

**RILEY COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY
SPECIAL LAW BOARD MEETING
County Commission Chambers
115 N. 4th Street
Manhattan, KS
January 24, 2022 4:00 p.m.
Minutes**

Members Present: Chairperson Linda Morse Vice Chairperson Robert Ward
Secretary Barry Wilkerson Member Kathryn Focke
Member John Ford
Member Patricia Hudgins (arrived at 4:20 p.m.)
Member BeEtta Stoney (arrived at 5:13 p.m.)

Absent:

Staff Present: Director Dennis Butler Assistant Director Kurt Moldrup

Recorder: Executive Assistant Nichole Glessner, Riley County Police Department (RCPD)

I. Establish Quorum: By Chairperson Morse at 4:00 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance: Director Butler led the Riley County Law Enforcement Agency (Law Board) in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. General Agenda:

A. Public Comment: None.

B. Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #17 Comments: None.

C. Board Member Comments: Chairperson Morse and Member Ford thanked Director Butler for his testimony on January 20, 2022 to the Kansas Legislature regarding the benefits of consolidated law enforcement. House Concurrent Resolution (HCR) 5022 proposes a constitutional amendment requiring that a sheriff be elected in each county. The resolution was proposed in response to a few counties in Kansas switching to all appointed personnel. Those who wish to view the testimony may do so by subscribing to the Kansas Legislature House Federal and State Affairs Committee YouTube channel.

The Board publicly thanked Director Butler for his leadership over the past three years and the work he has done to strengthen the Department's relationship with the community.

D. Executive Session: At 4:05 p.m. Vice Chairperson Ward moved to recess into Executive Session until 5:05 p.m. for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel matters

with Director Butler present. Secretary Wilkerson seconded the motion. Chairperson Morse polled the Board and the motion passed with Focke, Ford, Morse, Ward and Wilkerson voting in favor, and no one voting against. The motion passed 5-0.

At 5:05 p.m. the open meeting reconvened.

Secretary Wilkerson moved to recess into Executive Session until 5:20 p.m. for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel matters. Member Hudgins seconded the motion. Chairperson Morse polled the Board and the motion passed with Focke, Ford, Hudgins, Morse, Ward and Wilkerson voting in favor, and no one voting against. The motion passed 6-0.

At 5:20 p.m. the open meeting reconvened.

Secretary Wilkerson moved to recess into Executive Session until 5:40 p.m. for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel matters. Vice Chairperson Ward seconded the motion. Chairperson Morse polled the Board and the motion passed with Focke, Ford, Hudgins, Morse, Ward and Wilkerson voting in favor, and no one voting against. The motion passed 6-0 (Member Stoney was at the meeting but not present for the vote).

At 5:40 p.m. the open meeting reconvened.

Secretary Wilkerson moved to recess into Executive Session until 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel matters. Vice Chairperson Ward seconded the motion. Chairperson Morse polled the Board and the motion passed with Ford, Hudgins, Morse, Stoney, Ward and Wilkerson voting in favor, and no one voting against. The motion passed 6-0 (Member Focke was at the meeting but not present for the vote).

At 6:01 p.m. the open meeting reconvened.

E. Interim Director Position: Secretary Wilkerson moved to authorize a contract with current Assistant Director Kurt Moldrup to assume the position of Interim Director of the RCPD beginning on the retirement of Director Dennis Butler. Member Hudgins seconded the motion. Chairperson Morse polled the Board and the motion passed with Focke, Ford, Hudgins, Morse, Stoney, Ward and Wilkerson voting in favor, and no one voting against. The motion passed 7-0.

F. Adjournment: Secretary Wilkerson moved to adjourn the meeting. Member Ford seconded the motion. Chairperson Morse polled the Board and the motion passed with Focke, Ford, Hudgins, Morse, Stoney, Ward and Wilkerson voting in favor, and no one voting against. The motion passed 7-0. The January 24, 2022 Special Law Board Meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.