



**Board of Riley County
Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Minutes
June 28, 2021**

115 North 4th Street
Manhattan, KS 66502
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Cindy Kabriel
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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
Alice Massimi	PIO	Present	8:31 AM
Sam Hennigh	KMAN	Present	8:37 AM
Alvin Perez	Public Works Operations/Fleet Manager	Present	9:17 AM
Julie Gibbs	Health Department Director	Present	9:18 AM
Gary Rosewicz	Assistant County Engineer	Present	9:20 AM
John Ellermann	Public Works Director/County Engineer	Present	9:22 AM
Elizabeth Ward	Human Resource Manager	Remote	12:00 PM
George Kandt	Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce	Remote	12:00 PM
Darrell Edie	USD 383	Remote	12:00 PM
Usha Reddi	Manhattan City Commissioner	Remote	12:00 PM
Amy Manges	Register of Deeds	Remote	12:00 PM
Kristin Brighton	USD 383	Remote	12:00 PM
Linda Cook	KSU	Remote	12:00 PM
Dennis Marstall	Manhattan City Assistant Manager	Remote	12:00 PM
Daniel Garas	NBAF	Remote	12:00 PM
Amanda Smeller	Planning/Special Projects Director	Remote	12:00 PM
Jake Willenbring	Representative Tracey Mann's Office	Remote	12:00 PM
Eric Reid	USD 383	Remote	12:00 PM
Katie Pawlosky	NBAF	Remote	12:00 PM
Jason Smith	Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce	Remote	12:00 PM
Aaron Eastabrook	Manhattan City Commissioner	Remote	12:00 PM
Ron Fehr	Manhattan City Manager	Remote	12:00 PM
Kurt Moldrup	RCPD	Remote	12:00 PM
Mark Hatesohl	Manhattan City Commissioner	Remote	12:00 PM
Linda Morse	Manhattan City Commissioner	Remote	12:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance**Public Comment**

1. Public Comments

Holeman asked the Board to add the tabled Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement to his administrative time today.

Move to add the tabled Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement to his administrative time today.

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

Commission Comments

2. Commission Comments

Ford's Comments:

Thursday afternoon I had a national teleconference call with NACo's Community Economic and Workforce Development Committee to discuss the fifteen different policy resolutions with the sponsors of the policy in advance of the 2021 Annual Conference to be held in Maryland July 9-12 as well as the virtual model that will be added as well. Some of those resolutions are ranging from community housing, to specific tax based credits to CDBG funding and lastly resources aimed at developing workforce programs. All these resolutions will be voted on during our July 9th Steering Committee meeting.

On Thursday the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) extended the national eviction moratorium set to expire June 30th, until July 31, 2021. According to the CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky this will be the final extension of the moratorium. With the State emergency declaration expired and Riley County's expiring July 29th this may be something we will need to watch carefully.

Want to send out my thoughts and condolences on the tragic apartment building collapse in Miami-Dade County on Thursday. The Vice Chair

of my NACo Community Economic and Workforce Steering Committee resides in that county and this tragic event happened in her district. I wish them all the best as they work through this devastating emergency.

Well it looks like Topeka got through their 2nd Country Stampede Event. Sounds like the weekend events and activities went well after Mother Nature dealt them a blow both Thursday night and Friday. It seems as if this is the case every year for some reason, but I've heard from many people who attended there is a lot of work and effort needed if this is going to be successful in the Capital City in the future.

McKinley's Comments:

Last Thursday after our meeting, I went over to look at the stone cleaning on the front of the Courthouse. John Ellermann had said there were questions on some stone repair or replacement and I just wanted to see what they were doing. While I was watching, the foreman for MCR came over and started discussing some of the things they were finding on the stone work. He pointed out areas where the damaged stone is. There are several areas with patches, some really good work, and some not so great. It was a good start on the discussion we will be having later this morning.

Over the weekend I heard some concerns from a couple of residents that I will need to discuss with Russel Stuke and John Ellermann this week.

