



**Board of Riley County  
Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
Minutes  
January 08, 2018**

115 North 4th Street  
Manhattan, KS 66502  
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Cindy Kabriel  
785-565-6200

**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
Craig Cox	Deputy County Counselor	Present	8:30 AM
Cindy Volanti	Human Resource Manager/Deputy Clerk	Present	8:30 AM
Leon Hobson	Public Works Director/County Engineer	Present	8:30 AM
Tami Robison	Budget and Finance Officer	Present	8:34 AM
Sam Henningh	KMAN	Present	8:55 AM
Cindy Kabriel	Administrative Assistant II	Present	9:10 AM
Cheryl Collins	Museum Director	Present	9:10 AM
Stephanie Casanova	Manhattan Mercury	Present	9:18 AM
Greg McClure	Extension Agent	Present	9:26 AM
Gregg Eyestone	Extension Agent	Present	9:27 AM
Kevin Bryant	Manhattan MLK Jr. Committee	Present	8:30 AM
Gary Rosewicz	Assistant County Engineer	Present	9:52 AM
Paul Barkey	Ashland Community Church	Present	8:30 AM
Rachel Shivers	Manhattan MLK Jr. Committee	Present	8:30 AM
Rod Kalivoda	citizen	Present	8:30 AM

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Reorganization of the Board of County Commissioners**

Move to install Commissioner Rodriguez as Chair of the County Commission.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Ronald Wells, County Commissioner

<b>SECONDER:</b>	Ben Wilson, County Commissioner
<b>AYES:</b>	Wells, Wilson, Rodriguez

Move to nominate Commissioner Wilson as the Vice Chair of the County Commission.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Ronald Wells, County Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Marvin Rodriguez, County Commissioner
<b>AYES:</b>	Wells, Wilson, Rodriguez

Rodriguez said Commissioner Ben Wilson has asked me to give a speech and so I am going to give a speech, as no one should ever enter upon any great or important endeavor without seeking the blessings of deity, so I invited Reverend Paul Barkey to give the invocation.

Barkey gave the invocation.

### **Public Comment**

1. Public Comments

Cox reported the 2018 Tax Foreclosure case has been filed in District Court.

### **Commission Comments**

2. Commission Comments

Wilson's Comments:

Thursday afternoon I attended the Riley County Mental Health Task Force meeting. One of the two mental health co-responders attended and shared about what her work looks like on a daily basis.

Rodriguez's Comments:

Spoke to Craig Beardsley the chairman of the Law Board, about having some of the meetings in the northern part of the county.

Met with Ron Highland concerning the dark store concept and how it

effects tax revenue. I also spoke to Tom Phillips about the same subject.

I missed the city legislative luncheon because I had a next day doctor's appointment concerning my left eye cataract surgery.

Wells' Comments:

Wells said he had a quiet weekend.

Wells discussed the mental health concerns in the community.

**Business Meeting**

- 3. Sign Tax Roll Corrections

Move to approve the Tax Roll Corrections.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Ronald Wells, County Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Ben Wilson, County Commissioner
<b>AYES:</b>	Wells, Wilson, Rodriguez

- 4. Proclamation for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Celebration and Day of Service

Move to approve the Proclamation for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Celebration and Day of Service Proclamation.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Ronald Wells, County Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Ben Wilson, County Commissioner
<b>AYES:</b>	Wells, Wilson, Rodriguez

Bryant thanked the Board for the Martin Luther King Junior Proclamation. Bryant said this is the 50th year of the celebration.

- 5. 2018 Flint Hills Regional Council Membership Assessment

Move to approve 2018 Membership Assessment fees.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Ronald Wells, County Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Ben Wilson, County Commissioner

<b>AYES:</b>	Wells, Wilson, Rodriguez
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6. 2018 Riley County and Pawnee Mental Health Services Contract

Move to approve the 2018 Riley County and Pawnee Mental Health Services contract.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Ronald Wells, County Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Ben Wilson, County Commissioner
<b>AYES:</b>	Wells, Wilson, Rodriguez

7. Thank you letter to Tom Finney for 17 years of service on the Park Board

Move to sign a thank you letter to Tom Finney for 17 years of service on the Park Board.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Ben Wilson, County Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Ronald Wells, County Commissioner
<b>AYES:</b>	Wells, Wilson, Rodriguez

