



**Board of Riley County
Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Minutes
December 12, 2022**

115 North 4th Street
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Cindy Kabriel
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Commission Chambers

8:30 AM

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

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

[District 1 – John Ford, 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
Cory Meyer	IT/GIS Director	Present	8:30 AM
Shelly Williams	Community Corrections Director	Present	8:30 AM
Sherie Taylor	GIS	Present	8:30 AM
Russel Stukey	Emergency Management Director	Present	8:30 AM
Laurie Harrison	Emergency Management Coordinator	Present	8:30 AM
Darell Edie	Budget & Finance Officer	Present	9:00 AM
John Ellermann	Public Works Director/County Engineer	Present	9:56 AM
Katharine Hensler	Museum Director	Present	11:00 AM
Anna Burson	County Appraiser	Present	12:00 PM
Tom Bruno	Lobbyist	Present	12:00 PM
Mike Dodson	Representative District 67th	Present	12:00 PM
Tom Hawk	Senate District 22	Present	12:00 PM
Kenny Titus	Representative District 51	Present	12:00 PM
Amanda Webb	Planning/Special Projects Director	Present	12:00 PM
Sydney Carlin	Representative District 66	Present	12:00 PM
Yolanda Adair		Present	12:05 PM
Sandi Harper	ISO II - Adult, Community Corrections	Present	12:05 PM
Nathan Butler	Representative District 68th	Present	12:16 PM
Vivienne Uccello	PIO	Present	12:00 PM
Kate Kennedy	KMAN	Present	12:20 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

1. Public Comments

Williams apologized for accepting the free metal detector from Courts without communicating with the Board. Williams stated she was not even able to tell her staff about it.

Williams stated she just handled it as accepting other pieces of furniture transferred from departments.

Williams said the CPE Building Security Committee has many pages of suggestions to mitigate risk.

Ford said from his perspective he does not know what has been discussed.

McKinley and Focke agreed.

The Board said they need more information on the matter.

Holeman suggested bringing a CAR on the CPE Building Security to the Board.

Commission Comments

2. Commission Comments

McKinley's Comments:

Spent too much time in hospital since Friday with a nephew. Our EMS earns huge recognition. In a difficult situation, they have been complimented by two hospitals for the work they did. I am sure they do this all the time but I saw it first hand this week and the public should know we have a first class EMS.

Focke's Comments:

Thursday afternoon I joined the cooking team at First Lutheran Church to get the casseroles, side dishes, and desserts ready to serve that evening. A serving team arrived at 5:30 p.m. and dinner served at 6:00 p.m. I went to a committee meeting upstairs at 6:30 p.m., leaving the team to finish.

Friday, I attended the KSU Graduate School graduation ceremony at

Bramlage. A good friend of mine received her Master's in Music education.

I witnessed our EMS team work throughout the ceremony with an attendee who suffered a medical emergency. They worked efficiently to eventually get the person down the stairs and out of the venue without disturbing the ceremony. They do a great job for the community.

That afternoon and evening, I attended several graduation and Christmas celebrations.

Saturday and Sunday I caught up on household chores, did some holiday shopping, and went to Council Grove on the newly opened Hwy 177 for lunch on Sunday.

Spent time later exercising and reviewing items for today's meeting.

Ford's Comments:

Thursday evening I attended the K-State Foundations Community Engagement event at the Foundation Center on Kimball Avenue. There were several in attendance from the foundation board, other elected officials from the City of Manhattan, and many vested community partners as well. Great dinner and dialog was had. The Foundation gave a presentation on fundraising and endowment efforts, their 2030 strategic plan and work and new developments in the Edge District moving forward into the future.

Also Thursday evening I attended the Christmas party for Habitat for Humanity at the Sunset Zoo. It was actually good to take some time to discuss the area housing challenges an issue in a more relaxed setting. I appreciated the invite by Executive Director Josh Brewer and got the chance to catch up with several individuals I hadn't had the chance to talk with in quite some time.

Saturday, I did watch on TV as the K-State men easily dispatched Incarnate Word 98-50 at Bramlage Coliseum. Started off sluggish once again, but came out in the second and took charge. Trying to remember the last time the Cats were 9-1.

Business Meeting

3. Highway Use Permit, Evergy

Move to approve the Highway Use Permit granting Evergy permission to complete the work in the right of way to rebuild and install new poles and conductor. Evergy will be relocating the poles out of the blind for accessibility for trucks to reach at road right-of-way on Cleburne Park Road near the Red Bud area.

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

4. Appoint Hannah Fehr to the Parks Advisory Board and approve Resolution

Move to appoint for Hannah Fehr to the Park Advisory Board and approve "Resolution No. 121222-52, A Resolution appointing a representative to the Riley County Park Advisory Board."

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

5. Advisory Board appointments and Resolution appointing Riley County representatives to Council/Advisory Boards

Move to approve the following appointments and "Resolution No. 121222-53, A Resolution appointing Riley County representatives to Council/Advisory Boards."

