



**Board of Riley County
Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Minutes
February 14, 2022**

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Commission Chambers

8:30 AM

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

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

[District 1 – John Ford, Member](#)

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	Remote	8:30 AM
Christian Bright	Manhattan Mercury	Present	8:30 AM
John Ellermann	Public Works Director/County Engineer	Present	8:31 AM
Elizabeth Ward	Human Resource Manager	Present	8:34 AM
Vivienne Uccello	PIO	Present	8:34 AM
Evan McMillan	Assistant County Engineer	Present	8:57 AM
Stephanie Peterson	Flint Hills MPO Director	Present	9:15 AM
Allen Todd	Appraisal Analyst	Present	9:30 AM
Gregg Eyestone	Extension Agent	Present	9:30 AM
Greg McHenry	County Appraiser	Present	9:30 AM
Amanda Webb	Planning/Special Projects Director	Present	10:24 AM

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

1. Public Comments

Commission Comments

2. Commission Comments

McKinley's Comments:

Thursday evening we had our meeting in Leonardville about an ambulance in the north county. It was a well-attended meeting. The person that schedules the room said they have 110 chairs. All the chairs were full and a number of people standing. We heard a lot of good comments from the residents. I was very impressed with how the meeting went.

Friday evening I had a call from someone who had received a letter regarding possible lagoon locations for Keats. She had misread the letter and I believe I eased her concerns.

Saturday evening I attended the Riley County Republicans Lincoln Day dinner. There were a lot of the candidates who are running for State Office this year. I was able to talk with the candidates and they all gave presentations. I learned there were some candidates that I was really interested in and a couple that I definitely do not want. I also had several people come up to talk about our ambulance meeting.

Sunday I went to my granddaughters' basketball game and again had someone discussing the ambulance meeting.

Focke's Comments:

Thursday I attended the special meeting in Leonardville at 7:00 p.m. It was very well attended, standing room only and many residents got up to speak in favor of an ambulance service in the north county. The minutes from the meeting presented today lists the speakers and a summary of their statements. I really appreciated meeting with many residents and hearing their issues and testimonials.

Friday I continued the county fire station tour with Russell Stuckey. We visited Tuttle Creek, Zeandale, Konza Valley, Ashland, Ogden and Hunters Island Fire Stations. I now have an understanding of the fire districts and all the equipment and volunteers that it takes to run all the stations throughout the county. Russell was very good at answering all my fairly elementary questions and discussing all that the county is responsible for.

The rest of the day I followed up on some e-mails from the north county. I received a message from a constituent that had received a letter from the planning department concerning their possible interest in selling the county a piece of land for the Keats sewer district. I had not seen the letter so requested it from Amanda and returned the call. She was upset, thinking that we were going to take their land. I explained that it was an inquiry letter to find out who might be

interested in selling some land. We had a good conversation after that about the Keats issue.

Ford's Comments:

Thursday post meeting I met and chatted with Riley County Public Works Director John Ellermann on a couple of different items including, the current and new sales tax coming online for 2023, several upcoming projects, some thoughts on 2022 CIP projects and some upcoming KDOT projects as well.

Also Thursday I met and chatted with Riley County Community Correction Director Shelly Williams about several pieces of legislation that's being discussed in the Kansas legislature, Governor Kelly's proposed budget for community corrections and the possibly if needed to do some written testimony moving forward as well. We took a look at the applicable legislative committees and their members as well. Appreciated the opportunity to chat with her and catch up on everything that's going on.

Thursday evening I attended the special meeting up at the community center in Leonardville to discuss a north county EMS facility and applicable services. Very impressed with the turnout and I appreciated everyone that took the time to speak. This is a conversation that will continue for sure.

Saturday I attended virtually NACo's Community Economic and Workforce Development Steering Committee meeting that took place in Washington D.C. in person. We heard from Biden Administration, White House and Congressional officials on the item of housing, innovations on jobs plus job creation measures and resources, and ongoing efforts on housing in general with a particular interest on affordable housing efforts and funding to support it. We also got several updates on national economic developments directives as well. We followed those updates with a short business meeting and we voted on and passed four new policy resolutions that this committee will work for remainder of 2022.

