



**Board of Riley County
Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Minutes
March 20, 2023**

115 North 4th Street
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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
Gary Olds		Present	8:30 AM
Anna Burson	County Appraiser	Present	8:30 AM
Dani Hallgren	Konza Prairie Community Health and Dental Center	Present	9:00 AM
Michele Reid	Payroll, Benefits & Employee Relations Manager	Present	9:10 AM
Annaliese Trout	Account Clerk-Licensing/Elections	Present	9:45 AM
Craig Cox	Deputy County Counselor	Present	9:46 AM
Richard Britt		Present	10:17 AM
Angela Britt		Present	10:17 AM
Amanda Webb	Planning/Special Projects Director	Present	10:39 AM
Darrin Hobbs	Planning Compliance Specialist	Present	10:39 AM

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

1. Public Comments

Olds discussed the appraisal notices recently received in the mail. Olds stated the bottom line is he has not met one person who does not want their valuation to go up. Olds stated the issue is not the valuation but the mill levy. Olds said the Board needs to make the best decision based on county government and the taxpayers.

Olds asked the Board to consider adding the revenue numbers on the budget brochure.

Olds asked the Board to not hold the Revenue Neutral Hearing and live within those budget numbers.

Commission Comments

2. Commission Comments

Focke's Comments:

Friday I followed up on e-mails and phone calls and went to the gym. That evening we joined a group of friends in Aggieville to watch the KSU basketball game. The news had broken that day about the Midtown building construction being halted and there were many comments on the issue.

The weekend I worked on household chores, spent time with my daughter, and watched the second win in the Sweet Sixteen tournament for KSU basketball, a win over Kentucky.

I will be leaving no later than noon today to take my daughter to the KCI airport for her return trip to Virginia. It looks like a busy week for me.

Ford's Comments:

Friday afternoon I spent some time chatting with Gary Fike, Extension Director on the fairgrounds as well as the task force that's being developed to discuss the scenario. This was a follow up dialog to last Wednesday afternoons Riley County Economic Development Committee meeting.

Friday night I watched the K-State Basketball team dispatch the Montana St. Bobcats 77-65 in the first round of the NCAA Tournament in Greensboro, North Carolina. The Wildcats play a pretty good game throughout and notched their first tournament victory since 2018.

Saturday morning myself and Anna Burson, Riley County Appraiser joined the Riley County Republicans at DoughBro to discuss the recent valuations, the process for it and overall the appraiser's job, duties, and responsibilities as well as the general taxation process. Wanted to say thanks to Anna for coming in on a Saturday morning to explain the efforts and to answer vital questions. I also gave a general update on what we are working on as a county, including the early budget baselines, the Public Safety Headquarters, the North County EMS Station, and the dialog going on with townships and the fairgrounds.

Sunday afternoon I watched as the K-State Wildcats beat my other Wildcats from Kentucky 75-69 to punch a ticket to New York City and the Sweet Sixteen. Also worth noting the K-State women are playing the next round of the NIT versus Wyoming so post season basketball is alive and well here in Manhattan.

I spent the rest of weekend updating some electronics including a new modem and router to have everything running and operational at full capacity at home which will be a plus for the remainder of March Madness and beyond.

McKinley's Comments:

Worked on projects around the house this weekend. Trying to get everything inside done so I can be outside when the weather breaks.

I did watch a lot of basketball including two great K-State games. We went out to the airport to greet the returning team. There was a good crowd and everyone enjoyed the celebration. I ran into a friend from college and we talked about the time in 1972 when we took two carloads of guys to Des Moines for the regionals.

Business Meeting

Review Minutes

3. Board of Riley County Commissioners - Regular Meeting - Mar 16, 2023 9:00 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 Dani Hallgren, Konza Prairie Community Health and Dental Center

6. Konza Prairie Community Health and Dental Center update

Hallgren presented an update on Konza Prairie Community Health and Dental Center.

9:15 AM Anna Burson, Appraiser

7. Requesting to post and refill the Personal Property Appraiser III Position as a Personal Property Appraiser III or Personal Property Appraiser II depending on qualifications.

Burson presented the request to fill the Personal Property Appraiser III or II, depending on qualifications, position.

Move to approve the request to post and refill the Personal Property Appraiser III Position as a Personal Property Appraiser III or II depending on qualifications.

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

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Position Action Form for an Appraiser II Personal Property, in the Appraiser's Office, at a Range 7.

9:30 AM Press Conference**9:35 AM Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services**

8. Administrative Work Session

9. Pending County Projects County Counselor

Holeman presented the Commission Project List.

Holeman said it looks like the Riley County Legislative Conference will be on April 10th.

Burson discussed Concurrent Resolution 1610 regarding putting a cap on valuations across the board which would cause inequities and not follow market.

Burson stated our current market value appraisal system reflects market activity.

The Board agreed by consensus for staff to develop a press release on Concurrent Resolution 1610.

9:55 AM

Craig Cox, Deputy County Counselor

10. Animal Control within Riley County

Cox reviewed the proposed Animal Control Policies.

Ford asked, where is the enforcement?

Cox stated it is enforced only if the animal is picked up by animal control.

Focke stated farmers vaccinate their animals or a vet does.

Cox reported the dangerous or potentially dangerous dog is a designation given in court.

McKinley questioned the value of enforcing the dangerous dog policies when the tag policies are not enforced.

10:40 AM

Richard Britt

11. Flooding and Floodway

Britt discussed his frustrations on how the county is treating him as

opposed to others regarding floodway issues.

Britt discussed an incident in 2021 when the County stopped him from hauling dirt to his land. Britt stated Higgins said they needed a "No Rise" certificate.

Britt stated the main reason he is in here today is because the City is rebuilding the entire levy and the City does not have a "No Rise" certificate. Britt said they are building it up 6' without a permit.

Britt said he has worked very, very hard to get this correct.

Britt showed several areas where the City has done activity in the County and not had the appropriate permits.

Britt stated this is costing him over \$20,000 in attorney and consultant fees to get this correct.

Britt said anywhere the City is moving dirt they need a no rise permit. Britt stated if he is wrong to let him know.

Webb stated the levy project on Wilson's property, by the City, is not exempt from floodway permitting.

Webb said staff needs to go through everything to be sure it was done appropriately.

Webb said staff will research the concerns and report back to the Board within two weeks.

Britt discussed concerns with the house in the floodway on City property.

11:03 AM Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

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

12:00 PM Law Enforcement Agency Meeting

12. Law Board Meeting Agenda