

Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas



Administration and Human Services Meeting
5th Floor Conference Room
701 N. 7th Street Trafficway, Kansas City, KS 66101

Commissioner Melissa Bynum Chair

*Commissioner Mike Kane – Commissioner Christian Ramirez –
Commissioner Andrew Davis – Commissioner Evelyn Hill*

MINUTES

Monday, September 23, 2024
7:04 PM-8:39 PM

Attendance:

Committee Members Present:

- Commissioner Bynum (Chair)
- Commissioner Kane
- Commissioner Ramirez
- Commissioner Davis
- Commissioner Townsend, substituting for Commissioner Hill

Committee Members Absent:

- Commissioner Hill

Staff Present:

- Brittnie MacDonald (Clerk)
- Wesley McKain (Manager in Health Department)
- Dr. Shelley Kneuvean (Chief Financial Officer)
- Angel Ferrara (Director of Parks and Recreation)
- SueZanne Bishop (Senior Attorney)
- LaVert Murray (Chief Economic Development Advisor)
- Alan Howze (Assistant County Administrator)
- Monica Sparks (Unified Government Clerk)

Call to Order: (Discussion Begins 1:55:30)

Commissioner Bynum called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Revisions to Agenda: (Discussion Begins 1:57:42)

No revisions to the agenda were reported.

Approval of Previous Minutes: (Discussion Begins 1:57:48)

Commissioner Kane moved to approve the minutes from the July 24, 2023 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0

- Ayes: Townsend, Davis, Ramirez, Kane, Bynum
- Nays: None
- Absent: Hill

Committee Agenda:**Item 1: RESOLUTION: WYANDOTTE COUNTY SEXUAL HEALTH INFORMATION FOR TEENS (WYCO SHIFT) GRANT (Discussion Begins 1:58:10)**

Wesley McKain from the Health Department presented information on a grant application for sexual health education in Kansas City, Kansas, public schools.

Key Points

- Grant amount: \$443,426 per year for three years
- No matching funds required
- Partnership with Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools
- Focus on sexual health education for all 7th graders
- Includes a mental health and emotional self-regulation curriculum
- Funds two staff at the Health Department, curriculum costs, and an evaluator
- Includes a sub-award to Young Women on The Move

Commissioner Kane moved to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ramirez.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0

- Ayes: Townsend, Davis, Ramirez, Kane, Bynum
- Nays: None
- Absent: Hill

Item 2: RESOLUTION: SEXUAL HEALTH EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP WITH YOUNG WOMEN ON THE MOVE GRANT (Discussion Begins 2:02:52)

Wesley McKain presented information on a second grant application related to sexual health education, submitted by Young Women on the Move.

Key Points

- Backup/alternative grant application
- If the primary grant is not funded, this provides a way to continue health education
- The grant would involve one Health Department staff member to help with teaching
- Allows the Health Department to keep one health educator staff member hired during ARPA funding
- No matching funds required

Commissioner Ramirez moved to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0

- Ayes: Townsend, Davis, Ramirez, Kane, Bynum
- Nays: None
- Absent: Hill

Item 3: RESOLUTION: AMENDING THE TWO-YEAR MEETING CALENDAR (Discussion Begins 2:08:45)

SueZanne Bishop from the Legal Department presented a proposal to change the October 31, 2024, full commission and planning and zoning meeting to October 30, 2024.

Key Points

- Reason for change: Avoid scheduling a meeting on Halloween
- Discussed potential additional changes to standing committee meeting dates
- Suggestion to potentially alternate the order of standing committee meetings for equity
- An ordinance will need to be changed to modify future meeting dates
- Recommended bringing potential future calendar changes to the full commission for discussion
- Committee members used to be on the same committees before
- Request for chairs, at large commissioners, to go to the Mayor to request that committees go back to the way they were prior

Commissioner Davis moved to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kane.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0

- Ayes: Townsend, Davis, Ramirez, Kane, Bynum
- Nays: None
- Absent: Hill

Item 4: RESOLUTION: APPROVING ARPA ALLOCATION FOR NEIGHBORHOOD GRANTS (Discussion Begins 2:22:53)

Dr. Shelly Kneuvean, Chief Financial Officer, presented information on restoring neighborhood grants in the amount of \$35,778 using ARPA funding.

Key Points

- Funds will be used for 2025 neighborhood grants
- Part of the ARPA revenue replacement allocation from the \$1,478,000
- Requires accelerating the process and will have to have an agreement with each one of the neighborhoods selected by December 2024
- Will use existing ARPA dollars for current applications and roll over funding in 2024 to fund 2025 to meet all goals
- Will roll over existing 2024 funding to support 2025 neighborhood grants
- Received widespread support from multiple neighborhood associations

Commissioner Kane moved to adopt the resolution and fast-track the item to the September 26, 2024, Board of Commissioners meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis

Vote: Motion carried 5-0

- Ayes: Townsend, Davis, Ramirez, Kane, Bynum
- Nays: None
- Absent: Hill

Item 5: RESOLUTION: APPROVING VARIOUS ARPA ALLOCATION (Discussion Begins 2:30:41)

Dr. Shelly Kneuvean presented a list of proposed ARPA allocations totaling \$495,000.

1. Village Initiative in an amount up to \$150,000
2. Old Quindaro Museum in an amount up to \$50,000
3. All Access Park Benches in an amount up to \$15,000
4. Warming shelter activities related to the unhoused population in an amount up to \$100,000
5. Industrial washer for Fire Station located at 29th & State Avenue in an amount up to \$10,000
6. HVAC and other equipment upgrade at the Police Firing Range in an amount up to \$20,000
7. Restoration of the John Brown Statue in an amount up to \$50,000
8. Allocation to Livable Neighborhoods home repair projects in an amount up to \$100,000
9. Neighborhood Grant disbursements in the approximate amount of \$39,000

Key Points

- Total proposed allocation: \$495,000
- Village Initiative: Reduced requests from \$150,000 to \$110,000 for transitional housing repairs because they received additional grant funding
- Old Quindaro Museum: \$50,000 for electrical, plumbing, and HVAC work
- All Access Park Benches: \$15,000 for ADA-accessible benches at Wyandotte County Parks
- Warming Shelter Activities: \$100,000 for unhoused population support
- Fire Station Industrial Washer: \$10,000 for washing turnout gear
- Police Firing Range HVAC and Equipment: Approximately \$8,000
- Home Repair Program: \$100,000 previously administered by Livable Neighborhoods

- Remaining county general fund balance after allocations: \$956,222
- Potential future use of remaining funds for the sheriff's office jail operation expenses
- All ARPA funds need to be encumbered by December 2024

Commissioner Kane moved to approve the allocation of all access park benches at Wyandotte County Park and for other parks mentioned, and to fast-track the item to the September 26, 2024, Board of Commissioners meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Townsend.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0

- Ayes: Townsend, Davis, Ramirez, Kane, Bynum
- Nays: None
- Absent: Hill

Commissioner Kane moved to table the remaining items for a special meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ramirez.

Vote: Motion carried 4-1

- Ayes: Davis, Ramirez, Kane, Bynum
- Nays: Townsend
- Absent: Hill

Adjournment: (Discussion Begins 3:31:26)

Commissioner Ramirez moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0

- Ayes: Townsend, Davis, Ramirez, Kane, Bynum
- Nays: None
- Absent: Hill

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 PM.