



**Board of Riley County
Commissioners
Special Meeting
Minutes
July 1, 2026**

115 N 4th Street
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Commission Chambers

1:00 PM

[District 1 – John Ford, Member](#)

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

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

1:00 PM

Call to Order

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Kathryn Focke	County Commissioner	Present	1:00 PM
John Ford	County Commissioner	Present	1:00 PM
Greg McKinley	County Commissioner	Present	1:00 PM
Rich Vargo	County Clerk	Present	1:00 PM
Michael Hawthorne	Assistant County Counselor	Present	1:00 PM
Brittany Phillips	Budget and Finance Officer	Present	1:00 PM
John Ellermann	Public Works Director/County Engineer	Present	1:00 PM
Michael Boller	Noxious Weed/HHW Director	Present	1:00 PM
Amanda Webb	Planning/Special Projects Director	Present	1:00 PM
Gary Olds		Present	1:00 PM
Rob Voelker		Present	1:00 PM
Jo Reed	Deputy Register of Deeds	Present	1:00 PM
Cory Meyer	IT/GIS Director	Present	1:00 PM
Russel Stuke	Emergency Management Director/Fire Chief	Present	1:00 PM
Anna Burson	Appraiser	Present	1:00 PM
Donna Borgerding	Treasurer	Present	1:00 PM

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Brittany Phillips, Budget and Finance Officer

1. 2027 Budget Work Session

Phillips presented the 2027 Budget Development Worksheets.

Adams clarified the proposal to remove one position in the WIC division as originally

proposed by the acting director, not the supervisor.

Phillips discussed the Budget & Planning Committee's budget reduction recommendations.

The Board agreed by consensus to cancel the Fairmont Park Storage Building and to remove all funding except for \$35,000 for the playground equipment project.

Phillips stated in the Health Department, Riley County is only statutorily obligated to provide immunizations and communicable diseases when funding allows.

Adams said he will be providing information to the Board on the programs, including clients served.

Phillips reported Riley County is one of the only, if not the only county in the State to have a Parks Department.

The Board and staff discussed county parks.

Boller said he is not prepared to speak on what it would take to do away with Household Hazardous Waste. He said Riley County provides the service to 10 other counties and is reimbursed costs from those counties.

The Board agreed by consensus to proceed on the resolution to increase the Motor Vehicle fee to \$10.00.

The Board agreed to discuss the 2027 Budget further at tomorrow's meeting.

Adjournment

2:13 p.m. Move to adjourn.

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