

**RILEY COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY  
LAW BOARD MEETING  
City Commission Meeting Room  
1101 Poyntz Avenue  
Manhattan, KS  
June 15, 2015 12:00 p.m.  
Minutes**

**Members Present:**                      Robert Boyd                                      Craig Beardsley  
    Karen McCulloh                                      Usha Reddi  
    Ron Wells (left at 1:13 p.m.)                      Barry Wilkerson (left at 1:00 p.m.)

**Absent:**                                      Wynn Butler

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

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

**II.     Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Director Schoen.

**III.    Consent Agenda:**

- A.    Approval of Minutes
  - a)   April 20, 2015 Law Board Meeting
  - b)   April 30, 2015 Special Law Board Meeting
  - c)   May 18, 2015 Law Board Meeting
- B.    Approve 2015 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*)

McCulloh moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Wells seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, motion carried 6-0.

**IV.    General Agenda:**

**G.    Additions or Deletions:** None.

**H.    Public Comment:** Area Girl Scout Summer Day Camp Director Elizabeth Parker, and Riley County Police Department Accountant and Girl Scout volunteer staff member Annette Moran briefed the Board on this year's Girl Scout service project. Parker explained that the theme for the camp was "The Heart of a Superhero." The troop selected one day to honor local superheroes. They invited members of the RCPD K-9 Unit, Manhattan Fire Department, and Riley County Emergency

Medical Services to the camp to provide a presentation to the troop. For the project, the troop elected to donate to the Bears on Patrol program which is designed to reduce trauma suffered by children who are exposed to violence, abuse, or other upsetting events. Parents of the Girl Scouts donated new, plush teddy bears. The troop then personalized the bears by fashioning a superhero cape for each. Altogether, the troop donated 101 bears to the program. On behalf of the Girl Scout Summer Day Camp participants, Parker and Moran presented the bears to RCPD Director Schoen.

**I. Board Member Comments:** Reddi explained that Director Schoen and Officer Hagemeister attended the Small Business Council Meeting at the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce on June 10, 2015 to discuss firearm regulations in anticipation of the changes to Kansas Statue which will go into effect July 1<sup>st</sup>. They also discussed what businesses can and cannot do to restrict individuals with weapons from entering their establishment. She felt that it was a very informative discussion. If there are other businesses/organizations who wish to have a similar speaking engagement scheduled they can contact Director Schoen or his secretary.

Reddi commented on the recent legislation that was passed which will raise Kansas sales and other taxes in an effort balance the next state budget. As elected officials, the City and County will continue to discuss the matter to determine what is best for the residents of Manhattan and Riley County. Members of the public who wish to provide input were directed to contact their legislators. In addition, there are a number of websites available to research the topic and how the changes will impact the public.

McCulloh thanked Public Information Officer (PIO) Droge for attending her neighborhood picnic on Manhattan Day. Unfortunately, she was unable to attend the event. However, those who were in attendance had a great time and were pleased to have an officer present to speak with them.

Wells commented on an article published in the Manhattan Mercury on May 27, 2015 titled "Commission Blames RCPD for Budget Increase." Wells stated that the Law Board and RCPD worked very hard to hold the increase down at 1.861%. Further, the City's portion (80%) of that increase is only around \$289,000. To blame the entire City budget woes on RCPD is not fair.

According to Wells, the article stated that in order to make the mil levy look good the City did not budget for delinquent taxes. Wells said that the City budgeted 2% for delinquencies in 2009, 1.96% in 2010, 2% in 2011, 3% in 2012, 2% in 2013, and 0% in 2014 and 2015. He wanted to clarify to the public that the RCPD is not at fault for the woes of the City budget.

Beardsley commended the Department and PIO Droge on the various social media and community outreach efforts (i.e., RCPD 101, Nextdoor.com, Nextcoffee). Beardsley said that often he receives questions from community members regarding the capture of those listed on the RCPD most wanted list. He encouraged the Department to continue to get information out to the public. Any opportunity to get information out to the community helps.

