

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 Mary Gonzales

MINUTES

Monday, November 17, 2025

5:01 PM – 5:24 PM

Attendance:

Committee Members Present:

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

Committee Members Absent:

- BPU Board Member Mary Gonzales

Staff Present:

- Maiyee Lor (Deputy Unified Government Clerk)
- Troy Shaw (Public Works Director)
- Diana Miles (Solid Waste Manager)
- SueZanne Bishop (Senior Attorney)
- Bridgette Cobbins (Assistant County Administrator)
- Captain Kevin Fithian (Real Time Crime Center, Police Department)

Call to Order

Commissioner Burroughs called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM.

Revisions to Agenda:

No revisions to the agenda were announced.

Approval of Previous Minutes: (Discussion Begins 2:00)

The Chair presented minutes from meetings held on September 23, October 28, November 18, and December 16 of 2024 for approval.

Commissioner Burns moved to approve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lopez.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0

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

Committee Agenda:**Item 4.1: Resolution - Fiscal Year 2026 DHS FEMA Counter Unmanned Aircraft Systems Grant Program (Discussion Begins: 02:54)**

Captain Kevin Fithian, Kansas City, Kansas Police Department, Captain over the Real Time Crime Center, presented a grant opportunity for counter-unmanned aircraft systems technology totaling \$250 million nationally, limited to 11 states hosting FIFA World Cup events. KCKPD is requesting approximately \$5 million for detection, identification, monitoring, tracking, and mitigation technologies focused on the Legends area and downtown KC, with county-wide basic detection capabilities and mobile deployment options.

Key Details:

- Grant flows from DHS/FEMA to the Kansas Highway Patrol, then to sub-recipients
- No local match required
- Grant period: July 4, 2025, to September 30, 2028
- Application deadline: November 24th to Kansas Highway Patrol
- Casey Meyer from the Legal Department reviewed and confirmed compliance
- Sporting Kansas City supports the application

Commissioner Stites moved to adopt the resolution and fast track to the Board of Commissioners meeting on November 20, 2025. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Burns.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0

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

Item 4.2: Resolution - Interlocal Agreement with City of Edwardsville for Solid Waste Services (Discussion Begins: 13:53)

Troy Shaw, Public Works Director, and Diana Miles, Solid Waste Manager, presented the Resolution for the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Edwardsville for Solid Waste Services. Diana Miles requested approval for an interlocal agreement with Edwardsville to ensure residents contribute to costs for services they utilize, including household hazardous waste, recycling, yard waste center, and dumpster days. The division will track Edwardsville resident usage and invoice the city annually at the same rate as Kansas City, Kansas residents pay (\$2.97 for 2025).

Key Details:

- Edwardsville has historically received services at no charge
- City of Edwardsville approved the agreement in September
- Agreement ensures fairness and cost-sharing
- Services are enterprise-funded through rate payers, not city/county funds
- Edwardsville has historically received services at no charge
- The agreement is a result of a 2023 cost of service study
- City of Edwardsville approved the agreement in September

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: Gonzales

Item 4.3: Resolution - Interlocal Agreement with City of Bonner Springs for Solid Waste Services (Discussion Begins: 16:40)

The discussion for Bonner Springs was notably brief and this item was discussed along the Edwardsville agreement. This is a similar agreement with Bonner Springs, like Edwardsville, for solid waste services cost-sharing. Bonner Springs previously contributed but stopped paying a couple years ago, believing services should be county-funded. Staff worked with the new city manager to establish this new agreement.

Commissioner Stites 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: Gonzales

Adjournment: (Discussion Begins: 21:56)

The Chair thanked committee members, staff, and the public for their service and participation, noting his privilege in serving as committee chair for the past couple of years. Commissioner Burns thanked the Chair for his leadership and for being well-informed on all matters.

Commissioner Burns 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
- Absent: Gonzales

The meeting was adjourned at 5:24 PM