

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, December 16, 2024

5:00 PM-6:32 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)
- Deasiray Bush (Director of Public Transportation)
- Phil Lockman (Director of Community Corrections)
- Casey Meyer (Senior Counsel)
- Shelley Kneuvean (Chief Financial Officer)
- Chief Dennis Rubin (Kansas City, Kansas Fire Department)
- Josh Magaha (Fire Apparatus Operator, Kansas City, Kansas Fire Department)
- Shane Turner (Assistant Police Chief, Kansas City, Kansas Police Department)

- Mark Dupree (District 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: 1:53)

No previous minutes were presented for approval.

Committee Agenda:

Item 1: RESOLUTION: FISCAL YEAR 2025 COMMUNITY PROGRAMS JUVENILE JUSTICE INVOLVED YOUTH PROGRAMS (Discussion Begins: 2:03)

Deasiray Bush from the Transportation Department presented a resolution for \$472,280 for the FY2025 Community Programs - Juvenile Justice Involved Youth Programs grant from the Kansas Department of Corrections. Phil Lockman, director of Community Corrections, added additional comments.

Key points:

- Non-competitive award with zero match requirement
- Two-year grant period and application due January 1st
- Expanding micro transit services to the south corridor (Turner, Argentine, Rosedale)
- Will offer micro transit as a weekend service for the first time
- Free rides for juveniles in the community corrections program to and from: travel to case managers, attend court dates, and go to volunteer locations
- Aims to improve transportation access for at-risk youth
- Part of a broader effort to support juvenile justice-involved youth

Commissioner Kane moved to adopt the resolution and fast-track the item to the December 19, 2024, Board of Commissioners meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lopez

Vote: Motion carried 5-0

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

Item 2: RESOLUTION: APPROVING AGREEMENT BETWEEN UNIFIED GOVERNMENT AND PIPER USD 203 REGARDING SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS (Discussion Begins: 13:40)

Casey Meyer, Legal Counsel, and Bridgette Cobbins, Assistant County Administrator, discuss the school crossing guard resolutions.

Key points:

- Unified Government will provide up to 28 crossing guard to USD 500 and 1 to Piper, and has been providing guards for the past three years
- School district will reimburse the Unified Government for crossing guard services
- Agreement is for the remainder of the current school year
- Term ends at the conclusion of the current school year
- Budgeted yearly in the Unified Government Budget for \$150,000
 1. Crossing guards currently cost \$36 per day (\$15 per hour for two hours, plus \$6 per diem)
- The agreement is part of a revenue-neutral recommendation to reassess discretionary services
- After this school year, both parties will have in-depth conversations about future program responsibilities
- The school district will provide financial capabilities for the program moving forward
- Unified Government will continue to handle administrative and staffing responsibilities
- Fast-tracked for approval at the December 19 meeting to be effective January 1, 2025

Commissioner Kane moved to adopt the resolution and fast-track the item to the December 19, 2024, Board of Commissioners meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Burns.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0

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

Item 3: RESOLUTION: APPROVING AGREEMENT BETWEEN UNIFIED GOVERNMENT AND USD 500 REGARDING SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS (Discussion Begins: 21:56)

Discussion made with Item No. 2. Commissioner Kane moved to adopt the resolution and fast-track the item to the December 19, 2024, Board of Commissioners meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Burns.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0

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

Item 4: RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZING UG TO ENTER INTO INSTALLMENT PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH ZOLL MEDICAL CORPORATION (Discussion Begins: 23:11)

Chief Dennis Rubin from the Fire Department presented a request to purchase updated Zoll defibrillators for \$1,110,147.95 over a five-year lease agreement with 0% interest.

Key points:

- Purchase of advanced medical-grade defibrillators
- Annual payment of \$222,003.14
- Devices are more sophisticated than automatic public defibrillators
- Can send telemetry to hospitals before arrival on cardiac rhythm
- Only usable by paramedics or medical professionals, top-of-the-grade equipment
- Provides advanced cardiac monitoring and support
- Replaces current outdated defibrillation equipment
- Existing devices will be traded in to help reduce overall cost
- Critical for maintaining advanced life support ambulance services

Commissioner Stites moved to adopt the resolution and fast-track the item to the December 19, 2024, Board of Commissioners meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lopez.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0

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

Item 5: ORDINANCE: AMENDING CHAPTER 5 OF THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT CODE OF ORDINANCES DISCONTINUING NON-EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICES (Discussion Begins: 29:07)

Chief Dennis Rubin and Casey Meyer presented an ordinance to discontinue non-emergency ambulance transportation services.

Key points:

- Discontinue non-emergency ambulance transportation services
- Maintain full emergency medical transport capabilities
- Reasons for discontinuation:
 - A. Consistently running out of ambulances during the day
 - B. Losing approximately \$500 per non-emergency transport
 - C. Estimated annual loss of around \$1 million
- Currently perform 1,700-2,000 emergency medical transports annually
- Will continue to respond to all 911 emergency calls
- Non-emergency transports (e.g., hospital transfers) can be handled by third-party services
- Aims to keep ambulances available for critical emergency responses
- Modification of existing ordinance to remove non-emergency transport requirements
- Plan to communicate changes to hospitals, nursing homes, and rehabilitation facilities to make sure they will understand

Commissioner Kane moved to approve the ordinance and fast-track the item to the December 19, 2024, Board of Commissioners meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Burns.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0

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

Item 6: PRESENTATION: STATE OF KANSAS OPIOID FUNDING FOR 2025
(Discussion Begins: 38:32)

Shelley Kneuvean, the Chief Financial Officer, presented the opioid funding for 2025. She provided an overview of the opioid settlement funds, explaining the funding sources, allocation, and proposed uses by different departments. Representatives from each department then presented their specific funding requests, including the Fire Department, Police Department, Health Department, Community Corrections, District Attorney's Office, and Sheriff's Department.

Key points:

- Total funding: Approximately \$1.9 million from opioid settlement lawsuit and \$1.1 million proposed for use in 2025
- Funding period: Continues through 2038, with varying annual amounts

Department Funding Requests:

- Fire Department: \$109,795
 - A. Community outreach
 - B. Narcan kits
 - C. Training
 - D. Community paramedicine program support
- Police Department: \$347,000
 - A. Internal education
 - B. Gaming trailer awareness
 - C. Prosecution efforts
 - D. Victim resources
 - E. Equipment for drug or narcotics investigations
- Health Department: \$187,695
 - A. Narcan community distribution
 - B. Electronic signage
 - C. Billboard advertising
- Community Corrections: \$150,000
 - A. Expand specialty court services: Behavioral Health Court and Drug Court
 - B. Medication-assisted treatment
 - C. Expanded drug testing

- District Attorney's Office: \$236,079
 - A. Additional prosecutor
 - B. Victim's advocate
- Sheriff's Department: \$79,550
 - A. Co-responder program continuation
- No staff were present for the Health Department and the Sheriff's Department, and commissioners asked that someone from the departments be present in the future

Funding Restrictions:

- Must be used for victim support and prevention education
- Cannot be used for supplier or distribution efforts

This item was for information only, and no action was required. The committee requested that a memo and a detailed report be sent to all commissioners explaining the funding allocation.

Adjournment: (Discussion Begins: 1:32:16)

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

Vote: Motion carried 5-0

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 PM.

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