



**Board of Riley County
Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Minutes
August 31, 2023**

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**City Hall, 108 W. Randolph, Randolph,
Kansas**

6:00 PM

[District 2 – Greg McKinley, Member](#)

[District 3 – Kathryn Focke, Chair](#)

[District 1 – John Ford, Vice Chair](#)

6:00 PM

Call to Order

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
John Ford	County Commissioner	Present	6:00 PM
Kathryn Focke	County Commissioner	Present	6:00 PM
Greg McKinley	County Commissioner	Present	6:00 PM
Rich Vargo	County Clerk	Present	6:00 PM
Clancy Holeman	Counselor/Director of Administrative Services	Present	6:00 PM
Russel Stukey	Emergency Management Director	Present	6:00 PM
Joshua Gering	EMS/Ambulance Assistant Director	Present	6:00 PM
Brian Peete	RCPD Director	Present	6:12 PM
Kent Glasscock		Present	6:05 PM
Pat Tiede	RCPD	Present	6:12 PM
Evan McMillan	Assistant County Engineer	Present	6:00 PM
Curt Friedrich	11326 Lakeview Drive, Manhattan	Present	6:00 PM
Robert Norman	101 Stockdale Street, Randolph	Present	6:00 PM
Tamie Redding	212 E. Cleburne Street, Randolph	Present	6:00 PM
Carl Friedrich	201 E. Garrison, Randolph	Present	6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

1. Public Comments

Commission Comments

2. Commission Comments

Focke's Comments:

Monday afternoon I attended the Intergovernmental meeting at Rockin K's event space. A presentation was made by Wyatt Thompson, Assistant Manhattan City Manager. It was based on a plan that they are working on concerning CiCo Park improvements. They outlined a timeline of joint cooperation with Riley County on the park that was done in the 1960's. They have already hired a team from BHS construction and McMillan Architects to work out a plan and are looking for new members on their planning team, including someone from Riley County.

Tuesday morning, I attended a meeting at Public Works with Craig Cox and the potential property owner to give him an offer. It was good until this morning at 8:30, but he has decided not to go through with it. That afternoon, I made calls concerning the next steps forward and set some appointments to discuss.

Wednesday morning, I meet with my orthopedic doctor to follow up on some physical therapy I've been receiving and had some x-rays taken of the area in question. I will be getting an MRI in the next couple of weeks.

I also followed up with Nichole Glessner at Director Peete's office concerning arrangements for the Law Board meeting on September 18th in Keats. It is scheduled for the shelter in the park and we discussed the logistics there as opposed to the community center next to the church.

Wednesday evening, I attended the monthly community meal in Keats. I gave a short update on activities at Riley County, including: the Riley County budget, north county ambulance progress and proposed opening date, and announced our meeting in Randolph on Thursday evening and the upcoming Law Board meeting. No one in the community knew anything about the Law Board meeting, but it was agreed that a group would provide some sandwiches for the board. I helped get timing and numbers verified with Nichole Glessner with RCPD.

Thursday morning, I met with a community business leaders to discuss the Keats wastewater progress and he agreed to help. Later I had some dental work and attended the retirement reception for Jill Seaton prior to coming to this meeting.

Ford's Comments:

Monday afternoon I attended the August Intergovernmental Luncheon at Rockin K's up on campus. The major agenda item was a presentation from Wyatt Thompson from the City of Manhattan on

their future plans for CiCo Park. Interesting to say the least although I do have some questions and concerns that I'm going to need to follow up on for sure. Also heard a few updates from some of our local partners as well, and once again was a very well attended meeting.

Also Monday afternoon I listened in on a Zoom with Economic Lifelines who is partnering with KAC and the Kansas League of Municipalities to discuss the "Build Kansas Fund" that is supposed to bring 215 million dollars of funding to local communities. Some of the topics covered on the call were how to access free grant assistance to match projects with grant opportunities, education on BIL, the Kansas Infrastructure Hub and the Build Kansas Fund, how to apply for and access the build fund, how to access free technical assistance if awarded grant funds, and other ways to access assistance with these programs.

Tuesday afternoon I visited my new doctor at the new Stormont Vail Campus here in Manhattan. The facility looks great, and they have it set up and operating well at this point. In terms of the actual appointment, it went well, but there are some things that I will need to start doing differently in order to keep moving along in weight loss journey, and I will be working to do that in the next few weeks and months.

