

Barton Commissioners to hear departmental updates

The Barton County Commission will meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday, May 27, at the Courthouse with only two new business items on the agenda.

Those items include:

- An update from County Attorney J. Colin Reynolds. Reynolds took office on January 13, 2025. At this time, he will provide an update to the Commission on departmental activities.
- Juvenile Services Director Marissa Woodmansee, representing the 20th Judicial District Services Department, requested bids for a new or used mid-size program vehicle. While the request for proposal included a trade, the better option for the department at this time is to purchase the vehicle outright. The only bid received was from Marmie Ford for a 2024 Chevrolet Malibu LT with 16,852 miles at a bid of \$23,195.

Announcements

- In reference to the Golden Belt and Hillcrest Memorial Parks and Cemeteries, all decorations may be placed on graves seven days prior to and shall be removed seven days after Memorial Day. Employees will not attempt to find items after being so removed. Additionally, Barton County will not be responsible for the loss of or damage to any appropriate, ornamental items left on any lot, grave or other part of the memorial parks or cemeteries during the listed holiday periods. Resolution 2022-08, Regulations for Barton County Owned and Operated Memorial Parks and Cemeteries, is available upon request.
- County Business Offices will be closed on Monday, May 26, in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. The Health Department, the Records Division of the Sheriff's Of-

fice and the County Landfill will also be closed that day. Emergency services will be in normal operation.

Appointments

Although subject to change, the following appointments have been scheduled:

9:45 a.m. or following the close of the Agenda Meeting – Financial Update – Matt Patzner, administrator.

10 a.m. – Freedom Claims Update with Julie Yarmer and Jennifer Pickering, FCMI, and Brenda Kaiser, Human Resource director.

10:30 a.m. – Program Update – Marissa Woodmansee, Juvenile Services director.

11 a.m. – Regular Business Discussion – Matt Patzner.

The meeting will be live-streamed through Microsoft Teams. Citizens may view it online at <https://bit.ly/3ZuyQ9M>.

BRIEFLY

Post 320 will host Memorial Day Service Monday May 26

The American Legion Post 320 in Ellinwood will host a Memorial Day service on Monday, May 26. Services will be held at St. Peter and Paul Cemetery at 8 a.m., Arkansas River Bridge at 9 a.m. and

Lakin-Comanche Cemetery at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will be served at the American Legion Post 320 building in Ellinwood following the services. Lunch will be free for all Veterans and sponsors suggest a freewill donation of \$10 for non-veterans to help support and offset expenses for the American Legion.

Feel free to bring lawn chairs and enjoy a Memorial Day service to honor all Veterans.

Stafford Commission OKs case management software

ST. JOHN — These are the approved minutes from the May 7 Stafford County Board of County Commissioner meeting.

The Stafford County Board of County Commissioners met on Wednesday, May 7, in the Commission Room in the Annex. Chairman Stanford called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Present: Jim Stanford, Bryce Gamer, and Todd Wycoff.

Mike Robinson, County Attorney, and Mandy Sanders, Administrative Assistant, discussed a new criminal case management software package through Prosecutor by Karpel. It is customized software tailored for an individual office's needs. The program will streamline the process of managing case information and trans-

mitting it to other offices. The initial one-time cost of the program will be approximately \$14,000 with a down payment of \$3,200 to Ile paid from the County Attorney Diversion Fund. The annual fee thereafter will be \$4,300. Commissioner Garner moved, and Commissioner Wycoff seconded, to approve the purchase of the new software. Motion carried 3-0.

Cheryl Budge, County Appraiser, presented her employment agreement for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2029 for the commissioners to review. Commissioner Wycoff moved, and Commissioner Gamer seconded, to approve Resolution 2025-15 appointing Cheryl Budge as Stafford County Appraiser effective

July 1, 2025 at a salary of \$60,000 with an annual increase of 3% over the four years of the contract. Motion carried 3-0.