Robert Mertz Comm Dist 1	January 1, 2023- December 31, 2026	Fair Board 4 year
Brent Camerlinck Comm Dist 2	January 1, 2023- December 31, 2026	Fair Board 4 year
Kelsey Thomas Comm Dist 3	January 1, 2023- December 31, 2026	Fair Board 4 year
Alan Adolph Comm Dist 3	January 1, 2023- December 31, 2025	Hunters Island Water District 3 year
Linda Morse Comm Dist 3	January 1, 2023- December 31, 2024	NCFH Area Agency on Aging 2 year
Anne Browne Comm Dist 1	January 1, 2023- December 31, 2025	Pawnee Mental Health Services 3 year
John Ford Alternate Comm Dist 1	January 1, 2023- December 31, 2025	Pawnee Mental Health Services 3 year
Diane Hoobler Comm Dist 1	January 1, 2023- December 31, 2025	RCPB\BOZA 3 year
Phillip Lyles Comm Dist	January 1, 2023- December 31, 2025	Riley County Public Health Council 3 year

Robert Callahan Comm Dist 3	January 1, 2023- December 31, 2025	Riley County Public Health Council 3 year
Jada Sharp Comm Dist 2	January 1, 2023- December 31, 2025	Rural Economic Development 3 year
Lorn Clement Comm Dist 3	January 1, 2023- December 31, 2025	Rural Economic Development 3 year
Julie Miller Comm Dist 2	December 12, 2023- December 31, 2024	Riley County Public Health Council 3 year
Jean DeDonder Comm Dist 2	December 12, 2022- December 31, 2024	Riley County Public Health Council 3 year
James Armendariz (Adult Appointment) Comm Dist 1	December 12, 2022- June 30, 2024	Joint Corrections Advisory Board 2 year
James Armendariz (Juvenile Appointment) Comm Dist 1	December 12, 2022- June 30, 2024	Joint Corrections Advisory Board 3 year
Dana Martinez (Adult Appointment) Comm Dist 1	December 12, 2022- June 30, 2024	Joint Corrections Advisory Board 2 year
Dana Martinez (Juvenile Appointment) Comm Dist 1	December 12, 2022- June 30, 2025	Joint Corrections Advisory Board 3 year

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

Review Minutes

6. Board of Riley County Commissioners - Regular Meeting - Dec 8, 2022
8:30 AM

Move to approve the minutes.

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	John Ford, 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 Rich Vargo, County Clerk

9. Year to date budget and expenditure reports

Vargo presented the year to date budget and expenditure reports.

9:15 AM Cory Meyer, IT/GIS Director

10. IT/GIS Staff Update - December 2022

Meyer presented an IT/GIS staff report.

11. Request to Refill Info Tech Specialist Position

Meyer presented the request to fill the Information Technology Specialist position.

Move to approve the request to refill the Information Technology Specialist Position.

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

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Position Action Form for an Information Technology Specialist, in the IT/GIS Department, at a pay grade 12.

9:30 AM Press Conference

9:35 AM Budget and Planning Committee - Darell Edie, Budget and Finance Officer

12. Monthly Cash Flow Report for November 2022

Edie presented the monthly cash flow reports.

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

13. Administrative Work Session

14. Pending County Projects County Counselor

Holeman presented the Commission Projects list.

10:10 AM John Ellermann, Public Works Director/County Engineer

15. Public Works Project Update

Ellermann presented the Public Works monthly projects update.

10:25 AM Board of County Commissioners

16. Law Board Member interview with Patricia Hudgins

The Board interviewed Pat Hudgins Law Board applicant.

10:45 AM Board of County Commissioners

17. Law Board Member interview with Rhonda Zellweger

Zellweger did not attend due to illness.

Holeman reviewed the Legislative Conference packet.

11:05 AM Katharine Hensler, Museum Director

18. Riley County Historical Museum December Staff Report

Hensler presented the Museum staff report.

Adjournment

Move to adjourn after the Legislative Conference.

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

12:00 PM

Legislative Conference

19. The 2023 Legislative Session Riley County Priorities

Holeman discussed the format of the legislative conference.

Holeman stated the Riley County Legislative Priorities are Elimination of Statewide "Dark Store" Hypothetical-Based Property Tax Appraisals of Real Property, Constitutional Protection Statewide of Existing County Home Rule, County Nuisance Abatement Authority Statewide and Missing Demand Transfers to Counties Statewide.

Holeman reviewed the potential dark store theory impact.

Discussion was held on the best place to introduce the legislation on the "Dark Store Theory".

Holeman reviewed the Constitutional Protection of Home Rule for Counties.

Discussion was held on Constitutional Protection of Home Rule for Counties.

Holeman reviewed the proposed County Nuisance Abatement Authority Statewide.

Discussion was held on the proposed County Nuisance Abatement Authority Statewide.

Holeman reviewed the impact of missing demand transfers to counties statewide.

Discussion was held on the impact of missing demand transfers to counties statewide.

Holeman discussed the negative impact loss of Mortgage Registration Fee.

Holeman discussed the positive impact on Riley County of the Treasurer Motor Vehicle Bill fee increase.

McKinley thanked everyone for attending the Riley County Legislative Session.