



**Board of Riley County
Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Minutes
September 23, 2024**

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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
Bryant Parker	Deputy County Counselor	Present	8:30 AM
Anna Burson	County Appraiser	Present	8:30 AM
Elizabeth Ward	Human Resources Director	Present	8:32 AM
Emma Loura	Manhattan Mercury	Present	8:35 AM
Amanda Webb	Planning/Special Projects Director	Present	9:00 AM
Lori Feldkamp	Big Lakes Developmental Center	Present	9:06 AM
Vaughn Powell	Noxious Weed/HHW	Present	9:15 AM
Katharine Hensler	Museum Director	Present	9:15 AM
Michael Boller	Noxious Weed Director	Present	9:15 AM
Justin Brenner	Noxious Weed/HHW	Present	9:15 AM
Michael Rezkella	Pawnee Mental Health Services Director	Present	9:25 AM
Linda Glasgow	Museum	Present	9:26 AM
Vivienne Leyva	PIO	Present	9:26 AM
Laurie Harrison	Emergency Management Coordinator	Present	9:26 AM
Megan Lewis	Community Corrections Director	Present	9:45 AM
Clancy Holeman	Counselor/Director of Administrative Services	Present	9:50 AM

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

1. Public Comments

Commission Comments

2. Commission Comments

Focke's Comments:

Friday, I took the facilities tour with the other two commissioners, Clancy Holeman, Elizabeth Ward, and one of the consultants, Grant. It included the Courthouse, Carnegie Building, County Office Building, Courthouse Plaza East Building, the church building, Pottorf Hall, museum, health department, and the Family and Child Resources Center. The tour took most of the day and my “take away” was that we have a lot of space that isn’t being used efficiently.

The weekend was busy with some personal appointments, performing in the Bell Choir at my church and later participating in the Keats Fall Festival, which included the parade, the Riley High School band and Jazz Band.

McKinley's Comments:

Thursday evening, we attended the K-State volleyball for the first time at the new facility. It is a very nice building. The cats lost in 3 sets, but all games were very even.

Friday was the tour of the existing county facilities. It was worthwhile to take this tour and inventory the facilities and see what is needed.

After the tour I stopped by the museum for the Linda Glasgow retirement recognition.

I was one of those people that actually stayed up to see the end of the K-State football game. An unbelievable game but not in the way you want it to be.

Ford's Comments:

Friday, I took part in the countywide building and facility tour with Shockey Consulting and several other members of staff. The tour included stops at the Courthouse, Riley County Office Building, Pottorf Hall in CiCo Park, both the health department buildings, Courthouse Plaza East building, Carnegie Building, and the First Christian Church. It was good to see all these building up close to see what the space and needs moving forward will be.

Saturday morning, I attended the Riley County Republican Candidates breakfast over at the Four Points by Sheraton. Heard from all the local

candidates running for state and county offices as well as the Speaker of the Kansas House Dan Hawkins. I also said a few words on behalf of Riley County as well. It was a very well attended event and it was good to catch up with everyone.

Saturday night I watched as K-State got beat by BYU 38-9 in a late-night affair in Provo, Utah. Look good for a while before the Wildcats just fell completely apart. Hopefully we will get back on track against Oklahoma State over the weekend.

The rest of the weekend I spent at home resting and getting ready for the upcoming week.

Business Meeting

3. Recovery Month Proclamation

Move to sign the Recovery Month Proclamation for September 2024 for Pawnee Mental Health Services.

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

4. Sign Riley County Employee Action Form(s)

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

- David Colson, a Custodian I, in the Public Works Department, for Separation from County Service, effective September 30, 2024.
- Manda Smith, a new hire, as an Election Day Worker, in the Election Department, at a Range Election.
- Nancy Burns, a new hire, as an Election Day Worker, in the Election Department, at a Range Election.
- Larry McRell, a new hire, as an Election Day Worker, in the Election Department, at a Range Election.

Review Minutes

5. Board of Riley County Commissioners - Regular Meeting - Sep 19, 2024 9:00 AM

Move to approve the minutes.

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

Press Conference Topics

6. Discuss Press Conference

Review Tentative Agenda

7. Tentative Agenda

9:00 AM

Amanda Webb, Planning/Special Projects Director

8. Flint Hills Wellness Coalition - Pathways to a Health Kansas grant application

Webb presented the Flint Hills Wellness Coalition-Pathways to a Health Kansas grant application.

Move to approve the inclusion of the Comprehensive Plan Update, and health chapter addendum, in the Flint Hills Wellness Coalition's application for the Pathways to a Healthy Kansas grant.

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

9:15 AM

Lori Feldkamp, Big Lakes Developmental Center Director

9. Big Lakes Developmental Center update

Feldkamp presented the Big Lakes Developmental Center update.

9:30 AM**Press Conference**

10. Presentation of Recovery Month Proclamation - John Ford and Mike Rezkella (3-5 minutes)

Ford presented Mike Rezkella the Recovery Month Proclamation.

Rezkella thanked the Riley County Commission for recognizing September as the national month of mental health recovery.

Rezkella said September is also the national month of suicide prevention.

11. Presentation of retirement plaque to Linda Glasgow - John Ford (2-3 minutes)

Ford presented Linda Glasgow, Historical Museum, a retirement plaque for 32 years of service to Riley County.

Glasgow thanked Riley County for a wonderful work environment and fun job.

12. Presentation of retirement plaque to Vaughn Powell - John Ford (2-3 minutes)

Ford presented Vaughn Powell, Noxious Weed/Household Hazardous Waste, a retirement plaque for 26 years of service to Riley County.

9:45 AM**Megan Lewis, Community Corrections Director**

13. Monthly Staff Update

Lewis presented the Community Corrections monthly update.

9:50 AM**Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services**

14. Administrative Work Session

15. Pending County Projects County Counselor

Holeman presented the Commission Projects List.

9:52 AM Adjournment

Move to adjourn after the Intergovernmental Luncheon.

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

12:00 PM Intergovernmental Luncheon

16. Intergovernmental Luncheon Agenda