



**Board of Riley County
Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Minutes
April 01, 2021**

115 North 4th Street
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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
Gary Rosewicz	Assistant County Engineer	Present	8:30 AM
Alice Massimi	PIO	Present	8:30 AM
Tami Robison	Budget and Finance Officer	Present	8:32 AM
John Ellermann	Public Works Director/County Engineer	Present	8:34 AM
Julie Gibbs	Health Department Director	Remote	9:00 AM
Michael Boller	Noxious Weed Director	Present	9:15 AM
Greg McHenry	County Appraiser	Present	9:30 AM
Ron Fehr	City of Manhattan	Present	10:25 AM

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

1. Public Comments

Commission Comments

2. Commission Comments

Ford's Comments:

Monday afternoon I met with Craig Bowser and went out and took a

tour of the SAVE Farm. Outside of the wind it was a beautiful afternoon for the tour. I really enjoyed the time spent and they are an amazing job out there even with the challenges of the pandemic in place.

Also Monday afternoon I had my regular Community Leaders Zoom call with the City of Manhattan, K-State, Riley County Health Dept./EOC, and Ascension Via Christi on the local Covid-19 response. Our dialog continues around the vaccination process, numbers of first and second doses administered, and what the Phase 5 process will look like. We also discussed several pieces of legislation in Topeka and what impacts that may have on us locally. The last item of discussion was the thought on possible mandatory vaccines and what places outside of the area are considering it or have put this into place in one way shape or fashion.

Monday night I sat in on the virtual discussion on race/justice/safety/policing. Got the chance to hear from a lot of local voices on the topic and had a very solid and in depth discussion in a breakout session with five other members. Didn't really know what to expect going in, but certainly glad I had an opportunity to listen and dialog. Hopefully, there will be more of these in the future.

Tuesday afternoon I listened on the Council of Foreign Affairs latest discussion on the state of democracy at home and abroad, the role it should play in foreign policy, and actions policymakers, business leaders, and citizens should take. The conversation featured Danielle Allen, James Bryant Conant University Professor and Director of Ethics at Harvard University; Richard Haas, President, Council of Foreign Affairs; Yascha Mounk, Senior Fellow, Council of Foreign Affairs; and Margaret E. Taley, Managing Editor for Politics Axios and Political Analyst for CNN.

McKinley's Comments:

Had a lot of emails this week.

I had received a note about the Freeman Road water district last week. I don't think we have any direct relation with Riley County Rural Water District, but there are some questions about that. I have not gotten hold of RCRWD #1 yet.

Also had email regarding Main Road in White Canyon. This has been an ongoing problem, because the original developer did not put the road into spec. Not an easy solution.

Most of my emails have been regarding extending the mask requirement in the county. All were asking that we drop the requirement. I have some hope that as the vaccination numbers increase and the county numbers come in we might change to a recommendation. 27% of the county population lives outside of Manhattan. The numbers Julie Gibbs gave us on Tuesday show only 7% of the active cases are outside of Manhattan.

Remember Saturday is countdown day 4-3-21.

Focke's Comments:

Tuesday:

Spent most of the morning touring Seaton Hall at the KSU campus with Dean Tim DeNoble. It is an amazing building since its remodel and additions of new buildings. The shop area had students learning how to utilize various types of fabrication - furniture, wood panels, lamination, sheet metal, welding, etc. The original building was built in 1917. They had an opening ceremony several years ago that I missed and it was a great experience.

Went to my dentist in Junction City in the afternoon.

Got a message that the health department will be giving out vaccines at the Tuesday night Common Table meal at First Presbyterian Church.

Wednesday:

Reviewed e-mails and various project reports. Working on the Law Board appointment interview process. Will have my suggestions ready by the end of the week.

Visited with Sydney Carlin at her home in the afternoon.

Studied the board packet for Thursday's meeting.

Business Meeting

3. Design of W. 62nd Ave. Bridge Replacement Project

Move to approve the contract with BG Consultants in the amount of \$18,200.00.

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

4. Appoint Dantia MacDonald to the Pawnee Mental Health Services Advisory Board

Move to appoint Dantia MacDonald to the Pawnee Mental Health Services Advisory Board and approve "Resolution No. 040121-11, A Resolution appointing a representative to the Pawnee Mental Health Services Advisory Board".

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

5. Sign Riley County Personnel Action Form(s)

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Personnel Action Form for Patricia McKenna, a COVID-19 Contact Tracer, in the Health Department, for Separation from County Service, effective March 20, 2021.

Review Minutes

6. Board of Riley County Commissioners - Regular Meeting - Mar 29, 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

7. Tentative Agenda

Press Conference Topics

8. Discuss Press Conference

9:00 AM**Julie Gibbs, Health Department Director**

Move to recess as the Board of County Commissioners and convene as the Board of Health.

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

9. RCHD Request to hire 2 temporary medical clerks

Gibbs requested to hire two temporary medical clerks.

Move to approve the request to hire two temporary medical clerks.

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

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Position Action Form for 2 Temporary Medical Clerks, in the Health Department, at a grade G.

Move to recess as the Board of Health and reconvene as the Board of County Commissioners.

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

9:15 AM Michael Boller, Noxious Weed Director

10. Staff Update

Boller presented the Noxious Weed/HHW staff report.

9:30 AM Greg McHenry, Appraiser

11. Appraiser's Office Report

McHenry presented the Appraiser's Office staff report.

9:55 AM John Ellermann, Public Works Director/County Engineer

12. Proposed 2022 Sales Tax Program

Ellermann presented the proposed 2022 Sales Tax Program projects.

10:15 AM Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

13. Administrative Work Session

Holeman reported Greg McHenry and he will be on KMAN Friday morning to discuss the Home Depot Case and Dark Store Theory.

10:30 AM Ron Fehr, Manhattan City Manager

14. Manhattan City General Update

Fehr presented the City of Manhattan general update.

Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

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