Wednesday evening, I attended the Commanding General's BBQ at the Riley Community Center up on Fort Riley hosted by Major General John V Meyer III Commanding General of the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley. Also in attendance was U.S. Senator Jerry Moran who also brought special guest Christine Wormuth who is the Secretary of the United States Army. Very well attended by all community and regional partners, and the food was outstanding as well.

Thursday afternoon I attended the retirement celebration for long time Riley County employee Jill Seaton at our BOCC Chambers. While it is always bittersweet to see good and long-term personnel leave, I certainly wish her the best on all of her future endeavors and thanks for the years of service to Riley County.

Lastly, I wanted to give kudos to the University of Nebraska for setting a record attendance not only for women's volleyball, but also any women's sporting event in history. The attendance of 92,003 fans at Memorial Stadium for the Nebraska-Nebraska-Omaha volleyball match dubbed "Volleyball Day" officially broke the record which is amazing when you think of how popular FIFA Women's World Soccer is around the globe.

McKinley's Comments:

After our meeting Monday I attended the intergovernmental luncheon. We heard from Wyatt Thompson, City of Manhattan not K-State. He gave a little of the history of CiCo Park and then an update on improvements the City has for their portion of the park.

This afternoon I went to the retirement reception for Jill Seaton who is leaving after 23 years at the county.

Rest of the week was pretty quiet.

Business Meeting

3. Sign Riley County Employee Action Form(s)

The Board of County Commissioners signed Riley County Employee Action Forms for the following:

- Asia Sampson, a Community Health Educator, in the Health Department, for Separation from County Service, effective August 25, 2023.
- Dianne Conway, a new hire, as an As Needed Temporary Election Worker, in the Clerk/Election Department, at a Range TEMP.
- Cooper Brazee, a new hire, as an EMT, in the EMS/Ambulance Department, at a Range EMT, at \$18.42 per hour.
- Lexi Ziolo, a new hire, as an EMT (PRN), in the EMS/Ambulance Department, at a Range EMT, at \$16.38 per hour.
- Aaron Broxterman, for a promotion, as an EMS Paramedic, in the EMS/Ambulance Department, at a Range EMS Paramedic, at \$22.48 per hour, effective September 2, 2023.

Review Minutes

4. Board of Riley County Commissioners - Regular Meeting - Aug 28, 2023 8:30 AM

Move to approve the minutes.

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

Review Tentative Agenda

5. Tentative Agenda

Start the September 7, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. End the September 7, 2023 meeting at 9:15 a.m. with Michael Boller.

Press Conference Topics

6. Discuss Press Conference

6:30 PM

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

7. Administrative Work Session

Holeman discussed the KAC Legislative Policy Committee Meeting. Holeman stated he presented the LAVTR reinstatement and Unincorporated Area Nuisance Abatement Act.

Holeman discussed Senate Concurrent Resolution 1611. If passed by 2/3 of both houses it would be put on the ballot to change the State Constitution to cap real property value increases at 4% annually.

6:50 PM

Brian Peete, RCPD Director

8. RCPD update

Peete & Tiede presented a Riley County Police Department update.

7:05 PM

Russel Stukey, Emergency Management Director

9. Firefighter and storm spotter recruitment

Stukey discussed firefighter and storm spotter recruitment.

10. Staff Update for month of August 2023

Stukey presented the EM/Fire staff report.

7:20 PM Robert Norman, Randolph City Councilman

11. City of Randolph update

Norman, Randolph City Councilman, said a couple days ago service was done on the water tower, the next couple of weeks work will be done on the sewer system, tree planting has been done in the park, and some grant applications were submitted for sewer line repairs, and the 2024 budget has been approved.

7:30 PM Evan McMillan, Assistant Public Works Director/County Engineer

12. Request to Fill PW Administrative Assistant II

McMillan presented the request to fill the Administrative Assistant II position.

Move to approve the Public Works Department advertise to hire the open Administrative Assistant II position.

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 Administrative Assistant II, in the Public Works Department, at a Range 7.

7:45 PM Joshua Gering, EMS/Ambulance Assistant Director

13. Building Update

Gering presented the EMS/Ambulance North County Station and Public Safety Headquarters updates.

7:40 PM Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

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