

**PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES
Monday, March 18, 2019**

The meeting of the Public Works and Safety Standing Committee was held on Monday, March 18, 2019, at 5:00 p.m., in the 5th Floor Conference Room of the Municipal Office Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Bynum, Chairman; Commissioners Kane, Markley, Philbrook, Johnson, and BPU Board Member Groneman. The following officials were also in attendance: Melissa Sieben, Assistant County Administrator; Alan Howze, Knowledge Director; Emerick Cross, Commission Liaison; Henry Couchman, Senior Attorney; Jane Wilson and Casey Meyer, Assistant Counsel; Terry Ziegler, Chief of Police; Brett Deichler, Director of 3-1-1; Matt May, Emergency Management Director; Rance Quinn, Police Major; Dustin Dungan, Police Major; David Reno, Public Works; Logan Masenthin, General Services; and Officer Jay Doleshal, Sergeant-At-Arms.

Chairman Bynum called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken and all members were present as shown above.

Approval of standing committee minutes from January 28, 2019. **On motion of Commissioner Kane, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the minutes were approved.** Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Agenda:

Item No. 1 – 19634...RESOLUTION: TEMPORARY HOUSING OF INMATES

Synopsis: A resolution authorizing the UG to enter into inmate housing agreements with Miami, Jackson, Andrew, Leavenworth and Butler counties, submitted by Jane Wilson, Assistant Counsel.

Jane Wilson, Assistant Counsel, said I have submitted a resolution that will allow the County Administrator to enter into contracts pursuant to K.S.A. 12-2908. It would allow for temporary housing in other counties within the state, just as needed.

Action: Commissioner Markley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kane, to approve. Roll call was taken and there were six “Ayes,” Groneman, Philbrook, Markley, Kane, Johnson, Bynum.

Item No. 2 – 19637...RESOLUTION: COOPERATIVE JURISDICTIONAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN KCKPD AND BSPD

Synopsis: A resolution approving an agreement between the KCKPD and the Bonner Springs PD for traffic enforcement and limited law enforcement surrounding events at the Renaissance Festival and Amphitheatre, submitted by Terry Zeigler, Police Chief.

Casey Meyer, Assistant Counsel, said I have submitted an RFA requesting passage of this resolution which would authorize our Mayor to execute a jurisdictional agreement between the Bonner Springs Police Department and the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department. It's very limited in scope; and it would just be during the times directly prior to, during, and after events at the Renaissance Festival and the Amphitheater.

Action: Commissioner Kane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Markley, to approve. Roll call was taken and there were six “Ayes,” Groneman, Philbrook, Markley, Kane, Johnson, Bynum.

Item No. 3 – 19636...REQUEST: ADOPT-A-SPOT PROGRAM

Synopsis: Request approval of the Adopt-A-Spot Program in Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, submitted by Melissa Sieben, Assistant County Administrator.

Melissa Sieben, Assistant County Administrator, said I have two staff members, Logan and Dave, here to explain to you our Adopt-A-Spot Program in brief. I'm just really excited because this is another SOAR initiative coming to life.



Logan Masenthin, General Services, said Adopt-A-Spot is something we mentioned at our SOAR presentation a couple of weeks ago. This is something we've been working on to better engage our residents and actually leverage them as a resource. A lot of other cities have an Adopt-A-Street, Adopt-A-Park type programs and this is our version of that.

WHAT'S ADOPTABLE?



We are actually allowing people to adopt parks, streets, and Land Bank lots. We decided to put them all in as options to adopt. We have lots of available places pre-determined, and anyone can adopt a spot. These are typically community groups, neighborhood organizations, but anyone can. The only catch is that we don't want anyone under 14 working on the street cleanup projects.

WHAT'S ADOPTABLE?



It's pretty simple. You just pick a spot from the pre-determined list of available spots. Do some paperwork, sign an agreement, say you'll use the safety guidelines, and then hold at least three cleanup events over a two-year period.

QUICK FACTS

WHAT'S INVOLVED?

- Anyone can be a sponsor
- Sponsors must choose an available location
- First-come, first-served
- No one under the age of 14 may participate in cleanups on adopted streets
- Must perform at least 3 cleanups during a two-year period

WHAT YOU GET

- Public Works provides safety equipment and trash bags
- Public Works will remove full trash bags from the site after a cleanup
- Sponsors get an on-site Adopt-A-Spot sign with their organization/business name printed on it

Some quick facts summed up. Again, anyone can be a sponsor. Sponsors can choose a location from a list. It's first come, first serve to choose those locations. We don't want anyone under 14 working on the streets. You must perform at least three cleanups during a two-year period.

In return, Public Works will provide safety equipment and trash bags. They will pick up the trash bags after the cleanup events, and they will get an Adopt-A-Spot sign with their name on it at the location.



That is what the sign will look like.

Ms. Sieben said Commissioners, one of the important things as we've reached out to both Edwardsville and Bonner Springs, we did get comments back from Edwardsville today, just some minor touch-ups to our language and our agreement to include them. We will be looking at incorporating a brochure. They'll be sending us their spots to have on our adoption site, and we'll allow them to have access to co-branding with us on their website.

David Reno, Public Works, said I don't really have a whole lot to add on the website other than we've created a custom URL for it so it's easy to find. At some point in the future, once we have all the sites together, we'll put up a map so folks can click on a location, find out who has adopted it, how long they've had it adopted, or whether or not it's available for them. That's really all that we need on the website to get people engaged in that regard.

Ms. Sieben said if this is something that the Commission supports and moves forward with, then we'll begin our recruitment of Adopt-A-Spot adoptees.

Commissioner Johnson said the Land Bank spots, what description would you give to those spots.

Ms. Sieben said staff looked to find spots that were adjacent to schools or parks. We felt that would enhance the safety and the security of the area if those were kept clean and free of any junk or debris. That was how we ended up with those 66 locations. If you have one that is not one of the 66 that you're interested in adopting, I am sure that we'd be happy to discuss that.

Commissioner Markley said those neighborhood groups that are already mowing and caring for lots, it would be nice if we found a way to make sure that they get credit for that. **Ms. Sieben** said absolutely. Commissioner Murguia had reached out to us on that. If you folks have those different groups that you know are already adopting places that may not end up on our list, reach out to Dave, myself, or Logan and let us know where those are and we can reach out to them to be the first to adopt so they get the recognition right away.

Commissioner Markley said can someone make sure we call the Lady Bird Johnson lady. Do you know who I'm talking about? **Ms. Sieben** said no, but you can catch me offline.

Action: **Commissioner Kane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Philbrook, to approve.** Roll call was taken and there were six "Ayes," Groneman, Philbrook, Markley, Kane, Johnson, Bynum.

Adjourn:

Chairman Bynum adjourned the meeting at 5:15p.m.

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