

**RILEY COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY
LAW BOARD MEETING
Leonardville Community Center
118 N. Erpelding Road
Leonardville, KS
October 17, 2022 12:00 p.m.
Minutes**

Members Present: Chairperson Linda Morse Vice Chairperson Robert Ward
Secretary Barry Wilkerson Member Kathryn Focke (Attended Virtually)
Member John Ford (Attended Virtually) Member Patricia Hudgins

Absent: Member BeEtta Stoney Interim Director Kurt Moldrup
Captain Erin Freidline

Staff Present: Captain Brad Jager Captain Josh Kyle
Captain Derek Woods

Recorder: Executive Offices Manager Nichole Glessner, Riley County Police Department
(RCPD or Department)

I. Establish Quorum: By Chairperson Morse at 12:00 p.m.

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

III. Consent Agenda:

- A.** Approval of Minutes
 - 1. September 19, 2022 Law Board Meeting
 - 2. September 29, 2022 Special Law Board Meeting
 - 3. October 3, 2022 Special Law Board Meeting
- B.** Approve 2022 Expenditures/Credits
- C.** 2022 Adjusted Financial Journal Entries
- D.** Juvenile Transport Reimbursement
- E.** RCPD Related County Expenditures (*Review*)
- F.** Riley County Jail Average Daily Inmate Population- (*Review*)
- G.** Seizure Expenditure- (*Review*)
- H.** Monthly Crime Report- (*Review*)

Captain Jager addressed the Monthly Crime Report and noted that Part 1 Crime is down 13.9% for the year to date. He commented on the climb in violent crime, specifically robberies and aggravated assaults and batteries, for the month of September. He explained that with respect to the robberies, many were non-stranger crimes in which the victim knew the offender. Two of the aggravated assault and battery incidents were domestic related; one incident involved a drug sale that went bad.

Captain Woods discussed the increase in the average daily inmate population for the month of September. He attributed the increase to the court system returning to business as usual following the pandemic. He added that jury trials have begun again resulting in an increase in confinements.

Secretary Wilkerson moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. 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.

IV. General Agenda:

I. Additions or Deletions: Captain Kyle informed the Board that Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #17 President Rachel Pate was out of town attending training and not available to provide comment.

J. Public Comment: None.

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

L. Board Member Comments: Chairperson Morse read a press release announcing that the Law Board will be hosting a public forum with three finalists for the Director position for the Riley County Police Department. Kurt Moldrup has served as Interim Director since former Director Dennis Butler retired on January 31, 2022. The Law Board received 15 applications for the position and expects to name a Director by December 1, 2022. The three finalists are as follows in alphabetical order:

Josh Kyle, Riley County Police Department, Manhattan, Kansas
Mark Mathies, Edwardsville Police Department, Edwardsville, Kansas
Brian Peete, Montpelier Police Department, Montpelier, Vermont

The forum will be held on Thursday, October 27, 2022, from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m., at the Manhattan Fire Department Headquarters, 2000 Denison Ave., in Manhattan. The forum will start with finalists' presentations followed by a question-and-answer session. The forum will also be live-streamed on the Riley County Police Department Facebook page. The community is encouraged to attend the forum to hear from the final candidates. Those in attendance will have an opportunity to submit agency-related questions to be read by a moderator. Due to time constraints, not all submitted questions will be asked. A majority of the Law Board will be attending the forum.

In order to comply with provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Riley County Law Enforcement Agency will make reasonable efforts to accommodate the needs of persons with disabilities. Questions or assistance may be directed to Executive Offices Manager Nichole Glessner at (785) 537-2112 ext. 2468 or nglessner@rileycountypolice.org.

M. Domestic Violence Awareness Month: Captain Kyle informed the Law Board and listening public that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. He thought it appropriate to discuss some of the activities that have already occurred in observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month as well as give an indication on the type of calls that the Department has received that were DV related.

Captain Kyle stated that earlier this month, the Manhattan Silent Witness Ceremony in honor of Domestic Violence Month was held downtown. Several employees of the RCPD attended the ceremony. Silhouettes in remembrance of the victims of domestic violence are also on display in the front lobby of the RCPD.

Captain Kyle reported that beginning January 2021 to September 2022, the RCPD received 1,642 calls for service involving the nature of Domestic. During that same period there were 1,053 criminal reports filed. The nature of the criminal reports range from battery to sex offenses. Captain Kyle stated that the numbers indicate an issue of domestic violence within the community, and together as a community there is a need to address domestic violence, no matter how it occurs.

Chairperson Morse asked if the number of domestic violence reports for 2022 have increased compared to previous years.

Captain Kyle responded that the number of domestic violence reports vary from month to month. Overall, they are lower in 2022 compared to 2021.

N. Executive Session: At 12:15 p.m. Secretary Wilkerson moved to recess into Executive Session until 12:35 p.m. to discuss 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 12:35 p.m. the open meeting reconvened.

Secretary Wilkerson moved to recess into Executive Session until 12:50 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.

At 12:52 p.m. the open meeting reconvened.

Secretary Wilkerson moved to recess into Executive Session until 1:06 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.

At 1:09 p.m. the open meeting reconvened.

O. Affirmation or Revocation of Discipline: Secretary Wilkerson moved to affirm the Director's disciplinary actions. 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.

P. Adjournment: Vice Chairperson Ward moved to adjourn the meeting. 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. The October 17, 2022 Law Board Meeting adjourned at 1:09 p.m.