



**Board of Riley County
Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Minutes
March 29, 2021**

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Commission Chambers

8:30 AM

[District 1 – John Ford, Chair](#)

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

[District 3 – Kathryn Focke, 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	Present	8:30 AM
Shelly Williams	Community Corrections Director	Present	8:30 AM
John Ellermann	Public Works Director/County Engineer	Present	8:30 AM
David Adams	EMS/Ambulance Director	Remote	8:30 AM
Laurie Harrison	Emergency Management Coordinator	Present	8:30 AM
Amanda Smeller	Planning/Special Projects Director	Present	9:17 AM

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

1. Public Comments

Commission Comments

2. Commission Comments

Ford's Comments:

Thursday afternoon I met in person with Robbin Cole from Pawnee Mental Health to discuss some upcoming and future needs of the organization. We had a really good and in-depth conversation for nearly an hour and a half. I believe it was the first time since last

February we met together in person to chat.

Also Thursday I joined on the last session of the CrossroadsMHK public forum. Was really curious as to what exactly this is and what the discussion would be. I came away from it very impressed and think this is a good and effective path the City of Manhattan is taking in developing some in depth strategic plans moving forward. Their technology platforms they are using to do this are excellent and the input and dialog that was provided from other community partners and citizens was outstanding and I think will indeed be useful for the entire region moving forward. Although that was the last community input session. Anyone can still visit the website CrossroadsMHK to provide some input and comments. Will be very interested to see what transpires from all this work and effort.

Friday afternoon I got home in time to listen in on NACo General Session Teleconference call that included the US Secretary of Transportation, Pete Buttigieg; US Secretary of Commerce, Gina Raimondo; and the Executive Director of iCivics, Louise Dube. NACo also provided a presentation of counties can do more with less, "Strategies for Cost Saving during Covid-19".

McKinley's Comments:

Quiet weekend for county business.

Highlight of the weekend was being able to visit the Leavenworth grandkids for the first time in over a year. The old age statistic was I have a granddaughter turning 17.

Focke's Comments:

Friday:

Had a surgical procedure and spent the day recovering from the anesthesia.

Sunday:

Recorded a Q&A town hall meeting that consisted of four questions from submitted e-mails from constituents.

I will forward the recording to Clancy prior to posting on social media and will get approval from the BOCC to publish it on the county U-Tube channel and Facebook.

The recorded session is approximately 15 minutes long, which I felt

was long enough for the first session.

I'm looking forward to doing these on a monthly basis, working toward the day when I can meet with people in person.

Attended the AAPI vigil in City Park in memory of the Asian American women recently murdered in a mass shooting. It had originally been scheduled for Friday night, but it was postponed due to the weather forecasts. There was a good crowd in attendance and four local speakers were brought in. It was an informative event that focused on the discrimination against the American Asian and Pacific Island emigrants throughout U.S. history.

Business Meeting

3. 2021 Riley County Trash Service Contract (Julie Winter - Zoom)

Move to approve the Agreement with Howie's Trash Service for 2021.

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

4. mobile command post to Wamego

Move to approve deploying the mobile command post to Wamego for the fireworks display.

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

5. City Alcohol Grants

Move to approve the applications to be submitted to the City of Manhattan for funding consideration.

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

6. Sign a Tax Roll Correction

Move to reluctantly approve the Tax Roll Correction.

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

Review Minutes

7. Board of Riley County Commissioners - Regular Meeting - Mar 25, 2021 8:30 AM

Move to approve the minutes.

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

Review Tentative Agenda

8. Tentative Agenda

Press Conference Topics

9. Discuss Press Conference

Holeman presented "A Resolution approving Local Health Officer Order No. 21 issued March 25, 2021."

Move to add the resolution to the agenda.

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

Move to approve "Resolution No. 032921-10, A Resolution approving Local Health Officer Order No. 21 issued March 25, 2021."

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

9:00 AM Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

10. Administrative Work Session

Holeman stated under SB 40 the Governor does have the authority to declare a disaster declaration in the case of a potential flood.

Holeman discussed the impacts of SB 40.

11. Pending County Projects County Counselor

9:20 AM Amanda Smeller, Planning/Special Projects Director

12. Planning & Development - Staff Update

Smeller presented the Planning and Development staff update.

9:30 AM Press Conference

13. Board of Tax Appeals Home Depot Judgement Impact on Local Units of Government and all Riley County Taxpayers - Rich Vargo (3-5 minutes)

Vargo discussed the Board of Tax Appeals Home Depot Judgement Impact to Local Units of Government and Riley County Taxpayers.

9:45 AM Amanda Smeller, Planning/Special Projects Director

14. Consider and approve the annual review of the Riley County Solid Waste Management Plan as completed by the Riley County Solid Waste Management Committee

Smeller presented the Solid Waste Management Plan annual review.

Move to approve the annual review of the Solid Waste Management Plan and forward to KDHE.

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

Move to reverse the motion to approve the Tax Roll Correction for Home Depot.

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

Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

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