



**Board of Riley County
Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Minutes
August 09, 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
Cindy Kabriel	Administrative Assistant II	Present	8:30 AM
Clancy Holeman	Counselor/Director of Administrative Services	Present	8:30 AM
John Ellermann	Public Works Director/County Engineer	Present	8:30 AM
Gary Rosewicz	Assistant County Engineer	Present	8:30 AM
Elizabeth Ward	Human Resource Manager	Present	8:45 AM
Allana Parker	Museum Curator of Design	Present	8:50 AM
Sam Hennigh	KMAN	Present	8:58 AM
Harry Bellman	Public Works	Present	9:08 AM
Alvin Perez	Public Works Operations/Fleet Manager	Present	9:09 AM
Shilo Heger	Treasurer	Present	9:20 AM
Penny Bellman	Public Works	Present	9:24 AM
Craig Cox	Deputy County Counselor	Present	9:38 AM

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

1. Public Comments

Holeman asked to add two items during his administrative time, Craig Cox for an update on tax sale properties and an executive session.

Move to add an executive session to Holeman's administrative work session.

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 evening I watched NACo's recorded video from the early afternoon national membership call on the Infrastructure Investments and Jobs Act. This includes 550 billion dollars in new investments and a surface transportation reauthorization. Sectors addressed in the IIJA included all modes of transportation, water, power, and energy; 14 billion specifically for broadband availability, affordability, resiliency to build out connectivity to unserved parts of the country, and helping low-income families afford services; and another 65 billion to expand and build internet infrastructure access nationwide in rural and underserved areas.

Saturday morning I did listened to State Historic Preservation Zoom call on the designation of the First Christian Church. Wasn't surprised by them going ahead and listing the building and property, but it does sound like we still have options with a few extra hurdles to clear to still do what we need to on behalf of Riley County and the taxpayers moving forward.

Also on Saturday I met and had lunch with Lee Wolf, President and CEO of the Konza Community Health Clinic. We met to discuss the issues and challenges we are facing locally and regionally in health care. I discussed with him some of the discussions we are having on the public health side here in Riley County both in the short term and for the future. I thought this dialog went extremely well.

Saturday afternoon I was invited by Ron and Chris Wilson at the Lazy T Ranch to attend their annual Schnitzelfest celebration. Of course they did not have this event last year, so I was very happy to hear they are continuing plans to do so in the future. It was great to see this event back with authentic German cuisine and entertainment in the same manner as they have put this together in the past. Look forward to the other events upcoming out at the ranch and certainly appreciated the invite and good times while out there Saturday.

McKinley's Comments:

I want to clarify something for those that get their news from the Manhattan Mercury. I did not say the number of COVID-19 cases in the county were being exaggerated as a scare tactic. This misquote came out in the online editions Friday and Saturday. I contacted the writer Friday evening and the online report was corrected Saturday evening. The Saturday print edition still had the misinformation.

Other than that I had an uneventful weekend working on projects around the house.

Focke's Comments:Friday:

Went to the Keats Park after a call from a constituent that some work was done on Thursday afternoon. I've been getting a lot of calls and e-mails concerning the playground. Hopefully, things will continue to progress so that it can be used before school starts.

Saturday:

Attended the Zoom meeting of the Kansas Historic Sites Review board meeting. There was a long list of buildings that had been nominated to the historic board, including three in Manhattan including the First Christian Church. I had never attended this board meeting and it was very interesting to see how the process works. The members asked a lot of questions after the nominating person had presented the sites and all were approved to the state historic sites and will be passed on for consideration to the national register. Properties nominated will be able to get tax credits and other monies for renovation.

After the meeting I went to the Everybody Counts event at the Douglas Community Center complex. There were a lot of people in attendance, although lower than held in 2019. The event ended at 1:00 p.m. and I helped break down and pack up the Common Table booth.

Sunday:

I attended church and was a greeter at the door. Masks were recommended, but not required. There was a lot of conversation about it afterwards. Most people wore masks at the service.

Business Meeting

3. First Christian Church- Asbestos Removal Bid Recommendation

Move to approve the bid from Associated Insulation, Inc. in the amount of \$18,294.00.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Greg McKinley, County Commissioner
SECONDER:	Kathryn Focke, County Commissioner
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4. Advisory Board appointments and Resolution appointing Riley County representatives to Council/Advisory Boards

Move to approve the following appointments and “Resolution No. 080921-34, A Resolution appointing Riley County representatives to Council/Advisory Boards.”