Saturday evening I attended the Riley County Republican's Lincoln Day dinner at Pottorf Hall. It was great to finally be able to catch up with some people in person once again and to talk with some local and state level officials and hear from some of the candidates that will be running for office here in 2022. Appreciated being invited and for everybody who worked hard to put this event together.

K-State Men pulled out one in Ames on Saturday vs Iowa St, and unfortunately the Women lost to KU. Congratulations to the Los

Angeles Rams for winning Super Bowl LVI last night.

Business Meeting

3. RCPD Firing Range Control Building- Change Order 00

Move to approve Change Order 00 for the RCPD Firing Range Control Building with Schultz Construction in the amount of a decrease of \$500.00 for a new contract sum of \$415,000.

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

4. Konza United Way 2022 Campaign

Move to approve the Proclamation for the Konza United Way 2022 Campaign for Riley County.

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

5. Sign Tax Roll Corrections

Move to approve the Tax Roll Corrections.

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

6. Appoint Vivienne Uccello as the Riley County Representative on the Flint Hills Regional Leadership Program Board

Move to appoint Vivienne Uccello as the Riley County Representative on the Flint Hills Regional Leadership Program Board.

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

Review Minutes

7. Board of Riley County Commissioners - Regular Meeting - Feb 10, 2022
8:30 AM

Move to approve the minutes.

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

8. Board of Riley County Commissioners - Special Meeting - Feb 10, 2022
7:00 PM

Move to approve the minutes.

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

Review Tentative Agenda

9. Tentative Agenda

Press Conference Topics

10. Discuss Press Conference

9:00 AM

Rich Vargo, County Clerk

11. Year to date budget and expenditure reports

Vargo presented the year to date budget and expenditure reports.

9:15 AM Stephanie Peterson, Flint Hills MPO Director

12. Flint Hills MPO update

Peterson presented the Flint Hills MPO update.

9:30 AM Press Conference

13. Presentation of Proclamation for Konza United Way Campaign - Greg McKinley and Tara Claussen (3-5 minutes)

McKinley presented the Proclamation for Konza United Way Campaign to Claussen.

Claussen said Konza United Way is very important to build collaboration between our businesses and citizen to the community needs.

Claussen said they met the needs of 441 citizens needs last year.

Commissioner Ford presented Claussen with a \$1,000 kickoff donation to the Konza United Way Campaign.

14. 2022 real estate valuation notices - Greg McHenry (3-5 minutes)

McHenry reported 2022 real estate valuation notices will be mailed Wednesday, February 16, 2022. McHenry described the information on the notices and appeals process.

15. Residential real estate market - Allen Todd (5-8 minutes)

Todd presented information on the residential real estate market.

16. Public Notices - John Ellermann (2 minutes)

Ellermann stated that the bridge replacement project on South Otter Creek Road is scheduled to begin Wednesday, February 16, 2022.

Ellermann also stated the bridge replacement project on West 32nd Avenue is scheduled to begin Monday, February 21, 2022.

17. Vegetable Gardening Class to be held on Saturday, February 19 at 10 am in Pottorf Hall - Gregg Eyestone (2-3 minutes)

Eyestone suggested if getting flowers on Valentine's Day, to keep the flowers in a cooler location for them to last longer.

Eyestone announced a Vegetable Gardening class to be held on Saturday, February 19th at 10:00 a.m. in Pottorf Hall.

9:50 AM Tara Claussen, Konza United Way

18. Konza United Way and the value of organizational participation

Claussen discussed the value of the organizational participation to Konza United Way.

Ward discussed the campaign with Riley County employees through payroll deduction or one-time donation.

10:10 AM John Ellermann, Public Works Director/County Engineer

19. Public Works Project Update

Ellermann presented the Public Works update.

10:25 AM Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

20. Administrative Work Session

Holeman updated the Board on HB 2531, which allows agriculture to run a pipeline down the public right-of-way. Holeman said the bill does not specify what is in the pipeline.

Holeman discussed Ellermann's concern with being notified of the location of the pipeline and what is in the pipeline.

Holeman stated he presented neutral testimony expressing the concerns.

21. Pending County Projects County Counselor

Holeman presented the existing projects list.

22. Approve Contract with GovBuilt for permit software for Planning & Development

Webb presented the contract with GovBuilt for Planning & Development permit software.

Move to approve the contract with GovBuilt as presented and authorize the Chairman to sign.

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

Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

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