

Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas



Public Works and Safety Meeting

5th Floor Conference Room

701 N. 7th Street Trafficway, Kansas City, KS 66101

Commissioner Tom Burroughs, Chair

Commissioner Mike Kane – Commissioner Chuck Stites –

Commissioner Bill Burns – Commissioner Phil Lopez –

BPU Board Member Stevie Wakes

MINUTES

Monday, October 28, 2024

5:00 PM-6:58 PM

Attendance:

Committee Members Present:

- Commissioner Burroughs (Chair)
- Commissioner Lopez
- Commissioner Burns
- Commissioner Stites
- Commissioner Kane
- BPU Board Member Stevie Wakes (arrived at 5:07 PM), substituting for BPU Board Member Rose Henry Mulvaney

Committee Members Absent:

- BPU Board Member Rose Henry Mulvaney

Staff Present:

- Brittnie MacDonald (Clerk)
- Daniel Kuhn (Senior Attorney)
- Troy Shaw (Interim Public Works Director)
- Jeff Miles (Director of Water Pollution Control)
- Sarah Shafer (Public Works CMIP Program Manager)
- Laura Cromwell (Fiscal Manager, Kansas City Kansas Police Department)

- Phil Lockman (Director of Community Corrections)
- Rodney Lucas (Interim Assistant County Administrator)
- Matt May (Emergency Management Director)
- LaVert Murray (Economic Development Advisor to the Mayor)
- Ashley Hand (Director of Strategic Communication)

Call to Order:

Commissioner Burroughs called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Revisions to Agenda:

The Clerk reported there was an agenda update: changing the order of items, Item No. 2 is now Item No. 4, and adding Item No. 5 to the Committee Agenda.

Approval of Previous Minutes: (Discussion Begins: 2:29)

Commissioner Kane moved to approve the minutes from the June 26 and September 25, 2023 meetings. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stites.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0

- Ayes: Lopez, Burns, Stites, Kane, Burroughs
- Nays: None
- Absent: BPU Board Member Wakes, BPU Board Member Henry Mulvaney

Committee Agenda:

Item 1: RESOLUTION: EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM – KANSAS CITY KANSAS POLICE DEPARTMENT (Discussion Begins: 6:37)

Laura Cromwell, the fiscal manager for the Kansas City Kansas Police Department, presented the resolution for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant for Fiscal Year 2024.

Key Points:

- Total grant amount: \$86,202
- Directly from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (not through the state, but from Federal Government)
- Non-competitive, formula-based grant

- Planned use:
 - A. Additional training opportunities for patrol officers
 - B. Purchase two computer voice stress analyzer (CVSA) devices for hiring process
- Performance period extends through September 30, 2027
- No match requirement from the Unified Government

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

Vote: Motion carried 6-0

- Ayes: Wakes, Lopez, Burns, Stites, Kane, Burroughs
- Nays: None
- Absent: BPU Board Member Henry Mulvaney

**Item 2: RESOLUTION: KANSAS FIGHTS ADDICTION GRANT FISCAL YEAR 2025
(Discussion Begins: 12:28)**

Phil Lockman, Director of the Department of Community Corrections, presented the resolution for the Kansas Fights Addiction Grant.

Key Points:

- Total grant amount: \$143,321.94
- First time applying for this grant
- Purpose: Expand services for behavioral health and drug court offenders
- Specific service expansions:
 - A. Treatment
 - B. Emergency housing
 - C. Transportation
 - D. Defense services
- Aims to increase capacity by about 30%
- No match required
- No new personnel added
- Potential to continue into 2026, depending on state grant allocations
- Focuses on addressing transportation and housing challenges for offenders

Commissioner Burns moved to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lopez.

Vote: Motion carried 6-0

- Ayes: Wakes, Lopez, Burns, Stites, Kane, Burroughs
- Nays: None
- Absent: BPU Board Member Henry Mulvaney

Item 3: RESOLUTION: APPROVING REVISIONS TO COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN (Discussion Begins: 17:08)

The discussion on the County Emergency Operations Plan (CEOP) revisions was brief and ultimately tabled. Matt May presented the plan, highlighting a complete rewrite of ESF 14 focusing on cross-sector business and infrastructure relationships. However, the committee members noted they did not receive the documents to review prior to the meeting. Due to lack of document review, the committee decided to reschedule the item for the next month's meeting to allow time for proper review and understanding of the proposed changes.

