



**Board of Riley County
Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Minutes
September 27, 2021**

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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
Sam Hennigh	KMAN	Present	8:30 AM
Christian Bright	Manhattan Mercury	Present	8:30 AM
Elizabeth Ward	Human Resource Manager	Present	8:31 AM
Linda Brake		Present	8:54 AM
Jon Brake	Free Press	Present	8:54 AM
Julie Gibbs	Health Department Director	Present	9:00 AM
Lori Feldkamp	Big Lakes Developmental Center Director	Present	9:10 AM

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

1. Public Comments

Commission Comments

2. Commission Comments

Ford's Comments:

Thursday afternoon I did attend Steve Higgins retirement party in the 2nd Conference Room of the County Office Building. Was pretty well

attended and I wanted the chance to wish him well moving forward as he has done a lot for Riley County and the citizens over the years.

Late Thursday afternoon I listened in on NACo's Webinar discussing their new opportunity for counties across the nation to explain their work and efforts during the Coronavirus Pandemic. It's called "Untold Stories" and it will allow all counties to share the human impact of keeping people in their homes; food, and vital services available; supporting local and small businesses; continuing efforts to curb the spread of COVID-19 while leveraging the American Rescue Plan to help strengthen our communities and to serve our residents, and to develop plans to thrive well into the future. You can visit NACo.org/UntoldStories to access resources including guides and templates to provide an untold story of your own.

Friday afternoon I caught part of a webinar with Dennis Kriesel, Executive Director, Kansas Association of Local Health Departments (KALHD) and Bruce Chladny, Executive Director, Kansas Association of Counties as they discussed the ARPA program with a focus on public health components. It was an interactive program and discussion with Kansas County Commissioners, Administrators, and Local Health Department personnel to share ideas about public health uses for these funds and to get feedback on resources that will help foster recovery efforts.

Saturday afternoon I headed over to Ogden for their Fall Festival downtown. They had a really nice parade, lots of vendors, great food, and a very large and energetic turnout. Caught up with a lot of people that I hadn't had the chance to dialog with in a very long time. I might add the weather was absolutely perfect for the event as well.

Sunday evening I attended the Riley County Police Department's Employee Appreciation and Awards ceremony at the Bluemont Hotel. It had been a year and half since they have done this and certainly glad they did. I thought it was well put together and attended. Congratulations goes out to all the employees who won awards. From the sounds of it they all really deserved it. I also appreciate everything RCPD does to keep our community safe and sound and last night was a great moment to reflect on that.

Congratulations goes out to Manhattan High for their 49-0 win vs. Topeka High Friday night. They have a nine quarter scoreless streak going, which is impressive. Was disappointed with the K-State game Saturday night. One of these days we will figure out how to beat Oklahoma State once again.

McKinley's Comments:

Thursday afternoon I went to Steve Higgins' retirement reception. Spoke to him for awhile and thanked him for his service. There were a lot of people coming and going in the time I was there including a fully bearded Pat Collins.

Later Thursday I attended the grand opening of Courtyard by Marriott in Aggieville. It looks like a very nice place. They had three different rooms open to show how things are set up.

Friday afternoon I watched the webinar put on by KAC about the ARPA funds. They went over some funds that the state is in charge of and what the county funds can be used for.

Sunday evening I went to the other new Aggieville hotel, the Bluemont. I attended the RCPD Employee Appreciation Reception. This started out in Goolsby's on the main floor and followed with the dinner and awards on the 5th floor. The first awards were to individuals that best represented each of their eight core values. That was followed by Correction Officer of the year Bruce Eagles, Employee of the year Amanda Rucker, Supervisor of the year Rick Deutch, and finally Officer of the year Joshua Berard. I want to add my congratulations to each of the winners and I was very impressed with how much they all supported each other.

Focke's Comments:

Thursday my computer was not working so left it with IT for the weekend.

Friday I attended the KAC webinar on ARPA funding requirements. I was unable to log in to view the presentation, so was only able to listen.

It went very fast and I took some sketchy notes as follows:

ARPA: always for addressing negative impacts directly related to the pandemic. Added programs: water, sewer, broadband.

Moneys not available for offsetting tax revenues (no tax cuts)

Areas for funding (state & local)

1. State fiscal recovery, capital projects, state agencies
2. Local: Counties, County/City
 - Broadband, to assist households financially for services
 - Digital - for equipment purchases - schools, public use, loan programs, libraries
3. State Agencies Funding: K-12 education, child care, COVID testing, contact tracing, and vaccine support.

I plan to view a recorded version of the meeting to get further information that I was not able to take notes of in the verbal presentation.

The weekend I spent a lot of time in my yard planting and watering. Saturday I watched the game. Sunday I played in the bell choir at the church. The new pastor was installed by the presiding Bishop.

Business Meeting

3. Riley County District Court 2022 Budget

Move to approve the Riley County District Court 2022 Annual Budget to be submitted to the Office of Judicial Administration.

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

4. Sign Riley County Personnel Action Form(s)

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Personnel Action Form for Tasha Young, for a promotion, as an Administrative Assistant II, in the Health Department, at a grade K step 1, at \$19.13 per hour.

Review Minutes

5. Board of Riley County Commissioners - Regular Meeting - Sep 23, 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

6. Tentative Agenda

Press Conference Topics

7. Discuss Press Conference
 - Rich Vargo-2021 General Election

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

8. Riley County Health Department request for new RN position.

Gibbs presented the request for a new RN position.

Move to approve the new RN position for the RCHD clinic.

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 a Public Health Nurse, in the Health Department, at a grade S.

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

10. Administrative Work Session

11. Pending County Projects County Counselor

Holeman updated the Board on the Commission Project List.

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

12:00 PM Intergovernmental Luncheon

12. Intergovernmental Luncheon Agenda

The Board attended the Intergovernmental Luncheon.

