

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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July 14, 2026

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 14th day of July, 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
Todd Powell, County Counselor

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 July 7, 2026, Regular Meetings.
Commissioner Schlessiger seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no Old Business.

III. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS: 13th Month – Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2026:

-Bev Schmeidler, County Clerk, will present details. An Accounts Payable Register will be submitted to the Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026. Generally this impacts offices utilizing federal grant funding.

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

Commissioner Zimmerman moved to approve 13th month appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026. Authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.
Commissioner Hutchinson 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 June 30, 2026, and ending July 14, 2026.

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

Commissioner Schlessiger moved to approve appropriations for the period of June 30, 2026, to July 14, 2026. Authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.
Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

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NEW BUSINESS:

A. LANDFILL: Replacement of the 2022 Bobcat T770 Skid Loader:

-Jennifer Hamby, Solid Waste Director, will provide details. The Barton County Landfill currently operates a 2022 T770 Bobcat skid loader. Ms. Hamby recently requested quotes for a current year replacement, exercising the municipal buyback option from Foley Equipment and Bobcat of Salina. Monies are available in the Solid Waste Fund for this planned replacement.

Jennifer Hamby, Solid Waste Director, said the landfill had not exercised the buyback option for four years. Hamby said Foley Equipment would give a three-year buyback as well. The quotes for the machines were:

Bobcat of Salina	\$80,547.39
Foley Equipment	\$83,382.38

Hamby said Bobcat of Salina allowed \$48,162 for trade in while Foley Equipment allowed \$41,000. Bobcat would give more because it was their machine. Hamby said when comparing the machines, the Caterpillar had a bigger engine with more torque, a larger operating load capacity, a higher operating weight and a higher lift range. It also had a rigid equalizer bar suspension. Hamby said it also had a back up camera for better safety. Hamby said Bobcat had a 2 year, 2,000-hour warranty while Caterpillar had a 3 year, 2,000-hour warranty with an added customer service agreement warranty which was 2 years, 1,000 hours of free service filters. Hamby said with Bobcat, they either had to drive to Salina for parts or pay to have them shipped. With Foley, they were local and easy to get the parts as well as warranty work completed. Hamby felt the local quote with Foley was a better choice.

Commissioner Zimmerman said there was not much comparison between the two and really liked the duct link. It was always great to buy locally.

Commissioner Hutchinson agreed with Commissioner Zimmerman and was a wise decision since Foley now had the buyback option.

Commissioner Schlessiger agreed it was a better-built machine.

Commissioner Reif appreciated the research that Hamby had done and agreed the backup camera was an added safety feature.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to purchase a 2026 275 SC skid loader from Foley Equipment for \$42,382.38, which includes the trade in of the 2022 Bobcat T770 skid loader. The cost is to be paid from the Solid Waste Fund, Equipment, Operating and Construction Line, 140-68-6190.

Commissioner Schlessiger seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

B. MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS: Maintenance, Support and Software Update Agreement:

-Dena Popp, 911 Director, will provide details. An agreement with Motorola Solutions was approved in September, 2020, for two 800 megahertz radio repeater towers. That agreement included maintenance, support and SUA (software update agreement) costs for one year. Communications has received a \$62,964.24 maintenance contract invoice for the continuation of services through April, 2027. It is suggested that the cost be paid through the 911 Tax Fund.

Dena Popp, 911 Director, said a five-year contract was agreed upon for maintenance. She was asking approval to pay for year five in the amount of \$62,964.24.

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Commissioner Hutchinson said it was crazy how much it cost to operate 911 now compared to 30 years ago.

Popp noted that the cost was approximately \$2,000 less than anticipated.

Commissioner Esfeld moved to approve the payment of the \$62,964.24 to Motorola Solutions for Maintenance, Support and the Software Upgrade Agreement. Cost to be paid from the 911 Tax Fund, Maintenance of Machinery and Equipment Line, 080-86-5460.

Commissioner Zimmerman seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

No Executive Session Held

C. 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.

VI. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

VII. OTHER BUSINESS:

Commissioner Esfeld – Mini golf tournament 7:00 Wednesday to support Adopt A Pet.

Commissioner Schlessiger – After Harvest Festival begins Thursday with activities through the weekend.

Commissioner Schlessiger – she toured Quivira Wildlife Refuge last Wednesday with KNRC representatives.

VIII. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Zimmerman moved to adjourn at 9:26 A.M.

Commissioner Schlessiger seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Bev Schmeidler
Barton County Clerk



Duane Reif, Chairman