Commissioner Burroughs held the matter over to the next meeting for more information.

Item 4: RESOLUTION: APPROVING EPA CHANGE GRANT AND APPROVING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH CENTRAL AVENUE BETTERMENT ASSOCIATION (Discussion Begins: 27:34)

Troy Shaw, County Engineer, Sarah Shafer, Senior Engineer of Capital, and Jeff Miles, Director of Water Pollution Control, presented the EPA Change Grant CSO 55 and the Memorandum of Understanding with the Central Avenue Betterment Association (CABA).

Key points:

- Grant application for \$20 million
- Total project estimated at \$60 million
- Covers 35 million gallons of stormwater as part of the consent decree
- No local match required
- Partnership with CABA as a community-based organization
- Unified government activities:
 - A. CSO 55 design (\$19 million)
 - B. CSO 55 phase one construction

- C. Non-residential stormwater credits program (\$500,000)
- CABA's role: community collaboration (\$500,000)
- Community benefits include:
 - A. Multi-departmental opportunities
 - B. Air quality improvements
 - C. Heat island reduction
 - D. Brownfield and land bank strategies
- Aims to reduce future rate increases for ratepayers
- Part of ongoing consent decree with EPA for sewer system improvements

Public Comments:

- Pamela Hicks (Wyandotte County) **(Comment Begins 49:22)**
- Candy Leonard Caldwell (Kansas City, KS) **(Comment Begins 52:56)**

Commissioner Kane moved to adopt the resolution, including a provision for an oversight committee for the project, and fast-track the item to the November 7, 2024, meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stites.

Vote: Motion carried 6-0

- Ayes: Wakes, Lopez, Burns, Stites, Kane, Burroughs
- Nays: None
- Absent: BPU Board Member Henry Mulvaney

Item 5: RESOLUTION: APPROVING EPA CHANGE GRANT SC019 (ADDED PER AGENDA UPDATE) (Discussion Begins: 57:13)

Troy Shaw, County Engineer, and Sarah Shafe, Senior Engineer of Capital, presented the Resolution Approving EPA Change Grant CSO 19. Item No. 5 has the same PowerPoint as Item No. 4.

Key Points:

- Grant application for \$20 million
- Total project estimated at \$29.5 million
- Focuses on CSO 19 phase two design and construction, and is in a different location than CSO 55
- Manages 27 million gallons of stormwater

- No local match required
- Community partners:
 - A. Groundwork NRG (community collaboration, \$500,000)
 - B. Douglas Sumner (workforce development, \$500,000)
- Unified Government activities:
 - A. CSO 19 phase two design and construction (\$18 million)
 - B. Stormwater treatment facilities maintenance (\$1 million)
- Community benefits include:
 - A. Mobility component
 - B. Air quality improvements
 - C. Heat island reduction
 - D. Workforce development
- Aims to use stormwater treatment facilities as training grounds for workforce development

Public Comments:

- Louis Lynch (**Comment Begins 1:17:22**)
- Sarah Lynch (Wyandotte Resident, member of Economic Community Health Organization) (**Comment Begins 1:20:50**)
- Thomas Gordon (Member of Economic Community Health Organization) (**Comment Begins 1:24:31**)
- Pamela Hicks (Wyandotte County) (**Comment Begins 1:26:30**)
- Elnora Jefferson (Kansas City, KS, co-founder of Groundwork Energy) (**Comment Begins 1:28:17**)

Commissioner Kane moved to adopt the resolution, including a provision for an oversight committee for the project, and fast-track the item to the November 7, 2024, meeting. The motion was seconded by BPU Board Member Wakes.

Vote: Motion carried 5-1

- Ayes: Wakes, Lopez, Burns, Kane, Burroughs
- Nays: Stites
- Absent: BPU Board Member Henry Mulvaney

Adjournment: (Discussion Begins: 1:57:27

Commissioner Kane moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Burns.

Vote: Motion carried 6-0

- Ayes: Wakes, Lopez, Burns, Stites, Kane, Burroughs
- Nays: None
- Absent: BPU Board Member Henry Mulvaney

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 PM.

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