John Green	September 1, 2021 - August 31, 2024	Food and Farm Council
Sharolyn Jackson	September 1, 2021 - August 31, 2024	Food and Farm Council
Mary Mertz	September 1, 2021 - August 31, 2024	Food and Farm Council
Kate LaRosh	August 9, 2021 - August 31, 2022	Food and Farm Council
Daniel Winslow	August 9, 2021 - December 31, 2022	Riley County Public Health Council
Hailey Winslow	August 9, 2021 - December 31, 2022	Riley County Public Health Council

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 Riley County Personnel Action Forms for the following:

- Aaron Stephenson, a new hire, as a Contact Tracer, in the Health Department, at a grade B step 9, at \$15.80 per hour.
- Barkley Poole, a new hire, as an Intern/student, in the Health Department, at a grade Intern.
- Theresa Cox, a new hire, as a Temp Election Worker, in the Election Department, at a grade Temp step Elect, stipend.
- Danielle Toothman, a Social Worker, in the Health Department, for Separation from County Services, effective August 2, 2021.
- Daniel John Reves, a new hire, as a Roadside Mower-Equipment

Operator, in the Noxious Weed Department, at a grade H step 4, at \$18.26 per hour.

Review Minutes

6. Board of Riley County Commissioners - Regular Meeting - Aug 5, 2021
8:30 AM

Move to approve the minutes.

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

Review Tentative Agenda

7. Tentative Agenda

Press Conference Topics

8. Discuss Press Conference

9:00 AM Allana Parker, Curator of Design, Riley County Historical Museum

9. Riley County Historical Museum Staff Update- Third Grade Trunks
- Parker presented a Museum staff update on 3rd Grade History Detective Trunk.

9:15 AM John Ellermann, Public Works Director/County Engineer

10. Public Works Project Update
- Ellermann presented a Public Works projects update.

9:30 AM**Press Conference**

11. Presentation of retirement plaque to Harry Bellman - John Ford (3-5 minutes)

Ford presented a retirement plaque to Harry Bellman for 33 years of service with Riley County.

Bellman said he appreciates the plaque. Bellman said it has been an honor to work for Riley County.

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

Perez said a structure replacement project on Green Randolph Road is scheduled to begin Monday, August 16, 2021. The project is located approximately 300 feet west of Walnut Creek Road. Green Randolph Road will be closed to through traffic during construction from Union Road east to Walnut Creek Road. The project is expected to be completed by Friday, August 20, 2021 weather permitting.

13. National Motor Vehicle Title Information System implementation - Shilo Heger (5 minutes)

Heger said beginning on August 16th the State of Kansas will go live with a connection between the Motor Vehicle System (MOVRS) and the National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTIS). NMVTIS (National Motor Vehicle Title Information System), was established under the Anti Car Theft Act of 1992 and was reauthorized under the Anti Car Theft Improvements Act of 1996. It is a tool designed to assist state vehicle title agencies, vehicle title investigators, and law enforcement in deterring and preventing vehicle related crimes. It is intended to protect consumers from fraud and unsafe vehicles.

In order to be in compliance with federal regulations, the treasurer's office will no longer be able to register a vehicle without a title. In the past, we have issued a temporary courtesy registration for those without a title, we can no longer do that.

If you are moving here from out of state and currently are not in possession of your title due to financing it, you need to contact your lienholder and have them send the title to the motor vehicle department in which you are intending to register your vehicle.

In order to prepare for the transition we must have all titles finalized and approved. Therefore, we will not be able to process any new title transactions after 2:00 pm Friday August 13th.

9:40 AM Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

14. Administrative Work Session

Cox said properties that Riley County acquired on June 25th from the tax sale are RIM properties. Cox said he has been contacted by the City of Ogden attorney Bernard Irvine. Cox said the City of Ogden is interested in purchasing the properties.

Cox recommends a private sale to the City of Ogden.

Cox recommended that the sale price offered to the City of Ogden be the taxes, interest, and court costs for the property.

The Board of County Commissioners, agreed by consensus, for Cox to proceed.

15. Pending County Projects County Counselor

Holeman discussed potential dates for the Legislative Conference in November, the 1st, 4th, or 18th.

9:52 AM Executive Session

Move the County Commission, including Chairman Ford, Commissioner McKinley, and Commissioner Focke, recess into executive session on potential litigation for the purpose of consultation with Clancy Holeman, Riley County Counselor, attorney for the commission, which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, an exception to the Kansas Open Meeting Act, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 10:05 a.m.

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

10:05 AM

Move the Board of County Commissioners come out of executive session.

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

Move the record reflect action shall be taken consistent with the consensus reached in executive session.

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

Holeman discussed revamping his Pending County Projects list to reflect more current on projects.

Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

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