

**Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas**



**Public Works and Safety Meeting**

5<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room

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

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***Commissioner Tom Burroughs, Chair***

*Commissioner Mike Kane – Commissioner Chuck Stites –*

*Commissioner Bill Burns – Commissioner Phil Lopez –*

*BPU Board Member Mary Gonzales*

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**MINUTES**

**Monday, September 22, 2025**

**5:03 PM – 6:10 PM**

**Attendance:**

**Committee Members Present:**

- Commissioner Burroughs (Chair)
- Commissioner Lopez
- Commissioner Burns
- Commissioner Kane
- BPU Board Member Mary Gonzales

**Committee Members Absent:**

- Commissioner Stites

**Staff Present:**

- Maiyee Lor (Unified Government Deputy Clerk)
- Casey Meyer (Senior Attorney)
- Sheri Courtney (Senior Attorney)
- Alan Howze (Assistant County Administrator)
- Patrick Holton (Property Maintenance Compliance)
- Sergeant Angela Joyce (Kansas City, Kansas Police Department)
- Phil Lockman (Community Corrections)

**Call to Order:**

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

**Revisions to Agenda: (Discussion Begins: 2:23)**

The Clerk reported there was an agenda update issued, removing Item Nos. 4.6, 4.7 and 4.8 from the Committee Agenda at the request of the applicant.

**Approval of Previous Minutes:**

No previous minutes were presented for approval.

**Committee Agenda:****Item 4.1 - FY2025 KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS ADULT YEAR END REPORT (Discussion Begins 2:53)**

Phil Lockman, Department of Community Corrections, presented the adult year-end report. Mr. Lockman explained that the Kansas Department of Corrections requires local agency plan end-of-year reports for both adult and juvenile programs annually. The adult report detailed completed training programs for the staff and Moral Recognition Therapy (MRT) programs for adult offenders, which is a cognitive education program. All planned training and programs were completed as required.

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

Commissioner Kane moved to approve the item. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Burns.

Vote: Motion carried 5/0

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

**Item 4.2 - FY2025 KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS JUVENILE YEAR  
END REPORT (Discussion Begins 5:27)**

Phil Lockman continued with the juvenile services program report. This program receives funding for case management, intensive supervision for juveniles, and includes the Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center managed through the Sheriff's Department. Mr. Lockman reported staffing struggles at the center, noting difficulty retaining staff due to the 24/7 operation nature and entry-level positions serving as stepping stones for career advancement.

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

Commissioner Kane moved to approve the item. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Burns.

Vote: Motion carried 5/0

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

**Item 4.3 - ORDINANCE: THE CRIME OF BATTERY AGAINST A HEALTHCARE  
PROVIDER TO THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT CODE OF ORDINANCES (Discussion  
Begins 16:38)**

Sheri Courtney, Legal Department, presented an ordinance to add the crime of battery against a healthcare provider to the Unified Government Code of Ordinances. Under current ordinances, battery is a Class B misdemeanor unless the victim is a law enforcement officer or school employee, making it a Class A misdemeanor. In 2023, the Kansas legislature added healthcare providers to the battery state statute as a Class A misdemeanor.

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

Commissioner Kane moved to approve the item. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Burns.

Vote: Motion carried 5/0

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

**Item 4.4 - ORDINANCE: THE VIOLATION OF UNLAWFUL CAMPING TO THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROMOTE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY (Discussion Begins 21:24)**

Casey Meyer, Legal Department, presented a comprehensive ordinance addressing unlawful camping to promote public health and safety. Ms. Meyer explained this followed the Supreme Court's Grants Pass decision in 2024, which made it legally easier for cities to enforce unlawful camping ordinances while complying with constitutional obligations.

**Key Ordinance Provisions:**

- **Definitions:** Camping, personal property, public property, and public right-of-way
- **48-Hour Notice Requirement:** Due process requirement for most violations
- **Immediate Removal Areas:** Including bridges, overpasses, within 50 feet of bus shelters, within 20 feet of doorways, within 500 feet of playgrounds/schools/childcare facilities, within 500 feet of swimming pools/golf courses, within 50 feet of public restrooms
- **Private Property Provisions:** Requiring written permission with contact information
- **Personal Property Handling:** 30-day impoundment period for valuable items like medication and identification documents
- **Penalties:** Up to \$200 fine or 30 days imprisonment, with public service option for indigent persons

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

- **Destin Hare (Comments begin: 53:25)**
- **Melissa Bynum (Comments begin: 53:54)**
- **J.D. Rios (Comments begin: 59:24)**

The public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Kane moved to approve the item. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lopez.

Vote: Motion carried 5/0

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

**Item 4.5 - ORDINANCE: RELATED TO THE HOURS OF SALE OF CEREAL MALT BEVERAGE AT RETAIL (Discussion Begins 1:02:16)**

Casey Meyer, Legal Department, presented an ordinance changing the starting time for retail cereal malt beverage sales from 6:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. This was requested by Mayor Garner based on police department issues and makes the timing uniform with liquor store alcohol sales. The change affects primarily convenience stores selling beer, not liquor stores.

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

Commissioner Burns moved to approve the ordinance. The motion was seconded by BPU Board Member Gonzalez.

Vote: Motion carried 5/0

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

**Item 4.6 - ORDINANCE: ASSAULT OF A UNIFIED GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE OR BOARD PUBLIC UTILITIES EMPLOYEE**

Removed from agenda.

**Item 4.7 - ORDINANCE: BATTERY AGAINST UNIFIED GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE OR BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES EMPLOYEE**

Removed from agenda.

**Item 4.8 - ORDINANCE: AMENDING INTERFERENCE WITH FIREFIGHTER Sheri**  
Removed from agenda.

**Adjournment: (Discussion Begins 1:06:57)**

Commissioner Kane moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner BPU Board Member Gonzales.

Vote: Motion carried 5/0

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 P.M.

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