

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 – Rose Henry, BPU Board Member*

MINUTES

Monday, August 26, 2024

5:03 PM-5:20 PM

Attendance:

Committee Members Present:

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

Committee Members Absent:

- Ms. Henry (BPU Board Member)

Staff Present:

- Brittnie MacDonald (Clerk)
- Laura Cromwell (Fiscal Manager, Kansas City, Kansas Police Department)
- Sheri Courtney (Senior Counsel, Legal Department)
- Angelina Maxville (Administrative Manager, Sheriff's Office)
- Bridgette Cobbins (Assistant County Administrator)

Call to Order:

Commissioner Burroughs called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM.

Revisions to Agenda:

No revisions to the agenda were reported.

Approval of Previous Minutes: (Discussion Begins: 2:17)

No previous minutes were presented for approval.

Committee Agenda:**Item 1: RESOLUTION: FISCAL YEAR 2025 VICTIMS OF CRIMES ACT GRANT
(Discussion Begins: 2:28)**

Laura Cromwell, the fiscal manager for the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department, presented the fiscal year 2025 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant.

Key Points:

- Grant amount requested: \$388,614 in federal VOCA funds, \$485,000 is the entire project
- Supports Victim Services Unit (VSU) at the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department
- Funding covers: 3 full-time VSU personnel (75% funded) and 2 full-time at the orders of protection officers (100% funded)
- This year's grant requires a 20% match from the Unified Government: \$97,154
- Match fulfilled by \$70,230 UG cash match, \$26,924 match requirement, and to include in-kind contributions of dedicated hours by interns and volunteers
- Continued services through VOCA included Emergency shelter, transportation, crisis intervention, supplies (meals, clothing, cell phones), crime scene cleanup, and lock replacement
- Last year, 7,535 services were provided to 1,775 victims
- Without VOCA funding, VSU would be reduced to one advocate, significantly limiting victim services

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

Vote: Motion carried 5-0

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

Item 2: RESOLUTION: EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM – KANSAS CITY, KANSAS POLICE DEPARTMENT (Discussion Begins: 10:47)

Laura Cromwell presented the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) for the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department. She prepared the proposal in conjunction with Major Richard Harris, who oversees the Special Investigations Division. The grant request was for \$160,722 to support fentanyl education programs and enforcement efforts.

Key Points:

- Grant amount: \$160,722
- Competitive grant program overseen by the Kansas Governor's Grants Program and the Kansas Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
- Primary focus: Drug enforcement, specifically fentanyl-related efforts
- Budget items include educational pamphlets, surveillance equipment, cameras and officer safety equipment
- Project period: October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025
- 100% funded (no match requirement for Unified Government)
- Designed to address crime and improve public safety

Commissioner Burns 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
- Absent: BPU Board Member Henry

Item 3: RESOLUTION: EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT-SHERIFF DEPARTMENT (Discussion Begins: 14:43)

Angelina Maxville, the Administrative Manager at the Sheriff's Office, presented the Fiscal Year 2025 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Application for the Sheriff's Department.

Key Points:

- Grant amount: \$142,000
- Purpose: Purchase new body-worn cameras and docking stations for Courthouse security officers and Judicial Services deputies

- Target personnel: Courthouse security officers and Judicial Services deputies
- Rationale for equipment: replace old, outdated, and inefficient body-worn cameras, ensure safety and security of Employees, the Public, and Detainees
- Equipment will be used throughout the Wyandotte County Courthouse complex and other jurisdictions

Commissioner Burns 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
- Absent: BPU Board Member Henry

Adjournment: (Discussion Begins: 16:53)

Commissioner Kane moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lopez.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 PM.

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