8. CIP Authorization - EMS Ventilator

Move to approve the CIP Authorization Form for an EMS Ventilator approved from CIP funds on January 4, 2018 in the amount of \$14,567.26.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Ben Wilson, County Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Ronald Wells, County Commissioner
<b>AYES:</b>	Wells, Wilson, Rodriguez

9. W. 54th Ave. Culvert Replacement Project Project No. P.8-28.0

Move to approve the contract for the W. 54th Ave. Culvert Replacement Project Reece Construction Co. in the amount of \$107,431.15.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Ben Wilson, County Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Ronald Wells, County Commissioner
<b>AYES:</b>	Wells, Wilson, Rodriguez

10. Shared Leave Donation Form(s)

Move to approve the Shared Leave Donation Forms.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Ben Wilson, County Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Ronald Wells, County Commissioner
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**Review Minutes**

- 11. Board of Riley County Commissioners - Regular Meeting - Jan 4, 2018  
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Move to approve the minutes.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Ben Wilson, County Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Ronald Wells, County Commissioner
<b>AYES:</b>	Wells, Wilson, Rodriguez

**Review Tentative Agenda**

- 12. Tentative Agenda

**Press Conference Topics**

- 13. Discuss Press Conference

**9:00 AM Rich Vargo, County Clerk**

- 14. Year to date budget and expenditure reports

Vargo presented year to date budget and expenditure reports.

**9:15 AM Cheryl Collins, Museum Director**

- 15. Riley County Historical Museum Staff Report

C. Collins said the Goodnow House State Historic Site has been accepted as a partner in the Kansas African American History Trail.

**9:30 AM Press Conference**

16. Time Travel to the 1880's - a series of programs in 2018 at the Manhattan Public Library - Cheryl Collins (3 minutes)

C. Collins said time travel back to the 1880's with the Riley County Historical Society and Museum in a three part series beginning Thursday, January 18th at the Manhattan Public Library from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The second and third programs in the series will be February 8 and March 15 at the Manhattan Public Library.

17. Coffee Shop Agronomy Meetings (in January and February - first meeting January 11) - Greg McClure (3-5 minutes)

McClure said the Coffee Shop Agronomy Meetings begin January 11, 2018. The Coffee Shop Agronomy meetings will be held at Nelson's Landing in Leonardville, starting at 10:30 a.m. and adjourning by 12:00 noon every other Thursday from January 11-February 22.

- January 11 - Using Cover Crops for Weed Suppression - Anita Dille, K-State Research and Extension Agronomist
- January 25 - Land prices and Leasing - Mykel Taylor, K-State Research and Extension Agriculture Economist
- February 8 - Ag Marketing 101 - Dan O'Brien, K-State Research and Extension Agriculture Economist
- February 22 - Soybean Weed Control (Dicamba Issues) - Dallas Peterson, K-State Research and Extension Weed Scientist

18. Public Notice - Leon Hobson (1-2 minutes)

Hobson said a Public Meeting to discuss the K-113 Corridor Study will be held January 10<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Pottorf Hall, CiCo Park.

19. Master Gardener 2017 accomplishments and gardening programs January 20th – Gregg Eyestone (2-3 minutes)

Eyestone discussed Riley County K-State Research and Extension Master Gardeners 2017 activities and the 2018 Master Gardener Projects.

- 20. Present Proclamation for Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Ron Wells and Kevin Bryant (3-5 minutes)

Rodriguez presented the Proclamation for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Celebration and Day of Service to Kevin Bryant.

Bryant discussed the activities for the community celebration.

**10:00 AM Break**

**10:10 AM Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer**

- 21. Anderson Ave. Bridge Replacement Design Options

Rosewicz discussed the Anderson Avenue bridge replacement design options.

The Board of County Commissioners agreed by consensus to instruct BG Consultants to proceed with design utilizing the shoo-fly detour along Chicago Avenue.

**10:25 AM Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer**

- 22. Project update

Hobson presented a Public Works project update.

**10:40 AM Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services**

- 23. Administrative Work Session

- 24. Pending County Projects County Counselor

Holeman discussed the emergency communication system documents with Harris Communications.

**10:39 AM      Adjournment**

Move to adjourn.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Ronald Wells, County Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Ben Wilson, County Commissioner
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