



**Board of Riley County
Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Minutes
March 06, 2017**

115 North 4th Street
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Commission Chambers

8:30 AM

[District 1 – Ben Wilson, Member](#)

[District 2 – Marvin Rodriguez, Vice Chair](#)

[District 3 – Ronald Wells, Chair](#)

8:30 AM

Call to Order

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Ronald Wells	County Commissioner	Present	8:30 AM
Ben Wilson	County Commissioner	Present	8:30 AM
Marvin Rodriguez	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
Laurie Harrison	Emergency Management Coordinator	Present	8:30 AM
Cindy Volanti	Human Resource Manager/Deputy Clerk	Present	8:32 AM
Leon Hobson	Public Works Director/County Engineer	Present	8:33 AM
Stephanie Casanova	Manhattan Mercury	Present	8:35 AM
Mel Van Der Stelt		Present	8:55 AM
Gina Scroggs	Downtown Manhattan	Present	9:18 AM
Brady Bauman	KMAN	Present	9:24 AM
Josh Kyle	RCPD	Present	9:30 AM
Bill Schenck-Hamlin	League of Women Voters	Present	8:30 AM
Karen Trail	Meadowlark Hills	Present	8:30 AM

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

1. Public Comments

Commission Comments

2. Commission Comments

Wilson's Comments:

Thursday I attended the Riley County Mental Health Task Force meeting. Pawnee Mental Health and RCPD updated us that they are in the process of filling the second of two recently-created mental health co-responder positions at the jail.

Saturday I went to the Spring Friendship Banquet sponsored by Helping International Students. It was a great program and well attended.

This past week I also worked on personal taxes.

Rodriguez's Comments:

Thursday afternoon I met with Tami Robison, Budget and Finance Officer and Rich Vargo, County Clerk about some questions I had about the budget.

Caught up with some reading and paperwork on Friday.

Attended the Home Show on Saturday. The show had more exhibitors this year. Enjoyed the show.

Sunday I helped with the 6th Annual Constitution Bee. There were thirty five contestants. All were high school students 9-12 grade. Aaron Dlabal of Wilson took first place and won a \$3,500 scholarship. Adam Davies of Wichita was the second place winner with a \$1,500 scholarship. The third place winner was Anne Serafin, of St. Marys. The guest speaker was former Kansas 41st District Representative Tony Barton.

Wells' Comments:

Wells reported he attended the Home Show this weekend. Wells said there was a tremendous turn out at the Home Show.

Wells stated there is a lot of interest regarding the demand transfer money the State is taking from local units of government.

Wells said he received a call from a resident concerned about the cancer caused by the 800 MHz radios.

Business Meeting

3. Highway Use Permit, KS Gas Service

Move to approve the Highway Use Permit to grant permission to Kansas Gas Service to abandon 2" steel natural gas main from Marion Avenue to Livestock Units Road in the east road right of way for ditch improvements by the county.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ben Wilson, County Commissioner
SECONDER:	Marvin Rodriguez, County Commissioner
AYES:	Wells, Wilson, Rodriguez

4. Sign Tax Roll Corrections

Move to approve the Tax Roll Corrections.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ben Wilson, County Commissioner
SECONDER:	Marvin Rodriguez, County Commissioner
AYES:	Wells, Wilson, Rodriguez

5. Accept Digital Message Board from Regional Homeland Security Council

Move to approve the receipt of the digital message board from Northeast Regional Homeland Security Council.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Marvin Rodriguez, County Commissioner
SECONDER:	Ben Wilson, County Commissioner
AYES:	Wells, Wilson, Rodriguez

6. Sign Riley County Personnel Action Form(s)

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Personnel Action Form for Donna Borgerding, for a promotion, as a Vehicle Supervisor/Deputy Treasurer, in the County Treasurer/Motor Vehicle Department, at a grade S step 1, at \$26.52 per hour.

