

**PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY  
STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES  
Monday, July 27, 2020**

The meeting of the Public Works and Safety Standing Committee was held on Monday, July 27, 2020, at 5:00 p.m., remotely via Zoom or by phone. The following members were present: Commissioner Bynum, Chairman; Commissioners Markley, Ramirez, Kane, Philbrook, and BPU Board Member Groneman. The following officials were also in attendance: Misty Brown, Deputy Chief Counsel; Emerick Cross and Alan Howze, Assistant County Administrators; Wendy Medina, Program Supervisor, KCKPD Victim Services; Susan Alig, Assistant Counsel; Rance Quinn, Deputy Police Chief; and Carol Godsil, Deputy UG Clerk.

**Chairman Bynum** said before I call the meeting to order, I want to announce that due to COVID-19, our committee members, staff, and our public are attending remotely by Zoom or by phone. Any participants joining by phone should mute your phone when not speaking to avoid any background noise and during the meeting, when you do speak, please announce yourself by name and title every time so that the public knows who is speaking. This is critical given the number of remote participants and it's also current guidance from the Kansas Attorney General.

Due to COVID-19, the public has been allowed to submit comments by email prior to the meeting, and those comments would be included in the record.

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

**Chairman Bynum** said under our revisions, we do have a blue sheet. It's the final version of our agreement with Motorola for our body worn cameras project. That's our last item, Item #3. We'll have the revision when we get to Item #3.

Approval of standing committee minutes from May 18, 2020. **On motion of Commissioner Kane, seconded by Commissioner Ramirez, the minutes were approved.** Roll call was taken and there were six "Ayes," Groneman, Philbrook, Kane, Ramirez, Markley, Bynum.

Committee Agenda:

**Item No. 1 – 20255...GRANT: FY21 VOCA APPLICATION FOR VICTIM SERVICES UNIT**

**Synopsis:** Request to apply for and accept the FY21 VOCA grant in the amount of \$368,771 to fund the Victim Services Unit, submitted by Wendy Medina, Program Supervisor, KCKPD Victim Services. The \$92,191 required match will come from existing Police Dept. funds.

**Wendy Medina, Program Supervisor, KCKPD Victim Services,** said I am requesting permission to submit an application and accept the VOCA, Victim of Crimes Act, grant for fiscal year 2021. VOCA has funded our unit since our inception in 1999. We have three full-time Victim Services personnel currently funded by VOCA at 75%, and two full-time positions at the Order of Protection Office funded at 100% by VOCA. If we are not able to receive VOCA funding, it would reduce our unit to one advocate, significantly limiting our services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, and survivors of homicides.

Currently, the VOCA grant fiscal year 2020 provided us with \$369,564 in federal funds, with KCKPD contributing 20% in match. For the 2021 fiscal year, the proposed budget we're requesting is \$368,771 in federal funds from VOCA. The required 20%, \$92,191, in match comprise of cash and in-kind, as we have historically done to be contributed by the KCKPD.

It's essentially the same funding level. The slight difference is attributed to a couple of expenses that we will not require the next fiscal year 2021. In 2021, the VSU is expected to be fully staffed, finally, with a program supervisor, two response advocates, two order of protection advocates, one administrative aide, and we are not asking for anything new within this program. There are no additional funds from the Police Department being requested besides those already submitted.

**Chairman Bynum** said thank you very much.

**Chairman Bynum** asked, are there any questions from the standing committee members?

**Commissioner Philbrook** said a quick question. How many folks do you care for in a year? **Ms. Medina** said, oh, that's a large number. I would say right now we are in like the 2,000s. This year significantly has increased in our number of homicides. Where we usually are at about 30 homicides per year, just now we already missed that quota and it's only mid-July.

**Commissioner Philbrook** said, will, I was just trying to get (no audio). **Ms. Medina** said I'm sorry. **Commissioner Philbrook** said like for the numbers you're helping. Is that (no audio) or is that families included (no audio). **Ms. Medina** said that's right. For survivors of homicides, it's the next-of-kin who we usually provide services to from the moment we arrive on scene to provide a death notification and crisis intervention in the moment. It will usually be like a mom, a dad, a spouse, sometimes an adult sibling. We start providing services at that moment and then on-going as the detectives conduct an investigation, and until it gets handed over to the DA's Office. They have advocates over there that we work with. It will be their chance to provide advocacy to these victims. **Commissioner Philbrook** said thank you for that rundown on the process, Wendy.

