

# Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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July 28, 2026

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2026, at the Barton County Courthouse.

## *Members present:*

Duane Reif, Commissioner, 1<sup>st</sup> District, Chairman

Barb Esfeld, Commissioner, 2<sup>nd</sup> District

Tricia Schlessiger, Commissioner, 4<sup>th</sup> District

Donna Zimmerman, Commissioner, 5<sup>th</sup> District, (Chairman Pro-Tem)

Bev Schmeidler, County Clerk

Matt Patzner, County Administrator

Casey Hubbard, Assistant County Administrator

## *Members absent:*

Shawn Hutchinson, Commissioner, 3<sup>rd</sup> District

## **I. OPENING BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Reif called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

Commissioner Zimmerman asked for a moment of silence to honor Kyle McMallow Radenberg, former County Appraiser who passed away last week. Her husband Terry also worked for Barton County IT Department for several years.

Commissioner Schlessiger moved to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Zimmerman moved to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2026, Regular Meetings.

Commissioner Esfeld 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 July 14, 2026, and ending July 28, 2026.

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

Commissioner Schlessiger moved to approve appropriations for the period of July 14, 2026, to July 28, 2026. Authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.

Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **IV. 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.

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| BATCH #9                 | VALUES       | ESCAPED TAXES | ADDED / ABATED | REFUNDS    |
|--------------------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|------------|
| Gas                      |              |               |                |            |
| Oil                      | (3,611)      |               | (\$328.62)     | \$328.62   |
| Personal Property        | 19,275       |               | (\$1,084.42)   | \$0.00     |
| Real Estate              | (28,623)     |               | (\$3,409.04)   | \$3,409.04 |
| 16/20 M Trucks           | 9,652        |               | (\$24.00)      | \$12.00    |
| State Assessed Utilities |              |               |                |            |
| Special Assessments      |              |               |                |            |
| Grand Totals             | (3,307)      | \$0.00        | (\$4,846.08)   | \$3,749.66 |
| Total Taxes              | (\$4,846.08) |               |                |            |
| Total Records Selected   | 36           |               |                |            |

Commissioner Zimmerman 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.

## B. CITY OF CLAFLIN: Cooperative Effort to Repair Roads:

-Chris Scharz, County Works Director, will provide details. The City of Claflin has requested assistance with sealing of certain roads. As an independent contractor, the County would receive no more than \$500.00 for labor and equipment with the City providing for the oil.

Chris Scharz, County Works Director, said that each year the County helped Claflin with some of their streets. This year it was all of Pine Street, all of A Street and Williamson Street from Main Street to C Street.

Commissioner Schlessiger said we regularly help the City of Claflin. Scharz said they take care of it when they were in the area.

Commissioner Reif said it was a good example of working together.

Commissioner Esfeld moved to authorize the Road and Bridge Department to assist the City of Claflin in sealing certain City Streets under a signed agreement. Direct the Commission Chairman to sign the agreement on behalf of the County.

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.

## ENDING BUSINESS:

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Announcements

2. Appointments

## **VI. OTHER BUSINESS:**

There was no other business.

## **VII. ADJOURN:**

Commissioner Schlessiger moved to adjourn at 9:09 A.M.

Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Bev Schmeidler  
Barton County Clerk



Duane Reif, Chairman