



**Board of Riley County
Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Minutes
February 2, 2026**

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Cindy Kabriel
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Family Child and Resource Center RM #124

8:30 AM

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

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

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

8:30 AM

Call to Order

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
John Ford	County Commissioner	8:30 AM	Present
Kathryn Focke	County Commissioner	8:30 AM	Present
Greg McKinley	County Commissioner	8:30 AM	Present
Cindy Kabriel	Senior Administrative Assistant	8:30 AM	Present
Jacob Hansen	County Counselor	8:30 AM	Present
Vivienne Leyva	PIO	8:30 AM	Present
Anna Burson	Appraiser	8:30 AM	Present
Major Mark French	RCPD	8:47 AM	Present
Liz Holle	Big Lakes Developmental Center Director	9:20 AM	Present
Captain Scott Hajek	RCPD	9:26 AM	Present

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

Hansen asked to amend the agenda to add an executive session for attorney-client consultation in place of his administrative time.

Move to amend the agenda to add an executive session for attorney-client consultation in place of Hansen's administrative time.

RESULT:	Passed
MOVER:	Commissioner John Ford
SECONDER:	Commissioner Greg McKinley
AYES:	Greg McKinley, Kathryn Focke, John Ford
NAYS:	None

Commission Comments

McKinley's Comments:

No comments.

Ford's Comments:

Overall, I had a quiet end of the week and weekend. I did get a couple of meetings rescheduled on Friday. Appreciated everyone's patience while I was sick.

Also, on Friday I stopped down at the downtown office to check out the progress. It looks like they will be starting on the carpet and final touches here soon. Certainly looking forward to seeing that get completed.

I had the chance to go to the K-State vs. Iowa State game but chose not to and judging by the final score that may have been a good choice.

Felt weird not having any football to watch over the weekend although the big is coming up on Sunday.

Lastly I saw that the groundhog saw his shadow this morning, so I guess that means another 6 weeks of winter. After all, even though the upcoming forecast seems to say otherwise.

Focke's Comments:

No comments.

Business Meeting

1. Tax Roll Correction

Move to approve the Tax Roll Correction.

RESULT:	Passed
MOVER:	Commissioner Greg McKinley
SECONDER:	Commissioner John Ford
AYES:	Greg McKinley, Kathryn Focke, John Ford
NAYS:	None

Review Minutes

2. Board of Riley County Commissioners - Regular Meeting - Jan 29, 2026 8:30 AM

Move to approve the minutes of January 29th as presented.

RESULT:	Passed
MOVER:	Commissioner John Ford
SECONDER:	Commissioner Greg McKinley
AYES:	Greg McKinley, Kathryn Focke, John Ford
NAYS:	None

Review Tentative Agenda

3. Tentative Agenda

Press Conference Topics**9:00 AM****Jacob Hansen, County Counselor**

4. Administrative Work Session

9:00 a.m. Move that the County Commissioners, including Chairwoman Focke, Vice Chairman Ford, and Commissioner McKinley, with Jacob Hansen, County Counselor, attorney for the commission, recess into executive session for legal consultation regarding personnel matters, an exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 9:20 a.m.

RESULT:	Passed
MOVER:	Commissioner John Ford
SECONDER:	Commissioner Greg McKinley
AYES:	Greg McKinley, Kathryn Focke, John Ford
NAYS:	None

9:20 a.m. Move the Board of County Commissioners come out of executive session.

RESULT:	Passed
MOVER:	Commissioner John Ford
SECONDER:	Commissioner Greg McKinley
AYES:	Greg McKinley, Kathryn Focke, John Ford
NAYS:	None

Move the record reflect no binding action was taken during the executive session.

RESULT:	Passed
MOVER:	Commissioner John Ford
SECONDER:	Commissioner Greg McKinley
AYES:	Greg McKinley, Kathryn Focke, John Ford
NAYS:	None

9:20 AM**Liz Holle, Big Lakes Developmental Center Director**

5. Big Lakes Developmental Center Update

Holle presented a Big Lakes Developmental Center update.

9:30 AM**Press Conference**

6. RCPD update - Captain Scott Hajek and Major Mark French (3-5 minutes)

Hajek and French presented a Riley County Police Department update.

Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

RESULT:	Passed
MOVER:	Commissioner John Ford
SECONDER:	Commissioner Greg McKinley
AYES:	Greg McKinley, Kathryn Focke, John Ford
NAYS:	None