



**Board of Riley County
Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Minutes
March 13, 2017**

115 North 4th Street
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Cindy Kabriel
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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
Cindy Volanti	Human Resource Manager/Deputy Clerk	Present	8:30 AM
Leon Hobson	Public Works Director/County Engineer	Present	8:31 AM
Stephanie Casanova	Manhattan Mercury	Present	8:37 AM
Gary Stith	Flint Hills Regional Council	Present	9:10 AM
Janna Williams	Flint Hills Regional Council	Present	9:10 AM
Brady Bauman	KMAN	Present	9:21 AM
Russell Shipley	Sink, Gordon & Associates	Present	9:30 AM
Jennifer Wilson	County Extension Director	Present	9:30 AM
Trent Armbrust	Chamber of Commerce	Present	9:30 AM
Gregg Eystone	Extension Agent	Present	9:30 AM
Tami Robison	Budget and Finance Officer	Present	9:30 AM
Andrew Adams	Emergency Preparedness Coordinator	Present	9:30 AM
Josh Kyle	RCPD	Present	9:30 AM
Alvin Perez	Public Works Operations/Fleet Manager	Present	10:03 AM
Mark Karlovitz	KDOT	Present	10:03 AM
Cheryl Collins	Museum Director	Present	10:54 AM
Monty Wedel	Planning & Special Projects Director	Present	11:08 AM
Kevin Howser	IT/GIS Director	Present	11:12 AM

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

1. Public Comments

Commission Comments

2. Commission Comments

Wilson's Comments:

This week I had several encouraging comments about my position on taxpayer funded contraception. I was pleasantly surprised to only receive one email in opposition, and that it was polite and respectful. I did find a poll conducted by PEW Research Center published on September 28, 2016 that included studying the percentage of people with moral objections to contraceptives. Some of the highlights were that: 4% of adults believe contraception is morally wrong, including 3% of women (and 6% of men), 9% of regular church goers, 8% of Catholics (13% of those who attend mass regularly), 10% of Hispanics, and 6% of black protestants. Our system of government is designed to protect minorities and not let their rights get run over by a majority, or a vocal minority wanting handouts as the case may be.

Thursday evening I attended K-State's production of Mozart's opera 'The Magic Flute.' I was impressed with the acting and it was well put together overall.

Saturday evening I helped put on a fundraising dinner, and then stopped by the RCPD temporary headquarters at City Park. It was neat to get a tour of their operations there.

Rodriguez's Comments:

Friday, March 10th I visited with Colburn (Hoot) Adkins of 14121 Lasita Road, Leonardville. Mr. Adkins was concerned about the township roads. He took me for tour of the conditions of the roads. We discussed the situation after viewing the condition of the roads. Not much is getting done, because the township has only one member on the board. I suggested to "Hoot" that I would try to get him some options that may help to alleviate the problem.

I met with Leon Hobson later that day with a couple of photos and he told me the same thing that I had said to "Hoot" that I could not interfere with the township matters. He would however send a note with the pictures to the trustee about the roads. Back at the County Clerk's office I also met with Susan Boller, she quickly however handed me over to the proper individuals they explained what was

needed to correct the situation.

I called several individuals in the Leonardville area to get back with me, names of those who would be willing to serve on the township board, around 8:00 p.m. on Saturday they did. I “instructed” him to have those individuals come to the County Clerk’s Office before Thursday and signup for the positions so that the Riley County Commissioners could vote them in.

I went down to Aggieville around 2:30 p.m. on Saturday. The cold weather was not appreciated by the students nor those whom had to be out in the cold. I walked around Aggieville once with Officers and twice on my own. The mobile communications unit broke down early (the generator on the truck), however a portable generator was brought in to take over. Everything else worked well. The food was good and I talked to and thanked as many groups as I could and left around 7:00 p.m.

Wells' Comments:

Wells discussed the meeting topic of contraception on last Thursday. Wells stated he feels is it totally inappropriate for a member of the Board of Health to interject their personal religious belief when they are overseeing policy for our entire community.

Wells discussed his displeasure with the reporting in the article of the Manhattan Mercury.

Wells stated he received 47 e-mails on the contraception issue and only one of those was in support of Commissioner Rodriguez stance on the issue.

Business Meeting

- 3. Proclamation for Certified Government Financial Manager Month

Move to sign a Proclamation for Certified Government Financial Manager Month.

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

- 4. Sign a Tax Roll Correction

Move to approve the Tax Roll Correction.

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

- 5. Establishing CPI-U for 2018 Budget

The Board asked to discuss the CPI-U with the City of Manhattan and RCPD at the next City/County/County Meeting.

- 6. Highway Use Permit Twin Valley Telephone

Move to approve the Highway Use Permit to grant permission to Twin Valley Telephone to bury phone line to 8801 Anderson.

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

- 7. Long Range Community Vision Steering Committee

The Board agreed by consensus to appoint Monty Wedel to represent Riley County on the Long Range Community Vision Steering Committee.