John Williams, Washington Roofing, presented a proposal for a total repair of the roof on the Annex Building. Discussion was held regarding the system that would be installed. The bid came in at \$55,687 with a 10-year warranty.

Mike Robinson, County Attorney, presented his 2026 department budget to the commissioners.

Commissioner Wycoff moved, and Commissioner Gamer seconded, to approve the Washington Roofing bid in the amount of \$55,687. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

May is Older Workers Month: Celebrate power by connection

During the month of May, the Administration for Community Living (ACL) leads the nation's observance of Older Americans Month (OAM). The theme is "Power by Connection," which recognizes the profound impact that Older Americans have made in the workforce. Using their talents and abilities that they have gained over the years, older Americans, fill the employment space with experience.

Older Americans stand as the cornerstone of our nation, having laid the foundation for the success of future generations. Across diverse backgrounds and experiences, their perseverance and adaptability serve as a beacon of inspiration, bridging generational divides in our ever-evolving communities. Whether it's a seasoned architect passing down his brick-and-mortar knowledge of the craft to younger counterparts, or a grandmother teaching her granddaughter how to cook a family traditional recipe, Older Americans have so

much wisdom and value to share.

When Older Americans are placed in the workforce it brings stability to any company as they are more reliable than their younger counterparts in having a great work ethic.

Honoring Older Americans Month transcends recognition of past achievement; it embodies a commitment to investing in and embracing the future. By valuing the insights of Older Americans, we pave the way for more inclusive, compassionate, and inter-generational communities. Through nurturing a culture

of connection and engagement, we empower Older Americans to thrive and contribute meaningfully to our community.

According to newsnationnow.com, one in every five workers was 55 or older or 15% of our nations workforce.

The Older Kansans Employment Program (OKEP) is a department of South-West Kansas Area Agency of Aging, it provides job opportunities for those 55 and older. A Job Opportunities meeting is held from 1011 a.m. every Wednesday at the Great Bend Senior Center, 2005 Kansas Ave.

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NEWS

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ON THE RECORD

Great Bend Fire & EMS
May 13
6 EMS calls

May 14
7 EMS calls and 1 CO check

Great Bend Police
May 12
K-9 was called out at 1:05 a.m. to assist with a traffic stop at W U.S. 56, mile marker 200.

A missing person/run-away was reported at 8:11 a.m. in the 2400 block of 31st St. Located at 11:47 a.m.

Criminal damage was reported at 1:25 p.m. at 1721 Van Buren St. Reports juvenile damaging plants.

A fight was reported at 1:47 p.m. at GBMS, 1919 Harrison St.

A warrant arrest occurred at 3:38 p.m. at 2208 29th St. Kayleigh White was arrested.

An injury accident was reported at 3:40 p.m. at 3104 10th St.

A non-injury accident was reported at 5:48 p.m. at 2337 Washington St.

Theft was reported at 6:02 p.m. at Azria Health, 1560 K-96.

A verbal domestic was reported at 6:13 p.m. at 6036 Rosewood Dr. and again at 11:06 p.m.

A suspicious package was reported at 6:24 p.m. at UPS, 2316 Ninth St.

A juvenile complaint was reported at 9:32 p.m. at 1717 Van Buren St.

Michael Akins was trespassed from Kwik Shop, 2334 Main St. at 10:49 p.m.

May 14
Criminal damage was reported at 1:32 p.m. at 10th St. and Holland St.

A traffic arrest occurred at 3:06 p.m. in the 1600 block of K-96. Adam Inman was arrested.

Theft of a vehicle was reported at 3:59 p.m. at 4820 10th St.

A non-injury accident was reported at 4:24 p.m. at 3220 10th St.

K-9 was called out at 9:44 p.m. to assist with a traffic stop at 10th St. and Baker Ave.

Barton County Sheriff
May 14
An injury accident was

reported at 7:26 a.m. in the 3200 block of Main St.