7. Sign Riley County Position Action Form(s)

The Board of County Commissioners signed Riley County Position Action Forms for the following:

- Landscape Intern, in the Public Works Department, at a grade B-3.
- Seasonal Laborers (up to 7 positions - 4 at 1560 hours and 3 at 520 hours), in the Public Works Department, at a grade A.
- Vehicle Supervisor/Deputy Treasurer, in the Treasurer's Department, at

- a grade S.
- Assistant Vehicle Supervisor, in the Treasurer's Department, at a grade L.

Review Minutes

8. Board of Riley County Commissioners - Regular Meeting - Mar 2, 2017 8:30 AM

Move to approve the minutes.

RESULT:	ACCEPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Marvin Rodriguez, County Commissioner
SECONDER:	Ben Wilson, County Commissioner
AYES:	Wells, Wilson, Rodriguez

Review Tentative Agenda

9. Tentative Agenda

Press Conference Topics

10. Discuss Press Conference
- Pat Collins-Agricultural Burning

9:00 AM

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

11. Administrative Work Session

Holeman stated KAC sent a legislative update out, but did not send out a video update on legislation.

Rodriguez said we should consider writing a letter to our Federal Legislators and Homeland Security requesting funding for our emergency radios considering the NBAF facility project.

Holeman said he will draft a letter for the Board to consider.

12. Pending County Projects County Counselor

9:20 AM Break

9:30 AM Press Conference

13. RCPD update - Captain Josh Kyle (3-5 minutes)

Kyle discussed local crime activity. Kyle stated burglaries were up in January. Kyle said vehicle accidents were down in January.

14. Downtown Manhattan - Gina Scroggs (3-5 minutes)

Scroggs provided an update on Downtown Manhattan activities.

Scroggs reported the Race To Save, benefit breast cancer run, will be held Saturday, April 22, 2017.

15. Severe weather awareness in Kansas - Laurie Harrison (2 minutes)

Harrison said tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. Riley County will participate in the Statewide Tornado Drill.

Harrison said severe weather awareness and information will be held March 16, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Four Points by Sheraton.

10:00 AM Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer

16. Shared Leave

Hobson said the shared leave policy states the employee must anticipate they will be being absent from work for at least 6 weeks and which it will likely cause the employee to take leave without pay. There are other criteria within the policy as well, which the employee does meet.

This employee worked part time until recently when they became full time. Working part time, your leave only accumulates at 1/2 the normal rate. Within the last 6 months this employee had a medical condition, which required them to use all of their leave time. Consequently, now

they only have about 1 week of leave available for this medical situation. The doctor anticipates they will be absent from work 4-6 weeks. This is less than the 6 week requirement, but is only an estimate and depends entirely on the employee's rate of recovery.

This is an unfortunate situation when a new employee is hit with not one, but two medical situations within the first year of employment. Through no fault of their own, it seems like we are penalizing this employee by not allowing them to request shared leave. Therefore, I would like for the Commission to consider allowing an exception to the policy for the 6 week requirement in this employee's case.

Volanti said she does not like exceptions to any policy as it opens the door to further exceptions. Volanti stated there have been other exceptions granted regarding this policy.

Wells stated he is not opposed to exception and it would not open the door to future exceptions as each should be considered on their own merit.

Move to approve the employee's request for shared leave.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ben Wilson, County Commissioner
SECONDER:	Marvin Rodriguez, County Commissioner
AYES:	Wells, Wilson, Rodriguez

17. Project update

Rodriguez said a resident along Walsburg road reported a Riley County truck was going in excessive speed according to the resident. Rodriguez said they were also concerned about the grader not grading appropriately as the road collects water during rains.

Hobson presented a Public Works projects update.

Wells asked, what would be the process to charge individuals at the Transfer Station for unsecured trash loads?

Hobson said he will look at the options to consider on charging for unsecured loads.

10:31 AM Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ben Wilson, County Commissioner
SECONDER:	Marvin Rodriguez, County Commissioner
AYES:	Wells, Wilson, Rodriguez