

**RILEY COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY
LAW BOARD MEETING
City Commission Meeting Room
1101 Poyntz Avenue
Manhattan, KS
June 19, 2017 12:00 p.m.
Minutes**

Members Present:

Craig Beardsley
Usha Reddi
Barry Wilkerson

Mike Dodson
Marvin Rodriguez
Ben Wilson

Absent:

BeEtta Stoney

Captain Fink

Staff Present:

Director Schoen
Captain Hooper
Lieutenant Freidline

Assistant Director Doehling
Captain Kyle
Lieutenant Woods

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Director Schoen.

III. Consent Agenda:

- A.** Approval of Minutes
 - a) April 17, 2017 Law Board Meeting
 - b) May 3, 2017 Special Law Board Meeting
 - c) May 4, 2017 Special Law Board Meeting
 - d) May 8, 2017 Special Law Board Meeting
 - e) May 15, 2017 Law Board Meeting
- B.** Approve 2017 Expenditures/Credits
- C.** Juvenile Transport Reimbursement
- D.** County Inmate Medical, Facilities, Maintenance & Repairs Expenditures- (*Review*)
- E.** Riley County Jail Average Daily Inmate Population- (*Review*)

Wilson noted two corrections to the May 15, 2017 Law Board Meeting Minutes. Page fourteen should read, "Reddi, along with Riley County Commissioner Ben Wilson, Mayor Pro Tem Linda Morse, RCPD Captain Kurt Moldrup, and Pawnee Mental Health ~~Services~~ *Services* Executive Director Robbin Cole visited the Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center in Lawrence, KS." Page sixteen should read "If the individual requires financial assistance or needs medications filled she will refer them to ~~Shepard's~~ *Shepherd's* Crossing."

Wilson moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Wilkerson seconded the motion. On vote, motion carried 6-0.

IV. General Agenda:

F. Additions or Deletions: Chairman Beardsley wished to move item J. (Coplogic Assessment) following item O. (Affirmation or Revocation of Discipline) on the General Agenda.

Director Schoen wished to add the May 2017 Monthly Budget Status Report to the Consent Agenda for approval.

Wilkerson moved to approve the Monthly Budget Status Report for the month of May. Rodriguez seconded the motion. On vote, motion carried 6-0.

G. Public Comment: None.

H. Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #17 Comments: Brian Johnson, President, Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge #17, shared with the Law Board the perspective of the Lodge with respect to claims of racial disparities in marijuana arrests in Riley County as reported by Mr. John Exdell and the Manhattan-Riley County Coalition for Equal Justice (CEJ). Johnson stated that the perspective of the FOP differs considerably from that of Mr. Exdell. Mr. Exdell and the CEJ are scheduled to make a formal presentation on the newest data from 2015 at the regularly scheduled September Law Board Meeting, at which the FOP will also be present to address the matter.

Johnson briefed the Law Board on the fundraiser that the Riley County Police Department (RCPD) BBQ Team participated in on Saturday, June 17, 2017 to raise funds for the Boys & Girls Club of Manhattan. He stated that the FOP and RCPD have many devoted individuals doing what they can for the community every day. He appreciates being given the opportunity to share those efforts with the Board.

Chairman Beardsley thanked Johnson and the FOP for their continued efforts to give back to the community.

I. Board Member Comments: Reddi thanked the Riley County Police Department, Kansas State University and City of Manhattan for sending representatives to the International Town & Gown Association 2017 Annual Conference in Eugene, Oregon to participate in discussions concerning community issues.

Reddi stated that the City Commission discussed the City budget and reviewed 2018 allocation recommendations for special alcohol programs. The City of Manhattan Special Alcohol Program Fund deals with the education, prevention, treatment, and intervention of alcohol and drug abuse. This year, the City received over \$800,000 in requests for said funds, with only \$500,000 available for allocation.

Dodson commented on the seemingly growing opioid issue in Manhattan and Riley County. He noted that data collection on opioid use could prove beneficial to RCPD when applying for Special Alcohol Program Funds in the future.

