

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 –

MINUTES

Monday, November 18, 2024

5:00 PM-5:22 PM

Attendance:

Committee Members Present:

- Commissioner Burroughs (Chair)
- Commissioner Lopez
- Commissioner Burns
- Commissioner Stites
- Commissioner Kane

Committee Members Absent:

- None

Staff Present:

- Brittnie MacDonald (Clerk)
- Wendy Medina (Program Supervisor for Victim Services, Kansas City Kansas Police Department)
- Matt May (Director of Emergency Management)
- SueZanne Bishop (Senior Attorney)
- Bridgette Cobbins (Assistant County Administrator)

Call to Order:

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

Revisions to Agenda:

No revisions to the agenda were reported.

Approval of Previous Minutes: (Discussion Begins: 2:05)

Commissioner Lopez moved to approve the minutes from the August 28, October 23 and November 27, 2023, meetings. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stites.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0

- Ayes: Lopez, Burns, Stites, Kane, Burroughs
- Nays: None

Committee Agenda:**Item 4.1: RESOLUTION: RESOLUTION: KANSAS CITY KANSAS POLICE DEPARTMENT VICTIM SERVICES FISCAL YEAR 2025 VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN'S ACT (Discussion Begins: 2:57)**

Wendy Medina from the Police Department presented the request to apply for the VAWA grant for FY 2025.

Key points:

- Grant amount requested: \$109,775 for fiscal year 2025
- Requires a 25% match (\$37,443.75), already allocated from existing budgets
- Supports the Lethality Assessment Program in Kansas City, Kansas
- Focuses on domestic violence prevention and victim support
- Created a Coordinated Community Response Team
- Established a high-risk team to review domestic violence cases
- In 2024, officers conducted 646 lethality assessments
- 457 victims were screened at elevated risk and referred to domestic violence services
- 29 victims went into emergency shelter

- Provides training for police officers on trauma-informed policing and identifying predominant aggressors
- Funds cover salary for a program coordinator, office supplies, training, emergency transportation, and victim support services
- The goal is to enhance domestic violence victim services and reduce domestic violence-related homicides.

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

Vote: Motion carried 5-0

- Ayes: Lopez, Burns, Stites, Kane, Burroughs
- Nays: None

**Item 4.2: RESOLUTION: APPROVAL OF REGION L 2024 HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN
(Discussion Begins: 13.44)**

Matt May presented remotely on the five-year update to the hazard mitigation plan.

Key points:

1. Updated every five years as a standard practice
2. No direct cost to the Unified Government
3. Prepared by the state of Kansas using local statistical data
4. Analyzes potential community threats and risks
5. Critical for eligibility for hazard mitigation funds
6. Includes a list of potential projects
7. Serves as a base document for future emergency planning
8. Funded through existing EMPG (Emergency Management Performance Grant) dollars

The plan is important for understanding potential community risks and maintaining funding eligibility for emergency management programs.

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

Vote: Motion carried 5-0

- Ayes: Lopez, Burns, Stites, Kane, Burroughs
- Nays: None

Item 4.3: RESOLUTION: APPROVING REVISIONS TO COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN (Discussion Begins: 17.29)

Matt May and Erica Hupka presented updates to the County Emergency Operations Plan.

Key points:

1. Normally updated every five years, but federal government requested a rewrite
2. No direct cost to the county
3. Broken into a base plan and emergency support functions (ESF)
4. Reorganized ESF 14 section to focus more on public, private, and business coordination
5. Allows interoperability with other emergency management systems nationwide
6. Critical for maintaining EMPG (Emergency Management Performance Grant) funds (approximately \$100,000 annually)
7. Explaining how the county will operate during emergency events
8. Provides a comprehensive guide for emergency response
9. Developed with input from Erica Hupka, a contracted specialist
10. Designed to improve public-private partnerships during emergencies

The plan serves as a crucial document for emergency preparedness and funding eligibility.

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

Vote: Motion carried 5-0

- Ayes: Lopez, Burns, Stites, Kane, Burroughs
- Nays: None

Adjournment: (Discussion Begins: 22:05)

Commissioner Stites moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lopez.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0

- Ayes: Lopez, Burns, Stites, Kane, Burroughs
- Nays: None

The meeting was adjourned at 5:22 PM.

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