



**Board of Riley County
Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Minutes
January 30, 2023**

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Commission Chambers

8:30 AM

[District 2 – Greg McKinley, Member](#)

[District 3 – Kathryn Focke, Chair](#)

[District 1 – John Ford, Vice Chair](#)

8:30 AM

Call to Order

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
John Ford	County Commissioner	Present	8:30 AM
Kathryn Focke	County Commissioner	Present	8:30 AM
Greg McKinley	County Commissioner	Present	8:30 AM
Rich Vargo	County Clerk	Present	8:30 AM
Clancy Holeman	Counselor/Director of Administrative Services	Present	8:30 AM
John Ellermann	Public Works Director/County Engineer	Present	8:30 AM
David Adams	EMS/Ambulance Director	Present	8:30 AM
Darell Edie	Budget & Finance Officer	Present	9:15 AM
Cory Meyer	IT/GIS Director	Present	9:30 AM

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

1. Public Comments

Ellermann said the Parks crew will take out the red oak in the Plaza starting Tuesday.

Commission Comments

2. Commission Comments

Focke's Comments:

Thursday evening I attended the reception for Director Brian Peete at the Discovery Center. I was impressed with the amount of people who attended.

Friday afternoon, I spent several hours in the office making calls and following up on e-mails and upcoming meetings.

Saturday I attended the Democratic Party 1st District re-organization meeting in Hutchinson. Officers and delegates to the KDP State Committee were elected. Standing committees were filled and a potential new committee discussed.

Newly re-districted Douglas and Jefferson counties were welcomed to the big First District and had a number of delegates there.

Sunday evening I attended the annual Kansas Day Party sponsored by Representative Sydney Carlin. It was well attended and I was able to visit with a lot of people.

Ford's Comments:

Thursday morning per meeting I met with Riley County Counselor Clancy Holeman to discuss a handful of items including several pieces of legislation in Topeka, and a couple of things from the recent KAC event. Glad to see several initiatives from Riley County gaining traction in the Kansas legislature.

Thursday afternoon I had lunch with Reid Petty District Director for Congressman Tracey Mann. Discussed several items including meeting with staff in Washington DC during my NACo trip in mid-February. Always good to catch up and see what the office is working on particularly early in the year.

Also Thursday afternoon I met with my doctor in Topeka via videoconference. We spent some time game planning a strategy for early in the year and made a couple of changes to that plan. All continues to go well as we have officially hit 120 lbs. down.

Also Thursday afternoon I met with Riley County Public Works Director John Ellermann out at the Public Work shops. Discussed several items including the new sales tax, old projects, personnel items and challenges, future projects, and other related things including the upcoming township meeting. Appreciated the time and it was good to get some new information on work and direction out at Public Works.

Thursday evening I attended the welcoming event for new RCPD Brian Peete at the Flint Hills Discovery Center. Thought that went very well and it was very well attended by the community as a whole too.

Saturday I watched K-State dispatch the Florida Gators 64-50 at home in the Big 12-SEC challenge. Pretty solid win to officially end the non-

conference portion of the slate. Now it's back to the Big 12 schedule and the second toughest schedule in the country to yet to be played.

Watched Sunday night as the Kansas City Chiefs beat the Cincinnati Bengals 23-20 to earn their third Super Bowl appearance in 4 years. They will be facing the Philadelphia Eagles in Super Bowl 57 in Glendale, Arizona.

Happy belated Kansas Day as well. Statehood officially took place 162 years ago yesterday and it's always good to take a moment and reflect on that fact.

McKinley's Comments:

Thursday evening we attended the welcome reception for RCPD Director Peete. He had some opening comments and then took the time to talk individually with people. I appreciate the fact that he is working to go out and meet the people.

After that we went to coach Tang's radio show that is taped in the union. He really connects with the fans. They had coach Maligi and a couple of players. It was interesting to see Tang's interactions with each of them.

Friday I had a call with John Ellerman about another township road problem and possible Christmas lights on the county buildings. I also had calls with Clancy Holeman and Kurt Moldrup regarding dispatch and the new public safety building.

Saturday I worked around the house and then attended the K-State basketball game. Going in I told my wife I hoped it was an easy win because all these nail bitters were wearing on me. It was a comfortable win but the fans are so wound up about basketball right now that we still ended up standing for most of the game.

Sunday we went to the Kansas Day open house at the Museum. They had a bingo game and tours of the Goodnow House.

Sunday's Chiefs game was like most of our recent basketball games. Nothing decided until the last seconds.

Business Meeting

Review Minutes

3. Board of Riley County Commissioners - Regular Meeting - Jan 26, 2023 8:30 AM

Move to approve the minutes.

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	John Ford, County Commissioner
SECONDER:	Greg McKinley, County Commissioner
AYES:	Ford, Focke, McKinley

Review Tentative Agenda

4. Tentative Agenda

Press Conference Topics

5. Discuss Press Conference

9:00 AM

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

6. Administrative Work Session

Holeman said HB 2148 is up for a committee hearing Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. to provide written or live testimony.

Holeman discussed the design of the Riley County Public Safety Facility for a potential location of a consolidated dispatch. Holeman stated he has scheduled a discussion on the Board's agenda for Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

9:20 AM

Darell Edie, Budget and Finance Officer

7. CIP PROJECT AMENDMENT OpenGov Software

Edie presented the CIP project amendment.

The Board asked for the wording to be clarified to not state "hours have expired".

Edie stated he will get with the vendor today to clarify.

The Board agreed by consensus to table it until the wording is clarified.

9:30 AM Press Conference

8. Soil Preparation for Gardening - Gregg Eyestone (2-3 minutes)

Eyestone said Extension Master Gardeners will have an information booth at the Community Fair held in the Manhattan Town Center Mall on Saturday, February 4th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. A Home Landscape class will begin on Thursday, February 9th in partnership with UFM Learning Center. Eyestone said you can sign up at tryurf.org. Eyestone said Preparing Your Garden Soil is a free program on Saturday, February 11th at 10:00 a.m. at Blueville Nursery.

9:40 AM Cory Meyer, IT/GIS Director

9. IT/GIS Staff Update - January 2023

Meyer presented the IT/GIS update.

9:50 AM Rich Vargo, County Clerk

10. Commissioner District Review

Vargo presented the Commissioner Districts' Review.

The Board agreed by consensus to have staff present changing Ward 8 Precinct 1 from Commission District 2 to Commission District 1 and Ward 4 Precinct 2 and Ward 4 Precinct 3 from Commission District 3 to Commission District 1.

10:10 AM Rich Vargo, County Clerk

11. Preservation of Ballots and Election Records

Vargo recommended the destruction of the ballots for the August 2021 and November 2021 Elections with the approved representative from

the Democratic and Republican Parties.

Move to approve the selected electors by the Democratic Party Chair Katie Allen who nominated Crystal Auletti and the Republican Party Chair John Ball who nominated Marvin Rodriguez.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Greg McKinley, County Commissioner
SECONDER:	John Ford, County Commissioner
AYES:	Ford, Focke, McKinley

Focke asked the Board to consider making the Human Resources a separate department with a separate department head.

Ford said he does not support the idea due to having to administer another department head.

McKinley stated he is not willing to make a decision at this point.

Focke asked the Board to consider it in the future.

10:37 AM **Adjournment**

Move to adjourn.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	John Ford, County Commissioner
SECONDER:	Greg McKinley, County Commissioner
AYES:	Ford, Focke, McKinley