



**Board of Riley County
Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Minutes
June 1, 2026**

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Cindy Kabriel
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Commission Chambers
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
Kathryn Focke	County Commissioner	Present	8:30 AM
John Ford	County Commissioner	Present	8:30 AM
Greg McKinley	County Commissioner	Present	8:30 AM
Rich Vargo	County Clerk	Present	8:30 AM
Michael Hawthorne	Assistant County Counselor	Present	8:30 AM
Derick Schroller	IT Specialist	Present	8:30 AM
John Ellermann	Public Works Director/County Engineer	Present	8:30 AM
Brittany Phillips	Budget and Finance Officer	Present	8:30 AM
Daniel Skucius	Extension Director	Present	9:20 AM
Michele Reid	Human Resources Manager	Present	9:20 AM
Gina Snyder	Downtown Manhattan Director	Present	9:20 AM
Major Mark French	Riley County Police Department	Present	9:20 AM
Gregg Eyestone	County Extension Agent	Present	9:30 AM

Pledge of Allegiance
Public Comment
Commission Comments

Ford's Comments:

Thursday afternoon I met with Kent Glasscock from the Flint Hills Regional Council to discuss a handful of grant related things that may either directly or indirectly impact Riley County. It was certainly good to get updated on those items particularly as we move forward.

Friday I met with my doctor over in Wamego. Let's just say we have some challenges to work through here in the month of June and we will see where we are at.

The rest of the weekend was rather quiet. I spent the time at home catching up on things and getting prepared for the upcoming week.

McKinley's Comments:

No comments.

Focke's Comments:

Friday I had a Workforce meeting on Zoom at 8:30 a.m. The main office in Salina at the mall had severe damage from the hail and wind storm that hit the roof and destroyed most of their office, records, furniture, etc. A vote was taken for the staff to find a different location for the office. Later that morning, I came into the Riley County Treasurer's office to get my 2026 car tags. It wasn't too busy and I got in without much wait. That afternoon, I had my computer person come over and try to fix my printer. He tried everything and then gave up. I went and purchased a new one on Saturday and he came back and installed it on Sunday afternoon.

Saturday and Sunday, I caught up on some of our reading materials and reviewed today's agenda and documents, and I was finally able to get some printing done.

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 - May 28, 2026 8:30 AM

Move to approve the minutes of May 28, 2026 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

Ford left the meeting.

9:00 AM**Jacob Hansen, County Counselor**

4. Administrative Work Session

Hawthorne said they quashed a county employee subpoena on Friday.

9:20 AM**Daniel Skucius, Extension Director**

5. 2027 Budget Request

Skucius presented the Extension 2027 budget request.

9:30 AM**Press Conference**

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

French presented an update on the Riley County Police Department jail.

7. Downtown Manhattan update - Gina Snyder (3-5 minutes)

Snyder presented a Downtown Manhattan update.

8. Vegetable Gardening and Garden Tour programs - Gregg Eyestone (2-3 minutes)

Eyestone said on Saturday, June 6th at 10:00 a.m. a Vegetable Production program will be held at Blueville Nursery.

Eyestone said the Master Gardeners Summer Learning Series starts Wednesday, June 10th at 12:00 (noon) at Pottorf Hall with "Why Plant Natives?" presented by John Cook, Master Gardener.

Eyestone said the 37th Annual Garden Tour will be held Saturday, June 20th 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

9:40 AM**Megan Lewis, Community Corrections Director**

9. Request to Fill ISO I Position

Lewis requested to fill the ISO I position.

Move to approve the request to fill the position of Juvenile Services Intensive Supervision Officer I.

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

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Position Action Form for an Intensive Supervision Officer/Case Manager, in the Community Corrections Department, at a Range 11.

10. Request to Fill Intensive Supervision Supervisor Position

Lewis presented the request to fill the Intensive Supervision Supervisor Position.

Move to approve to fill the position of Intensive Supervision Supervisor.

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

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Position Action Form for an Intensive Supervision Supervisor, in the Community Corrections Department, at a Range 14.

Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

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