**Action:** **Commissioner Kane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Markley, to approve.**

**Chairman Bynum** asked, did we have anyone from the public, Madam Clerk, that wanted to make any comments on this item? **Carol Godsil, Deputy UG Clerk**, said the Clerk's Office received no comments from the public.

**Chairman Bynum** said if there are no further comments from the standing committee, I will ask the Clerk to call the roll.

Roll call was taken on the motion and there were six "Ayes," Groneman, Philbrook, Kane, Ramirez, Markley, Bynum.

## **Item No. 2 – 20235...RESOLUTION: DONATION OF A SHERIFF'S OFFICE VAN TO SALVATION ARMY**

**Synopsis:** A resolution authorizing the donation of a 2008 Sheriff's Office transport van to the Salvation Army (valued between \$800 to \$1,500), submitted by Susan Alig, Assistant Counsel.

**Susan Alig, Assistant Counsel**, said I included a pretty complete memo from Fleet Services in the packet about the condition of the van and the factors that went into Fleet Services' opinion that this van is no longer useful to the Unified Government, and also, unlikely to have much value on

the resale market. The van was used for many years as a transport vehicle. It's got some custom modifications and it's also got some wear and tear. However, the local Salvation Army does have a use for it. The request is for permission to donate the van to the Salvation Army. **Chairman Bynum** said I think that's great.

**Chairman Bynum** asked, is there any comments from any member of the standing committee? **Commissioner Philbrook** said approval. I want to say that I think they would get plenty of use out of it beyond it's grave right now. They really do need that sort of a van. I want to thank the Police Department for putting that forward.

**Action:** **Commissioner Philbrook made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kane, to approve.**

**Chairman Bynum** asked, is there any comment from the public? **Carol Godsil, Deputy UG Clerk**, said we received no public comments. **Chairman Bynum** said excellent. Thank you so much. I don't think I see any further requests for comments from the committee, so I would ask for roll call.

Roll call was taken on the motion and there were six "Ayes," Groneman, Philbrook, Kane, Ramirez, Markley, Bynum.

**Item No. 3 – 20257...RESOLUTION: LEASE AGREEMENT WITH MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC.**

**Synopsis:** A resolution approving a lease purchase transaction with Motorola Solutions, Inc., for in-car and body worn cameras, submitted by Casey Meyer, Assistant Counsel.

**Chairman Bynum** said this is our last item. This is the blue sheet.

**Misty Brown, Deputy Chief Counsel**, said this is the lease purchase agreement for our body worn cameras. We have Deputy Chief Quinn here to answer any questions about the program. What you have in front of you is the lease purchase agreement, which is heavily regulated since it's a

financing agreement and because of the need to comply with state statutes, the Commission has to see the actual documents that come in regarding the finances.

You see on the blue sheet today, we thought this might happen and I was pleasantly surprised to see that we are actually going to be financing about \$250,000 less than we first thought we were. This shows us about \$10,000 savings in interest. We have zero percent the first couple of years, that's why the interest savings isn't a bit more. It causes our payments to go up a little bit over the last three years of the agreement. I've been assured by Budget that we can handle those payments.

This is a deal that we've been working on and are pretty excited for. One more piece to this is because of everyone's eagerness to get moving on it, subject to the Mayor's approval, I am going to ask this item be fast tracked to the full commission this Thursday, if it passes tonight.

**Chairman Bynum** said thank you so much.

**Chairman Bynum** said we did have a nice full presentation on the cameras project at our May meeting, which we just approved the minutes for a few minutes ago. Certainly, if anyone has questions or comments, we can hear them now; any member of the standing committee. (There were none.) Ms. Godsil, did we have any comments come in to hear from the public? **Carol Godsil, Deputy UG Clerk**, said no public comments were received.

**Chairman Bynum** said, standing committee, what we're approving, Misty, is the lease agreement, correct? **Ms. Brown** said that's correct. The financing package and also the asking for the fast track. **Chairman Bynum** said okay, excellent, yes.

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

**Chairman Bynum** said that does conclude our Public Works and Safety Standing Committee meeting. I do want to let you know that we do not have an Administration and Human Services meeting tonight since there were no items for that agenda.

**Chairman Bynum** adjourned the meeting at 5:14 p.m.

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