

Barton County Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

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October 13, 2026

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 13th day of October, 2026, at the Barton County Courthouse.

Members present:

Duane Reif, Commissioner, 1st District, Chairman

Barb Esfeld, Commissioner, 2nd District

Tricia Schlessiger, Commissioner, 4th District

Donna Zimmerman, Commissioner, 5th District, (Chairman Pro-Tem)

Bev Schmeidler, County Clerk

Matt Patzner, County Administrator

Members absent:

Shawn Hutchinson, Commissioner, 3rd District

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

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

Commissioner Schlessiger moved to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Zimmerman seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Esfeld moved to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2026, Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Schlessiger seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no Old Business.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

A. LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AREA I: Chief Elected Official Board Agreement:

-Matt Patzner, County Administrator, will provide details. The Local Workforce Development Board (LWDB) consists of business, labor, economic development, education, rehabilitation services, public assistance agencies and public employment services representatives, with at least 51 percent of its members from private businesses. The Chief Elected Officials Board (CEOB) provides for the effective planning, coordination and implementation of the employment and training system within the locally defined area. This updated agreement ends June 30, 2028.

Matt Patzner, County Administrator, presented details and asked the commission to consider approval.

Commissioner Schlessiger moved to approve the Local Workforce Development Area I, Chief Elected Official Board Agreement. Direct the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Commission.

Commissioner Esfeld 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.

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ENDING BUSINESS:

1. Announcements
2. Appointments

V. OTHER BUSINESS:

Bev Schmeidler – Early Voting starts Wednesday, October 14th, in the County Clerk's Office.

VI. ADJOURN:

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

Commissioner Schlessiger seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Bev Schmeidler
Barton County Clerk



Duane Reif, Chairman