McCulloh explained that currently Nextcoffee is held in the evening between 5:00 or 6:00 p.m. She believes attendance may increase if the meeting were held in the afternoon in Aggieville or downtown.

Schoen explained that when the Department initiates a new program it typically undergoes an evaluation period, and if necessary, modifications to the program are made. PIO Droge is constantly revisiting the projects he has running; the most recent being the transition from the RCPD Citizens'

Academy to RCPD 101. Schoen agreed with McCulloh's desire to increase public awareness and participation at these events. He is sure that PIO Droge and staff will be revisiting that.

**J. Community Advisory Board Update:** Riley County Police Department Community Advisory Board (CAB) Chairman Corey Leavell reported that since his last brief to the Law Board the CAB has not received any additional citizen complaints.

Leavell explained that the primary purpose of the CAB is to provide a community perspective to RCPD on department policies and issues within the community. While the Kansas Open and Concealed Carry is not a policy initiated by RCPD, it is the belief of the CAB that the law will soon be an issue for the Department and those who reside in the community. Leavell said that across the nation he has begun to see police officers second guess themselves for fear of making a mistake. Leavell asked if the public is truly ready to place police officers in a situation where it is likely that the people they are called to help are armed and untrained.

Leavell acknowledged that those on the Law Board are not able to change the Kansas Open or Concealed Carry laws. He is simply asking that policies and programs be put in place to help the men and women of the Riley County Police Department who will have to second guess their every decision. The question remains, how many citizens will be injured or die from the law which allows untrained individuals to carry a firearm? Furthermore, how many police officers will be indicted because of a situation created by law makers?

Leavell opened for questions from the Board.

McCulloh inquired about the selection process for becoming a member of the Community Advisory Board.

Leavell responded that those interested in serving on the CAB may contact him or Director Schoen. Community Advisory Board members may also nominate individuals for appointment to the CAB. The RCPD Director has the authority to appoint new members. They try to have representatives on the CAB from the business community, Aggieville business community, rural community, student and minority populations, to name only a few.

Reddi stated that formerly Richard Jankovich served as the representative from the Law Board at the Citizen Forums. She and Chairman Boyd now serve in that capacity. Citizen Forums will continue to be held to allow the public the opportunity to voice their concerns. She said that even though it is silent and people are not complaining it does not mean that everything is okay. People just haven't stepped forward for one reason or another. She added that although there are problems going on out there, the Law Board is trying to provide the public with as many avenues as possible to share their concerns.

**K. Approval of General Order 2015-007- General Health and Physical Fitness Requirements:** Following discussion and a brief video presentation on the RCPD physical agility test, Chairman Boyd requested action on this item be postponed until the July 20, 2015 Law Board Meeting to allow both Wilkerson and Butler the opportunity to provide input.

Boyd opened for public comment and received none.

McCulloh moved to table the approval of General Order 2015-007- General Health and Physical Fitness Requirements until July. Reddi seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, motion carried 5-0.

**L. Director's Contract:** At the April 9, 2015 Special Law Board Meeting the Board expressed a desire to move the annual review of the Director's contract to the month of December. It was also suggested that they be given the choice to schedule one or more Special Law Board Meetings to conduct said review instead of at the regular December meeting. Riley County Law Enforcement Agency Attorney Michael Gillespie drafted an addendum to the Director's contract tailored to satisfy both possibilities.

Boyd opened for public comment and received none.

Beardsley moved to approve the addendum to the Director's contract and authorize Chairman Boyd to sign the document. McCulloh seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, motion carried 5-0.

**M. Executive Session:** At 1:12 p.m. Reddi moved to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel matters and attorney client privilege not to exceed 10 minutes. Beardsley seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, motion carried 5-0.

At 1:22 p.m. the open meeting reconvened.

**N. Affirmation or Revocation of Discipline:** McCulloh moved to affirm the Director's disciplinary actions. Reddi seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, motion carried 4-0.

**O. Adjournment:** McCulloh moved to adjourn the meeting. Reddi seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, motion carried 4-0. The June 15, 2015 Law Board Meeting adjourned at 1:22 p.m.