

Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas



Board of Commissioners

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

Mayor Tyrone Garner

*Commissioner At-Large Dist. 1 Melissa Bynum – Commissioner At-Large Dist. 2 Tom Burroughs –
Commissioner Dist. 1 Gayle E. Townsend – Commissioner Dist. 2 Bill Burns –
Commissioner Dist. 3 Christian Ramirez – Commissioner Dist. 4 Evelyn Hill –
Commissioner Dist. 5 Mike Kane – Commissioner Dist. 6 Phil Lopez –
Commissioner Dist. 7 Chuck Stites – Commissioner Dist. 8 Andrew Davis*

MINUTES

Thursday, February 6, 2025

7:00 PM – 8:16 PM

Attendance:

Commissioner's Present:

- Mayor Tyrone Garner
- Commissioner Kane
- Commissioner Lopez
- Commissioner Davis
- Commissioner Bynum
- Commissioner Burroughs
- Commissioner Townsend
- Commissioner Burns
- Commissioner Hill
- Commissioner Stites

Commissioner's Absent:

- Commissioner Ramirez

Staff Present:

- David Johnston (County Administrator)
- Monica L. Sparks (Unified Government Clerk)
- Wendy Green (Deputy Chief Counsel)
- Jeff Miles (Director of Environmental Services)
- Trenton Vogel (Senior Engineer)
- Angel Ferrara (Director of Parks and Recreation)

1. Call to Order:

Mayor Tyrone Garner called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The invocation was led by Commissioner Hill, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

5. Revisions to Agenda:

No revisions to the agenda were reported.

6. Mayor's Agenda:**Item No. 1 – Proclamation proclaiming the month of February 2025 as Black History Month. (Discussion Begins 25:45)**

This item was read into the record of the meeting, and no commission action was required.

Item No. 2 – Presentation: Wyandotte Behavioral Health Network (Discussion Begins 30:07)

Randy Callstrom, Wyandotte Behavioral Health, provided a presentation and update on the collaboration with Wyandotte Mental Health Center (Wind Up).

Key Points:

- Organization serves as the behavioral health safety net provider in Wyandotte County
- Serves approximately 8,000 residents annually across four service organizations
- Wyandotte County's mental health tax levy is \$5.38 per capita, ranking 85th out of 105 counties in Kansas
- Programs include co-responders with police and sheriff departments, behavioral health court, and Roberts Place emergency shelter
- In 2024, responders responded to 693 mental health calls, diverting 119 individuals from jail booking

- Saved \$180,000 in county costs in 2024
- Became a 988 call center in May 2024, handling over 4,115 calls through December 31

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

Item No. 3 – Proclamation proclaiming February 8-9, 2025, as Metropolitan Baptist Church Weekend. (Discussion Begins 29:28)

This item was read into the record of the meeting, and no commission action was required.

6. Consent Agenda: (Discussion Begins 46:22)

Item No. 1 - 2024 REPORT OF COMMISSION TRAVEL AND COMMUNITY EVENT EXPENDITURES

Item No. 2 - RESOLUTION: ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT

Item No. 3 - RESOLUTION: APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2026 ADULT COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS GRANT

Item No. 4 - RESOLUTION: APPROVAL FISCAL YEAR 2026 JUVENILE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS GRANT

Item No. 5 - RESOLUTION: HEALTH EQUITY TASK FORCE GRANT FROM HALL FAMILY FOUNDATION

Item No. 6 – MINUTES

Item No. 7 – WEEKLY BUSINESS

Commissioner Kane made a motion to approve all items on the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis.

Vote: Motion carries 9/0

- Ayes: Hill, Kane, Lopez, Stites, Davis, Bynum, Burroughs, Townsend, Burns
- Nays: None
- Absent: Ramirez

9. Standing Committee's Agenda:

Item No. 1 - RESOLUTION: 2025 OUTDOOR RECREATION LEGACY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM GRANT TAX (Discussion Begins 47:00)

Commissioner Davis presented the item on the resolution. As the chair of the standing committee, he explained that this item was fast-tracked due to a grant application deadline of February 7, 2025. The resolution involves a 50/50 match with money already in the budget.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bynum.

Vote: Motion carries 9/0

- Ayes: Hill, Kane, Lopez, Stites, Davis, Bynum, Burroughs, Townsend, Burns
- Nays: None
- Absent: Ramirez

10. Administrator's Agenda:

Item No. 1 - PRESENTATION: CONSENT DECREE OVERVIEW (Discussion Begins 48:02)

David Johnson introduced Jeff Miles, Director of Environmental Services, to present an overview of the Department of Justice and Environmental Protection Agency consent decree.

Key Points:

- Consent decree is a 25-year commitment beginning in 2020
- Addresses combined sewer overflows (CSOs) and wastewater treatment compliance
- Estimated cost of approximately \$1 billion over 25 years
- Department reduced CSO outfalls from 66 to 39 between 2000-2006
- Current system includes 5 treatment plants, 78 pump stations, 40,000 manholes, and 6 million feet of underground pipe
- Department operates at 20% vacancy rate (25-28 positions short of 129 authorized)
- Annual reporting required to the EPA

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

**Item No. 2 - RESOLUTION: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH LiUNA!
(Discussion Begins 1:35:23)**

David Johnston explained this is a three-year renewal for Labor's International Union of North America covering 2024-2026. The contract covers parks, fleet, streets, and transit departments and falls within the approved economic authority of 3% annual increases.

Commissioner Stites made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis.

Vote: Motion carries 8/0

- Ayes: Hill, Lopez, Stites, Davis, Bynum, Burroughs, Townsend, Burns
- Nays: None
- Absent: Ramirez
- Not Voting: Kane

Commissioner Davis made a motion to adjourn and reconvene as the Land Bank Board of Trustees. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Burns. (Discussion Begins 1:37:26)

Vote: Motion carries 9/0

- Ayes: Hill, Kane, Lopez, Stites, Davis, Bynum, Burroughs, Townsend, Burns
- Nays: None
- Absent: Ramirez

11. Land Bank Board of Trustees Consent Agenda:

Consent Agenda (Discussion Begins 1:38:00)

Item No. 1: LAND BANK OPTIONS

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Townsend.

Vote: Motion carries 9/0

- Ayes: Hill, Kane, Lopez, Stites, Davis, Bynum, Burroughs, Townsend, Burns
- Nays: None
- Absent: Ramirez

13. Adjournment: (Discussion Begins 1:38:23)

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

Vote: Motion carries 9/0

- Ayes: Hill, Kane, Lopez, Stites, Davis, Bynum, Burroughs, Townsend, Burns
- Nays: None
- Absent: Ramirez

MAYOR GARNER
ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 8:16 P.M.
February 6, 2025

Monica L. Sparks, CMC
Unified Government Clerk

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