

**RILEY COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY
LAW BOARD MEETING
City Commission Meeting Room
1101 Poyntz Avenue
Manhattan, KS
October 20, 2014 12:00 p.m.
Minutes**

Members Present: John Matta Dave Lewis
Barry Wilkerson Robert Boyd
Wynn Butler Richard Jankovich
Ron Wells

Absent: Captain Hooper

Staff Present: Director Schoen Assistant Director Doehling
Captain Hegarty Captain Moldrup
Captain Fink Captain Kyle

I. Establish Quorum: By Chairman Matta at 12:00 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Director Schoen.

III. Consent Agenda:

- A. Approve September 15, 2014 Law Board Meeting Minutes
- B. Approve 2014 Expenditures
 - a) Seizure Expenditures
 - b) Budget Expenditures/Credits
- C. Juvenile Transport Reimbursement
- D. County Inmate Medical, Facilities, Maintenance & Repairs Expenditures- (*Review*)
- E. Riley County Jail Average Daily Inmate Population- (*Review*)
- F. Monthly Crime Report- (*Review*)

Lewis moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Jankovich seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, motion carried 7-0.

IV. General Agenda:

G. Additions or Deletions: None.

H. Public Comment: None.

I. Board Member Comments: Wells explained that last year he discussed with Director Schoen City of Manhattan Ordinance 4497 enacted in February 1988 relating to pedestrian traffic regulations. Wells said that to date, he is not aware of any citations that have been issued to pedestrians for violating traffic regulations (e.g., walking or jogging in the roadway). He has witnessed a number of incidents around Frank Anneberg Park in which the pedestrian's actions were unsafe. Over the last five years there have been several instances in town in which a pedestrian was struck by a motor vehicle. Wells explained that he is concerned not only for the pedestrian, but

for the driver who may inadvertently strike an individual who was not obeying pedestrian traffic regulations. He would like to know if RCPD actively enforces this ordinance.

Director Schoen said that he recollected the conversation, though it was some time ago and he could not recall the specifics. He noted that it is unlikely that RCPD will become the pedestrian police. However, there are certain locations where it is more hazardous for pedestrians due to higher speed, narrow roadways, no shoulder, etc. He will research the matter further and report his findings to Wells.

The following was not part of the Law Board discussion; however, it has been included for clarification purposes should the topic arise at a future date. Riley County Police Department research revealed that Manhattan City Ordinance 4497 has been replaced by the City's Standard Traffic Ordinance (STO) Article 11-68 Pedestrians on Highways.

Lewis stated that on Monday, October 13, 2014 RCPD provided County employees with active shooter scenario training. He said that many businesses are unaware of this service provided by the police department and it is something that he highly recommends.

Jankovich briefed the Board on the Citizen Forum that was held Wednesday, September 24, 2014. At the meeting two individuals voiced their concerns dealing chiefly with RCPD procedural matters. Law Board Members Richard Jankovich and Robert Boyd, and Community Advisory Board Chairman Corey Leavell met with Director Schoen last week to discuss the issues. Jankovich was pleased to report that virtually every aspect of the complaints has been addressed. He extended his appreciation to RCPD Lieutenant Erin Freidline, Director Schoen and staff for their assistance in reaching a resolution. Letters will be sent to both complainants in response to their concerns.

J. Approval of General Orders:

- a) GO 2013-064- Promotion Process
- b) GO 2014-036 Kansas Criminal Justice Information System Training Protocols

Wilkerson moved to approve General Order 2013-064 Promotion Process and General Order 2014-036 Kansas Criminal Justice Information System Training Protocols. Wells seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, motion carried 7-0.

K. Body-Worn Camera Project: On November 5, 2014 the Riley County Police Department will be launching 11 full-time police body-worn Taser Axon Flex cameras. Captain Hegarty explained that the Department will initiate a public awareness campaign (Hit Record on Body Worn Cameras) that will highlight the advantages and limitations of the system. The video that will be pushed out via social media as part of the campaign was presented to those in attendance by Public Information Officer Matthew Droge.

Lewis inquired about the degree of peripheral vision on the head mounted camera.

Hegarty responded that the camera does not exactly replicate the human eye, but it is close. Unfortunately, he could not recall the exact degree of peripheral vision.

Lewis wished to know how the videos will be stored.

Hegarty explained that the videos will be stored on the cameras until they are uploaded to the Cloud by the officers at the end of their shift. The Department intends to use Evidence.com to manage the videos. The project team continues to develop the necessary policies, procedures, and protocols for their use and the workflow of the digital video evidence produced by the cameras. He added that RCPD administration realizes the importance of the videos as evidence, and wants to ensure that the evidence workflow will work not only for the officers, but the prosecutors and defense as well.

Butler asked if the camera remains on while the officer is wearing it.

Hegarty said that the camera must be manually turned on/off by the officer which is currently one of the drawbacks of the system. He added that at the beginning of the field test officers would, on occasion, forget to turn the camera on. By the end of the test this occurred less frequently and the officers were turning on the cameras much quicker. TASER International, Inc. is researching the possibility of having body-worn cameras sync with the emergency lights of the patrol unit so that when the officer activates the lights the camera will automatically turn on. The Department anticipates this feature will be available in 2015.

Butler asked if there is a way to turn the camera on remotely without the officer's knowledge.

Hegarty said no.

Butler wished to if the body-worn cameras will eventually replace the patrol car dash mounted cameras, should the test phase prove successful.

Hegarty explained that the decision will be largely based on future cost, officer and prosecutor opinions, and the logistics of replacing the existing video evidence and storage program.

Doehling thanked Public Information Officer Matthew Droge for his hard work producing the video.

L. Executive Session: At 12:28 p.m. Jankovich moved to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel matters and attorney client privilege not to exceed 5 minutes. Wilkerson seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, motion carried 7-0.

At 12:33 p.m. the open meeting reconvened.

M. Affirmation or Revocation of Discipline: Wilkerson moved to affirm the Director's disciplinary actions. Boyd seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, motion carried 7-0.

N. Adjournment: Jankovich moved to adjourn the meeting. Lewis seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, motion carried 7-0. The October 20, 2014 Law Board Meeting adjourned at 12:34 p.m.