Dodson explained that the Board previously discussed finalizing Law Board Meeting procedures. He has completed a first draft and will send it to members of the Board for input.

Chairman Beardsley asked that the Law Board consider adopting a formal process for employee disciplinary and termination appeal hearings as well.

Wilkerson informed the Board that a Riley County Police Department officer will be recognized on WIBW 13 News Salute the Badge this evening.

Chairman Beardsley thanked the Manhattan Mercury for the June 11, 2017 open letter to the Riley County Law Enforcement Agency (Law Board) in which several items were brought to the Board's attention. Beardsley stated that the accuracies or perceived inaccuracies of the open letter would not be addressed, but some clarifications were in order.

He stated that the release of information from the Riley County Police Department is not driven by publication or airtime deadlines. What does drive the release of information is making sure that the information is accurate and released properly. The Riley County Police Department, like the Manhattan Mercury and other local media, always wants the information to be as accurate as reasonably possible, and so, will conduct due diligence to ensure accuracy and compliance to law before the information is released.

J. Riley County Mental Health Co-Responder Project Cooperative Memorandum of Understanding: Included as part of the Law Board packet was the Riley County Mental Health Co-Responder Project Cooperative Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Riley County Police Department and Pawnee Mental Health Services. Addenda to the MOU include the RCPD Co-Responder Budget, Vehicle Agreement and Qualified Service Organization/Business Associate Agreement.

Reddi highlighted a few provisions within the MOU that address the partnership, communication and teamwork between the two agencies which she believed to be key components to ensuring a successful project.

Dodson moved to authorize the Chair of the Law Board to sign the Riley County Mental Health Co-Responder Project Cooperative Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Riley County Police Department and Pawnee Mental Health Services. Wilson seconded the motion. On vote, motion carried 6-0.

K. Public Hearing for 2018 Budget: At the May 15, 2017 Law Board Meeting the Board approved RCPD Budget Draft 3 for publication. The budget includes basic salary adjustments, a 0.8% Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) for all personnel, the expansion of shift differential pay to all employees who regularly work a shift that starts or ends during, or encompasses the hours of 12:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m., the expansion of education pay in the amount of \$200.00 a month for those who qualify, and funding to contract with Pawnee Mental Health Services for two Mental Health Co-Responders. Following a public hearing the budget can be formally adopted by the Law Board.

Chairman Beardsley opened the public hearing for the 2018 RCPD budget. No comments were received. The public hearing was closed.

L. Approve 2018 Budget: Wilkerson moved to approve RCPD Budget Draft 3 as presented. Wilson seconded the motion. On vote, motion carried 6-0.

M. Executive Session: At 12:34 p.m. Wilkerson moved to go into Executive Session until 1:04 p.m. for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel matters and attorney client privilege. Wilson seconded the motion. On vote, motion carried 6-0.

At 1:04 p.m. the open meeting reconvened.

N. Affirmation or Revocation of Discipline: Wilkerson moved to affirm the Director's disciplinary actions. Dodson seconded the motion. On vote, motion carried 6-0.

O. Coplogic Assessment: Director Schoen informed members of the Board and the public that the Riley County Police Department has ceased its online reporting option, as it appeared to be no longer cost-effective. The Department had discussed accepting more types of reports to increase the value of online reporting, but it was determined that doing so would lessen the Department's ability to collect evidence and successfully investigate crimes.

Reddi commented on the number of reports filed online in 2016 and the average of reports filed online for 2017. In her estimation, it appears as though quite a few individuals are utilizing the online reporting service, with 236 reports filed online in 2016 and an average of 13 reports filed online per month in 2017. She explained that she is on the fence with respect to the decision to no longer make this service available to the public. She would like the public to have more access to RCPD. With continued advancements in technology there might be a less expensive software option available in the future.

P. Adjournment: Beardsley moved to adjourn the meeting. Wilson seconded the motion. On vote, motion carried 6-0.

The June 19, 2017 Law Board Meeting adjourned at 1:11 p.m.