

Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas



Public Works and Safety Meeting

Commission Chambers

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

Chair Andrew Kump

Commissioner, District 2, Bill Burns - Commissioner, District 3, Christian Ramirez

Commissioner, District 4, Evelyn Hill - Commissioner, District 6, Phil Lopez

BPU Board Member Gary Bradley-Lopez

MINUTES

Monday, May 18, 2026

5:00 PM – 6:34 PM

Attendance:

Committee Members Present:

- Commissioner Kump (Chair)
- BPU Board Member Bradley-Lopez
- Commissioner Hill
- Commissioner Ramirez
- Commissioner Burns
- Commissioner Lopez

Committee Members Absent:

- None

Staff Present:

- Monica L. Sparks (Unified Government Clerk)
- Alan Howze (Assistant County Administrator)
- Casey Meyer (Deputy Chief Counsel)
- Troy Shaw (Director of Public Works)
- Kent Anderson (Deputy Chief, Kansas City, Kansas Police Department)
- Deasiray Bush (Director of Transportation)
- Elizabeth Lamb (Lieutenant, Sheriff's Department)

Call to Order

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

Revisions to Agenda: (Discussion Begins 09:53)

The Clerk reported there was an agenda update issued: adding Item No. 4.3 and adding additional documents to Item No. 4.4.

Approval of Previous Minutes: (Discussion Begins 10:08)

Commissioner Burns moved to approve the minutes from the April 2 and April 13, 2026, meetings. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lopez.

Vote: Motion carried 6-0

- Ayes: Bradley-Lopez, Hill, Ramirez, Burns, Lopez, Kump
- Nays: None
- Absent: None

Committee Agenda:

Item 4.1: RESOLUTION: REGIONAL FARE POLICY ADOPTION (Discussion Begins 10:32)

Deasiray Bush, Director of Public Transportation, and A.J. Ferris, KCATA Director of Planning and Scheduling, presented a resolution adopting a regional fare policy establishing unified, equitable, and transparent fare structure across all RideKC transit providers for Kansas City Missouri, Wyandotte County, and Johnson County. The policy implements modern payment technologies including mobile ticketing, contactless payments, and fare capping while providing reduced fare programs for seniors, individuals with disabilities, Medicare card holders, and low-income riders.

Key Details:

- Base fare increased from \$1.50 to \$2.00 (pre-COVID levels)
- Implementation Phase 1: June 1, 2026
- Implementation Phase 2: October 2026 (expanded retail network and reloadable smart cards)
- Cash will not be accepted on buses; digital payment locations established
- Point of sale system at Wyandotte County Parks and Recreation Fleet Campus

- Reduced fare eligibility verification opens May 26, 2026; the verification location has not yet been identified.
- Partnership with United Way for functionally free fare programs
- ADA complimentary paratransit users ride free on fixed route buses

The Chairman opened the public hearing. No comments were received. The Chairman closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Ramirez moved to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hill.

Vote: Motion carried 6-0

- Ayes: Bradley-Lopez, Hill, Ramirez, Burns, Lopez, Kump
- Nays: None
- Absent: None

Item 4.2: RESOLUTION: MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH THE KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS DURING THE 2026 FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION WORLD CUP (Discussion Begins 40:19)

Kent Anderson, Deputy Chief, Kansas City, Kansas Police Department, presented a resolution authorizing mutual aid agreement with Kansas City Missouri Board of Police Commissioners for 2026 FIFA World Cup events from June through July 2026. Agreement enables reimbursement eligibility for law enforcement services.

Key Details:

- Primary responsibility: Argentina team escorts during tournament
- SWAT team assistance on match days at Arrowhead Stadium
- VIP and other team escorts when Argentina not in city
- Emergency response capability for large incidents in KCMO
- Federal grant funding provides reimbursement for services
- 24-hour security at Compass Mineral training facility
- Staffing increase from 4 officers to 50 officers when Argentina present
- Vacation restrictions for personnel in effect through July 16
- Coordination with multiple agencies including Kansas Highway Patrol

The Chairman opened the public hearing. The following comments were received:

- **Eva Garcia Meza (Kansas City, Kansas) (Comments begin at 55:30)**

The Chairman closed the public hearing.

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

Vote: Motion carried 6-0

- Ayes: Bradley-Lopez, Hill, Ramirez, Burns, Lopez, Kump
- Nays: None
- Absent: None

Item 4.3: RESOLUTION: JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES FUNDING APPLICATION FY2027 (ADDED PER AGENDA UPDATE) (Discussion Begins 58:48)

Lieutenant Elizabeth Lamb, Sheriff's Department, presented adoption of a resolution requesting approval for the Wyandotte County Juvenile Detention Center to apply for a Kansas Department of Corrections Behavioral Health Services grant for the funding period July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. The item is requested to be fast-tracked for approval to the May 21, Board of Commissioners' meeting.

Key Details:

- House Bill 2020 compliance for juvenile justice data systems and reporting
- Grant funds part-time physician position for behavioral interventions
- Focus on treatment access, coordination, and long-term youth outcome tracking
- Goal to reduce recidivism and return youth to homes rather than state custody
- Grant application due May 31, 2026
- No local match required
- Partnership with multiple therapy and family engagement programs

The Chairman opened the public hearing. No comments were received. The Chairman closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Ramirez made a motion to adopt the resolution and fast-track the item to the May 21, Board of Commissioners meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Burns.

Vote: Motion carried 6-0

- Ayes: Bradley-Lopez, Hill, Ramirez, Burns, Lopez, Kump
- Nays: None
- Absent: None

Item 4.4: PRESENTATION: ELEVATING KCK RIVER BRIDGE CROSSING STUDY REPORT (ADDED DOCUMENTS PER AGENDA UPDATE) (Discussion Begins 1:02:03)

Troy Shaw, Director of Public Works, accompanied by Christopher Harker and Jarrod Russell of the Alfred Benesch Company and Jon Karst of Henningson, Durham and Richardson (HDR), offered a comprehensive presentation on bridge study evaluating multiple options for Kansas Avenue and Central Avenue River crossings, with community input integration and federal funding coordination.

Key Details:

Central Avenue Bridge Update:

- KDOT partnership secured for replacement funding (\$135 million commitment)
- Federal BUILD grant application submitted February 2026 (\$25 million requested)
- No local match required due to KDOT contribution
- Combined solution includes I-70 interchange improvement, I-670 flyover realignment
- Preliminary design begins June 2026
- Multi-use path, lighting, and aesthetic improvements planned
- Over 25 community support letters received

Kansas Avenue Bridge Options:

Removal Option: \$8 million

- Complete bridge removal
- Intersection reconfiguration at Railroad Street
- Increased recreational area availability

Rehabilitation Options: \$24-50 million

- Steel truss repair with deck patching: \$24 million
- Steel truss repair with deck replacement: \$35 million

- Steel truss replacement with modern girders: \$50 million
- 10–20-year additional service life projected

Replacement Options: \$52-130 million

- Same alignment replacement: \$52 million
- Three-legged interchange (railroad grade separation): \$80 million
- Four-legged interchange: \$90 million
- Shawnee Avenue alignment: \$130 million
- 75-year design life for replacement options

Remaining Study Funds: Approximately \$850,000 in ARPA funds requiring expenditure by year-end.

The Chairman opened the public hearing. No comments were received. The Chairman closed the public hearing.

This item was for information only, and no action was required.

Adjournment: (Discussion Begins 1:43:03)

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

Vote: Motion carried 6-0

- Ayes: Bradley-Lopez, Hill, Ramirez, Burns, Lopez, Kump
- Nays: None
- Absent: None

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 PM

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