November 16, 2026

To: Board of Trustees, Administration, Faculty, Staff, Students and Taxpayers of Barton County,

Let me first say that it has been an honor to have been elected and to serve on the Board of Trustees of Barton Community College. We are very fortunate to have this College in our county.

When I received my Barton County tax statement in December of 2022, I was motivated to run for this board after I realized that 23.8% of the check I was writing to the county for taxes was being assessed by the college. I agreed with many of the county taxpayers that this was too high of a percentage and to be honest, I still do.

On November 3rd, I was elected to represent the 1st district on the Barton County Board of Commissioners. I have sought out and have received advice and although I could remain on both boards, I believe it is in the best interest of the taxpayers of Barton County that I resign my position on the college board.

I wish to give the board and the college plenty of time to fill my vacancy. Because of this, I am announcing my plan to resign effectively March 31, 2027, or at the completion and vote that will establish the 2027-28 tuition and fees. This timeline or three-month overlap will give the county and the college an opportunity to explores ways of collaborating their efforts in enhancing the investment that Barton County taxpayers make in the form of tax dollars spent. This college provides a tremendous opportunity to introduce students from outside of Barton County what could develop if they choose to stay or return to Central Kansas. As well, Barton County has significant opportunities and possibilities that need young people who have vision and work ethic. This shared focus needs to be a priority for both taxing authorities.

Again, it has been an honor to serve.

Respectfully

Dale E. Maneth