On Saturday we went on the garden tour. It was a beautiful day to be out and was able to see some very nice landscapes. My only complaint was that they all seemed to be on hills this year. It looks like we will be adding more daylilies to our yard in addition to some other flowers. The coolest thing was the backyard trains. Dave Baker actually has two separate trains set up. They wind thru the yard including a tunnel on one. He also has scale buildings set up and not surprisingly includes a baseball field. Between getting ready for the garden tour this week and Juneteenth at the Douglas Center last week I think he has been busy.

Focke's Comments:

Friday, I left for the weekend to attend a memorial service for a family member in Kearney, Nebraska. The drive was really beautiful, with wheat harvest in full swing in Kansas and many fields of corn in Nebraska.

On Sunday, I traveled to McCook to see a cousin and then made the

long trip home.

I have a lot on the schedule for this week, so will have a more lengthy report on Thursday.

Business Meeting

Review Minutes

3. Board of Riley County Commissioners - Regular Meeting - Jun 24, 2021
8:30 AM

Move to approve the minutes.

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Greg McKinley, County Commissioner
SECONDER:	Kathryn Focke, 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 presented the Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement, which was tabled last Thursday. Holeman stated the agreement is for the beer sales at the Kaw Valley Rodeo.

Holeman stated if the liability insurance is not in place he will ask the Board to cancel the Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement.

Move to sign the Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement for the beer sales at the Kaw Valley Rodeo.

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

7. Pending County Projects County Counselor

9:20 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:	Greg McKinley, County Commissioner
AYES:	Ford, Focke, McKinley

8. Ratification of License between Konza Community Health Center and Riley County Health Department

Gibbs presented the ratification of license between Konza and RCHD.

Move to approve the Temporary and Limited Real Property License with Konza Prairie Community Health Center.

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

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

9:30 AM**Press Conference**

9. USD 383 Primary Election - Rich Vargo (1-2 minutes)

Vargo reported the USD 383 Primary Election will be Tuesday, August 3, 2021. Vargo said the voter registration deadline is Tuesday, July 13, 2021. Vargo stated advance voting will begin in person and by mail Wednesday, July 14, 2021. Vargo said the Primary Election will reduce the number of candidates from 10 to 6 for the General Election.

10. Public Notices - Gary Rosewicz (3-4 minutes)

Rosewicz said the Asphalt Overlay Projects are scheduled to begin Tuesday, July 6, 2021. Work will take place at the following locations:

- Barnes Road - Pottawatomie County line west to Tuttle Creek Blvd.
- Casement Road - Marlatt Avenue north to Barnes Road
- Deep Creek Road - U.S. 177 east to Pillsbury Crossing Road
- Tuttle Cove Road - K-13 north to Tuttle Cove Park

Rosewicz said we anticipate the projects to be completed within 25 working days. Adverse weather conditions may cause unexpected delays. Traffic will be reduced to one lane during construction. Drivers should expect delays of up to 15 minutes.

Rosewicz said the Riley County Transfer Station will be closed on Saturday, July 10, 2021 for equipment repairs. Rosewicz said it will reopen 7:00 a.m. on Monday, July 12, 2021.

11. Public Notice - Alvin Perez (1-2 minutes)

Perez said Riley County will begin chip seal projects on Monday, July 12, 2021 and should be completed by Thursday July 22, 2021.

Roads will be chip sealed in the following order:

College Ave.
Marlatt Ave.
W. 59th Ave.

Mill Cove Dr.
Walnut Creek Rd.
Senn Rd.
Gardiner Rd.

Perez said traffic will be allowed through these projects, but drivers should expect delays of up to 15 minutes - take alternate routes when possible. The schedule may change due to weather and scheduling delays.

9:45 AM John Ellermann, Public Works Director

12. Court House Project

Ellermann discussed the Mid-Continental Restoration Inc. Court House, Carnegie Building, and County Office Building restoration.

The Board went to the facilities to review the work needed.

Adjournment

Move to adjourn after the Intergovernmental Luncheon.

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

Intergovernmental Luncheon

13. Intergovernmental Luncheon Agenda

Holeman discussed the "Dark Store Theory" impacts on local units of government.

Kandt presented the Greater Manhattan Business Conditions Report.