

Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas



Board of Commissioners

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

Mayor Christal E. Watson

*Commissioner At-Large Dist. 1 Melissa Bynum – Commissioner At-Large Dist. 2 Andrew Kump –
Commissioner Dist. 1 Jermaine Howard – Commissioner Dist. 2 Bill Burns –
Commissioner Dist. 3 Christian Ramirez – Commissioner Dist. 4 Evelyn Hill –
Commissioner Dist. 5 Carlos Pacheco – Commissioner Dist. 6 Phil Lopez –
Commissioner Dist. 7 Chuck Stites – Commissioner Dist. 8 Andrew Davis*

MINUTES

**Thursday, March 5, 2026
5:36 PM – 5:52 PM**

Attendance:

Commissioners Present:

- Mayor Pro Tem Commissioner Melissa Bynum
- Commissioner Jermaine Howard
- Commissioner Bill Burns
- Commissioner Evelyn Hill
- Commissioner Carlos Pacheco
- Commissioner Phil Lopez
- Commissioner Chuck Stites
- Commissioner Christian Ramirez
- Commissioner Andrew Kump

Commissioners Absent:

- Mayor CEO Christal E. Watson
- Commissioner Andrew Davis

Staff Present:

- David Johnston (County Administrator)
- Monica L. Sparks (Unified Government Clerk)
- Angela Lawson (Acting Chief Counsel)

- Jeff Miles (Director of Environmental Services)
- Ian Hayes (Project Manager, Public Works)

1. Call to Order:

Mayor Pro Tem Bynum called the meeting to order at 5:36 P.M. The invocation was led by Chaplain Stella Ruiz from Oak Grove Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

4. Revisions to Agenda: (Discussion Begins 3:29)

The Clerk reported there was an agenda update issued, adding Item 7.8 under consent agenda: an ordinance amending the Special Event Code of Ordinances regarding small vendor fees, and adding additional appointments and removing some appointments under the Appointment for Boards and Commissions section.

5. Public Announcements: (Discussion Begins 4:00)

Commissioner Bynum presented several public announcements on behalf of various departments:

Appraiser's Office:

Valuation notices mailed February 25, 2026

Appeal deadline: March 26, 2026

Contact information: 913-573-8403 or wycokck.org/appraiser

Clerk's Office:

Extended utility and property tax rebate appointments at Eisenhower and Annex locations. Additional appointment times are available at Argentine, and no appointments are needed at City Hall.

Parks Department:

Opening day for fishing and boating: Saturday, March 7, beginning at 6:00 A.M. at Wyandotte County Lake Park, Big 11 Lake Park, and Pierson Park

Mayor's Office:

Wyandotte County, "One County. One Voice" – Mayors Annual Community Prayer Gathering is scheduled for April 1st at 7:30 A.M. at Dr. Thomas R. Burke Technical Education Center

Christal Clear Conversations: Community office hours and town hall meetings are scheduled from March through October

Public Works Recognition:

Jeff Miles, Director of Environmental Services, and Ian Hayes, Project Manager, presented recognition of the Public Works Engineering team for completing emergency repairs to a collapsed I-70 wastewater pipe and presented a video highlighting the emergency repair project that occurred two days before Christmas Eve. The project involved slip-lining a failed ductile iron pipe under I-70 without interrupting interstate traffic. Ian Hayes noted this project raised awareness about aging infrastructure and will be presented at the KWA conference in August.

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

7. Consent Agenda: (Discussion Begins 15:18)

Item No. 1 – RESOLUTION: AGREEMENT WITH DOWNTOWN SHAREHOLDERS FOR ADDITIONAL POLICE PATROL

Item No. 2 – RESOLUTION: 2026 VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT APPLICATION FOR KANSAS CITY, KANSAS POLICE DEPARTMENT VICTIM SERVICES UNIT

Item No. 3 – RESOLUTION: FISCAL YEAR 2027 KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS ADULT SERVICES GRANT APPLICATION

Item No. 4 – RESOLUTION: FISCAL YEAR 2027 KDOC JUVENILE SERVICES COMP GRANT APPLICATION

Item No. 5 – APPOINTMENT: BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS (ADDED/REMOVED APPOINTMENTS PER AGENDA UPDATE)

Item No. 6 – MINUTES

Item No. 7– WEEKLY BUSINESS

Item No. 8 – ORDINANCE: AMENDING THE SPECIAL EVENT CODE OF ORDINANCE REGARDING SMALL VENDOR FEES (ADDED PER AGENDA UPDATE)

Commissioner Lopez made a motion to approve all items on the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Burns.

Vote: Motion carries 9/0

- Ayes: Stites, Bynum, Kump, Howard, Burns, Ramirez, Hill, Pacheco, Lopez
- Nays: None
- Absent: Davis

Commissioner Bynum reminded attendees that Daylight Saving Time begins over the weekend, requiring clocks to be moved forward.

12. Adjournment: (Discussion Begins 16:34)

Commissioner Kump moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pacheco.

Vote: Motion carries 9/0

- Ayes: Stites, Bynum, Kump, Howard, Burns, Ramirez, Hill, Pacheco, Lopez
- Nays: None
- Absent: Davis

MAYOR PRO TEM BYNUM
ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 5:52 P.M.
March 5, 2026

Monica L. Sparks, CMC
Unified Government Clerk

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