levies were set and it would not look like money going out that was never there to begin.

Commissioner Zimmerman said taxing entities would not be short of the money they set their budget on thinking they would receive.

Commissioner Esfeld moved to approve the Listing of Added / Abated / Escaped / Refunded Taxes as reviewed by the County Appraiser and presented by the County Clerk's Office. Direct the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.

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

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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.

VI. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

VII. OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business.

VIII. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Schlessiger moved to adjourn at 9:08 A.M.

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Bev Schmeidler
Barton County Clerk



Duane Reif, Chairman