Review Minutes

- 8. Board of Riley County Commissioners - Regular Meeting - Mar 9, 2017 8:30 AM

Move to approve the minutes.

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

Review Tentative Agenda

9. Tentative Agenda

Press Conference Topics

10. Discuss Press Conference
 - St. Patrick's Day Parade and Activities

9:00 AM Rich Vargo, County Clerk

11. Year to date budget and expenditure reports

Vargo presented the year to date budget and expenditure reports.

9:15 AM Gary Stith, Flint Hills Regional Council

12. Flint Hills Regional Council update

Stith introduced Janna Williams as the new Regional Planner at the Flint Hills Regional Council.

Stith discussed Flint Hills Regional Council projects.

9:30 AM Press Conference

13. Presentation of the Proclamation for Certified Government Finance Manager Month - Ron Wells and Russell Shipley (3-5 minutes)

Wells presented the Proclamation for Certified Government Finance Managers to Russell Shipley of Sink, Gordon & Associates.

14. National Weather Service Presentation - Laurie Harrison (2 minutes)

Harrison reported a National Weather Service Presentation will be held Thursday, March 16th at 7:00 p.m. at Four Points by Sheraton.

15. Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge – Jennifer Wilson (5 minutes)

Wilson said tomorrow twenty-six local youth will participate in the 1st Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge at Pottorf Hall from 9:00 a.m. - noon. Wilson discussed the Challenge.

16. BugAPalooza Press Release - Andrew Adams (5 minutes)

Adams said the Riley County Health Department will hold a free family event "Bugapalooza" on Thursday, April 6, 2017 at the Wefald Pavilion, in Manhattan City Park from 3:00-7:00 p.m.

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

Hobson said the structure repair project on Lasita Road is scheduled to begin Monday, March 20, 2017. This project is located approximately 1/10th mile North of Wohler Road on Lasita Road. Lasita Road will be closed to through traffic during construction from Wohler Road and Jerusalem Road. Hobson said the project is expected to be completed by April 14, 2017 weather permitting.

18. Youth lawn mowing clinic - Gregg Eyestone (2-3 minutes)

Eyestone reported the free Youth Lawn mowing clinic is tomorrow evening 4:30 p.m. -7:00 p.m. at Pottorf Hall.

Eyestone said there is a vegetable gardening class Saturday, March 25th at Pottorf Hall at 9:00 a.m.

19. Fake Patty's Day update - Captain Josh Kyle (3-5 minutes)

Kyle discussed the preliminary information from this past weekend's Fake Patty's Day.

Kyle stated there were 83 reports filed as opposed to 105 last year.

Kyle said the weather did have a big affect on the activities.

Kyle stated someone has been placing skimming devices on gas pumps.

10:00 AM Break

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

20. K-18 Turn-back Roads/Bridges

Hobson discussed the K-18 turn-back for roads and bridges.

Hobson said staff believes KDOT will not move off of the County being responsible for the Railroad Bridge. As a trade-off for the increase in inspection costs and future maintenance costs, KDOT should provide sufficient funding to pay for ½ of the total cost of applying a polymer overlay on all three bridges. This can be accomplished in a couple of ways.

Hobson said Riley County could bid the polymer overlay project for all three bridges and have KDOT pay ½ of this amount or have KDOT bid the project and Riley County will reimburse KDOT ½ of the total amount.

Hobson said additionally KDOT should provide Riley County a complete set of bridge plans for each bridge mentioned for our inventory.

Wells stated he does not want the bridge over the railroad.

The Board agreed by consensus to not accept the bridge over the railroad if through the negotiations KDOT does not agree to pay half of the actual cost of the polymer overlays on all three bridges.

Hobson questioned if the north section of W. 56th Avenue is a county road.

Hobson suggested the north section of W. 56th Avenue remain part of the State highway system.

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

21. Administrative Work Session

The Board watched the KAC Legislative Video update.

Holeman discussed HB 2376 amending the tax lid statute.

22. Pending County Projects County Counselor

11:00 AM Cheryl Collins, Museum Director

23. Riley County Historical Museum Retaining Wall Project

C. Collins discussed the Historical Museum Hartford House retaining wall project.

Move to approve that the Riley County Historical Museum be given permission to proceed with constructing a retaining wall on Museum grounds, funded by the Riley County Historical Society.

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

11:15 AM Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director

24. Consider and approve the annual review of the Riley County Solid Waste Management Plan as completed by the Riley County Solid Waste Management Committee

Wedel reviewed the Solid Waste Management Plan.

Move to approve the Solid Waste Management Plan.

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

25. Resolution on Private Road Naming/Readdressing for Next Generation 911

Wedel presented the resolution establishing a policy for the naming of existing for future private roads.

Move to approve "Resolution No. 031317-13, Resolution establishing a policy for the naming of existing or future private roads and the numbering or renumbering of existing and future business and residence addresses in the unincorporated area of Riley County, Kansas to implement Next Generation 9-1-1."

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

11:24 AM Adjourment

Move to adjourn.

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