K-9 was called out at 11:47 p.m. to N Humbolt Ave. and W Fifth St., Ellinwood to assist with a traffic stop.

May 15
A fire was reported at 12:08 a.m. at 960 NE 6 Rd., Ellinwood.

A non-injury accident was reported at 10:10 a.m. in the 1100 block of W Barton County Rd.

A warrant arrest was executed at 4:36 p.m. in Hoisington.

K-9 was called out at 9:25 p.m. to W Barton County Rd. and NW 60 Ave. to assist with a traffic stop.

Barton County Jail
Booked May 14
Michael Akins - Great Bend Municipal Court case #25-763 for trespassing with a bond set at \$500 Cash or Surety.

Payten K. Oxford - Barton County District Court warrant #BT2019CR0438 for probation violation with bond set at No Bond.

Adam Inman - Great Bend Municipal Court Case #25-766 for no driver's license and window tint for a cash or surety bond of \$500.

Joshua L. Mesecher - Barton County District Court case #BT2021CR0145 for probation violation with bond set at No Bond.

Booked May 15
Dustin Clark - Stafford County District Court case #SPD25-035C for burglary of a vehicle. Bond set at \$5,000 Cash or surety.

Leobardo Espino Jr. - Barton County District Court warrant #BT-2025TR0161 for failure to appear with a cash or surety bond of \$1000.

Ronnie Salas - Texas Warrant #225W10215912 for hold for another agency with a No Bond.

Tyler D. Partington - Barton County District Court Warrant #BT2023CR3013 for probation violation, bond set at No Bond, also booked on Great Bend Municipal Court Warrant #202000565 for contempt of court bond set at No Bond.

Jorge Delahoya - Great Bend Municipal Court case #25-779 for driving while

suspended, and defective tag light with a bond of \$500.

Released May 14
Robin Robison - Barton County District Court case #BT2025CR0163 by Order of the Court (bond reinstated) and #BT2025CR0169 with a \$20,000 own recognition (OR) bond granted by Judge Burgess.

Neil Avery - \$10,000 OR bond authorized by the Honorable Judge Beran.

Adam Inman - \$500 cash bond.

Released May 15
Michael Podrybau - Released to the FBI.

Steven Mills - \$500 OR bond.

Ismael Domingue, III - Serve sentence.

Jesse D. Klemptner - \$20,000 OR bond by Judge Burgess.

Leobardo Espino Jr. - \$1,000 surety bond.

Dustin Clark - Released by Order of the Court.

Mario Enriquez - Released by Order of the Court.

Kaden H. Stiles - Granted a \$10,000 OR bond through Judge Burgess.

Michael Akins - OR bond granted after 48-hour hold through Great Bend Police Department.

Pawnee County Sheriff
May 14
A male inmate was released at 8:50 a.m.

Livestock at large was reported at 7:33 p.m. at 290th and T Rd.

May 15
A non-injury accident was reported at 1:47 a.m. in the 1600 block of 110th Ave.

A male inmate was booked in at 3:37 a.m.

A male inmate was booked in at 10:21 a.m.

A male inmate was released at 10:38 a.m.

A female inmate was booked in at 10:40 a.m.

A female inmate was released at 11:04 a.m.

A male inmate was released at 12:15 p.m.

A motorist assist occurred at 3:36 p.m. at U.S. 183 and T Rd.

A motorist assist occurred at 3:48 p.m. in the 1900 block of U.S. 56

Looking Back. . .

TIME TO CELEBRATE
Great Bend High School's 1983 graduates celebrate Tuesday night at the conclusion of commencement exercises in the gymnasium.
(From the Tribune files, Monday, May 25, 1983)





HOT TIME AT ST. JOHN
With Temperatures near 90 degrees Saturday, the fountain in the city square was a popular place for children at the St. John Jubilee.
(From the Tribune files, Monday, May 30, 1983)



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