

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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May 19, 2026

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 19th 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 9:00 A.M.

Commissioner Zimmerman moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Item F, Barton County Annex: Brentwood Builders – Creation of Two Conference Rooms.

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Esfeld moved to approve the minutes of the May 12, 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 5, 2026, and ending May 19, 2026.

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

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to approve appropriations for the period of May 5, 2026, to May 19, 2026. Authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.

Commissioner Zimmerman seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

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

-Bev Schmeidler, County Clerk, 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.

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SCH #7	VALUES	ESCAPED TAXES	ADDED / ABATED	REFUNDS
Gas				
Oil	(90,369)		(\$17,449.40)	\$8,286.16
Personal Property	(22,746)		(\$3,097.26)	\$3,084.74
Real Estate	(383,097)		(\$60,647.16)	\$3,498.29
16/20 M Trucks				
State Assessed Utilities				
Special Assessments				
Grand Totals	(496,212)	\$0.00	(\$81,193.82)	\$14,869.19
Total Taxes	(\$81,193.82)			
Total Records Selected	14			

Commissioner Zimmerman asked if DC Real Estate Holdings LLC IRB had ended as she noticed it in the AAE's. Schmeidler said that had termed.

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.

B. EMERGENCY RISK MANAGEMENT: KCAMP Risk Management Achievement Award:

Sean Kelly, Barton County Emergency Management Director, will present details. KCAMP's Risk Management Achievement Award is presented for proactive work in reducing risk and liability for member Counties, its employees, facilities and equipment. Having been notified of selection in April, 2026, Patrick Smith, KCAMP Risk Manager, will present the award to the Barton County Commission.

Sean Kelly, Barton County Emergency Management Director, said the county had taken steps to reduce risk and liability. Patrick Smith, KCAMP Risk Manager, was here to present an award.

Patrick Smith said the county had done building inspections, roof inspections, cybersecurity among other measures. Smith said Barton County completed a lot of the criteria. He presented a check for \$5,041.23 in appreciation of being a member and minimizing costs for KCAMP members as a whole. Smith said Barton County was one of 13 counties to receive the award out of 81 counties.

Commissioner Reif said this was a great honor for the county.

Commissioner Esfeld said Dereck Hollingshead and Sean Kelly were probably instrumental in the proactive work as well as many other employees and she appreciated everything they had done.

Commissioner Schlessiger moved to accept KCAMP's Risk Management Achievement Award for reducing risk and liability.

Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

C. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: Ratify the Purchase – Firewall Upgrade:

Dereck Hollingshead, Information Technology Director, will provide details. The County released a Request for Proposal in March, 2026, seeking a next-generation firewall solution to replace the existing firewall infrastructure with a goal to enhance network security, improve performance and ensure long-term

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Availability. With a June deadline approaching, the Information Technology Department purchased the needed technology from SHI International for \$35,307.00. The Commission will be asked to ratify that purchase.

Dereck Hollingshead, Information Technology Director, said the firewall was last upgraded 9-10 years ago and was at the end of life. Hollingshead asked the commission to ratify the purchase from SHI. He said we were still waiting to hear from the Secretary of State about a grant that could help to fund the purchase. Hollingshead said the migration would take place on a slow weekend.

Commissioner Zimmerman asked Patzner if the grant was received, would this come back to agenda to reclassify. Patzner said that was correct.

Commissioner Zimmerman moved to ratify the Firewall Upgrade project software and related expenses at a cost of \$35,307.00 from SHI International. Cost to be paid from the General Fund, Information Technology Department, Licensing Line, 001-24-5423.

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

D. FACILITIES MANAGEMENT: Award of Bid – Contracted Cleaning & Custodial Services:

-Matt Patzner, County Administrator, will provide details. Beginning March 2, 2026, the Facilities Management Department accepted proposals for Contracted Cleaning & Custodial Services. The Request was for qualified vendors to provide comprehensive cleaning and custodial services for multiple County facilities located in Great Bend, Kansas. After a review of current needs, it is suggested that the Facilities Management department be reduced by 1.5 employees and Kleen Smart provide services at the Health Department (5 days a week) and the Annex (3 days a week). Payment to be made through the Facilities Management account of the General Fund.

Matt Patzner, County Administrator, presented details and asked for approval.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked Patzner what three days it would be. Patzner said Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Commissioner Zimmerman asked Patzner if the departments in the building were aware of the schedule change. Patzner said they were in agreement with the scheduled days.

Commissioner Schlessiger moved to award the Bid for Contract Cleaning & Custodial Services to Kleen Smart for services at the Health Department and Barton County Annex. Total cost, \$5,000.00 per month, to be paid from the Facilities Management Account of the General Fund, Contract Cleaning Line, 001-20-5720.

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

No Executive Session Held

E. 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.

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BARTON COUNTY ANNEX: Brentwood Builders – Creation of Two Conference Rooms:

-Mr. Patzner will provide details. As is allowed under the Procurement Policy, the County requested that Brentwood Builders to provide input on a potential remodel at the Barton County Annex. Work specifically involved creating two conference rooms from one larger office. As the estimated work cost is \$15,350.00, the County can opt to allow the contractor to continue the project. Money is available through the Central Kansas Community Corrections budget for this proposed project that will positively impact building functionality and departmental operations.

Matt Patzner, County Administrator, presented details and asked for consideration.

Commissioner Zimmerman asked when the work may start. Patzner said they did not have a date yet, but soon, we were on the list. Patzner said this would create more meeting spaces for every department to meet with clients.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to authorize Brentwood Buildings to create two conference rooms in the Barton County Annex for a cost of \$15,350.00. Cost to be paid from CKCC budget, Local Funding, Building and Fixed Equipment Line, 096-70-6325.

Commissioner Zimmerman seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

V. ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

Commissioner Esfeld – Humane Society Meeting tonight at 7:30 P.M.

VII. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Schlessiger moved to adjourn at 9:24 A.M.

Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:


Bev Schmeidler
Barton County Clerk


Duane Reif, Chairman