

**RILEY COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY  
LAW BOARD MEETING  
Ogden Community Center  
220 Willow Street  
Ogden, KS  
November 21, 2022 12:00 p.m.  
Minutes**

**Members Present:** Chairperson Linda Morse Vice Chairperson Robert Ward  
Secretary Barry Wilkerson (Left at 12:53 p.m.) Member Kathryn Focke  
Member John Ford Member Patricia Hudgins  
Member BeEtta Stoney

**Absent:**

**Staff Present:** Interim Director Kurt Moldrup Captain Erin Freidline  
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. October 17, 2022 Law Board Meeting
  - 2. October 28, 2022 Special Law Board Meeting
  - 3. October 31, 2022 Special Law Board Meeting
  - 4. November 16, 2022 Special Law Board Meeting
- B.** Approve 2022 Expenditures/Credits
- C.** Juvenile Transport Reimbursement
- D.** RCPD Related County Expenditures (*Review*)
- E.** Riley County Jail Average Daily Inmate Population- (*Review*)
- F.** Approval of Communications Center & Department Policies
  - 1. COMMS Policy 2.2.3 – Agency Liability, Report Required
  - 2. COMMS Policy 2.2.4 – Agency Liability, Report Reviewed
  - 3. COMMS Policy 6.5.5 – Alternative Communications Criteria and Procedures
- G.** Reports: Synopsis- (*Review*)
  - 1. Monthly
    - a) Monthly Crime Report
  - 2. Quarterly
    - a) 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Uniform Crime Report (82.1.4)

- b) 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Traffic Accident Enforcement Analysis (61.1.1 A&C)
- c) 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Seizure & Forfeiture Report (84.1.8)

Vice Chairperson Ward inquired about Voucher #11056 payable to James Gordon & Associates CPA, PA. He wished to know if the expenditure is for the 2021 or 2022 audit.

Interim Director Moldrup responded that it is for the 2021 audit.

Vice Chairperson Ward moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Secretary Wilkerson 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.

#### **IV. General Agenda:**

##### **H. Additions or Deletions: None.**

**I. Public Comment:** The following individuals approached the Board to express their growing concerns with the crime and lack of law enforcement presence in Ogden: Josh Brewer, Kirk Crabtree, Mary Gieber, Pam Gieber, Thomas Maia, Michael Marinella, Dennis Radcliff, Dennis Radley, John Smetch, Mary Jane Taylor, Mary Troy, James Wood, Darrell Woods [*Recorder's note: spelling of names unknown*].

Those in attendance were recipients of a flier authored by an unknown community member that stated "*EXCESSIVE CRIME IN OGDEN NEEDS TO STOP! Please attend the Riley County Law Board Meeting, Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, Location: Ogden Community Center, 220 Willow St., Time: 12:00 (Noon). Discuss your concerns of not feeling safe in your own home or how you are afraid of leaving your home and property with worries it will be vandalized or stolen. This is the time for you to speak up and voice your concerns with the Riley County Law Board of all the crime in your town! We need to voice our frustrations and demand more protection. Please be there!*"

Members of the Law Board and RCPD were unaware of the flier that had circulated throughout Ogden. Due to the flier, residents believed that the intent of the meeting being hosted in Ogden was specifically to address their concerns. Residents also believed that this would be their opportunity to meet the new director of the RCPD.

Given the misunderstanding, the Law Board requested RCPD Administration obtain additional information and respond to the concerns voiced by the community at either a future Law Board Meeting or Ogden City Council Meeting.

**J. Fraternal Order of Police Lodge#17 Comments:** Corporal Rachel Pate, President, Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge #17, shared that they have started raising funds for Cops N' Kids which will be held in December. This program allows children that may not otherwise receive presents to shop with a cop. They hope to support 75 area kids with gifts for the holiday season. She added that the Tip-A-Cop fundraiser benefiting the Special Olympics Kansas will be held from 5-9 p.m. on December 6, 2022 at Texas Roadhouse, Manhattan, KS.

**K. Board Member Comments:** Member Ford took a moment to thank those from the community who attended the meeting and shared their concerns. He agreed that there are challenges that need to be addressed sooner rather than later and before things potentially get worse. He felt that a comprehensive discussion about how to best apply the resources of the RCPD will need to take place.

Secretary Wilkerson echoed the comments of Member Ford. He discussed the benefits of having an officer assigned to Ogden; one who knows the community and vice versa. He recalled a time when there were officers assigned to the area who knew where everyone lived and who was responsible for committing crime in the community. He encouraged the RCPD to look into the matter and determine if it is feasible to have an officer more devoted to the area.

Chairperson Morse stated that she understands how important it is for residents to feel safe. She commented that the communities served by the RCPD have grown over the years. Ogden is larger than it was many years ago when the conversation was held regarding revenue, and it is important that they reassess. She thanked everyone for providing comment.

**L. Kansas Office of the Governor Federal Victims of Crime Act Grant Program:** Captain Freidline explained that for the 4<sup>th</sup> year, the Riley County Police Department has been awarded the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant through the Kansas Governors Grants Program. She stated that it has been an exceptional program for the RCPD. She added that as the Department's Victim Advocate Coordinator, Melissa Mosher has done an exceptional job taking care of victims of personal crime and their families.

Mosher provided an overview of the services that have been provided to victims of personal crime and their families from October 2021-September 2022. She explained that having a victim advocate coordinator in law enforcement is a bit innovative for the state of Kansas. The RCPD is only 1 of 8 departments throughout the state that has a victim advocate inside of the police department who interacts with victims of crime immediately after the crime has occurred. She noted that there are departments in smaller communities that are looking at what Riley County is doing with regard to victim services.

Mosher stated that she typically reaches out to victims of personal crime within 2-3 days after the crime has occurred which allows law enforcement to complete their follow-up. She reaches out to victims to provide emotional support, share information regarding their case, and answer questions about what to expect in the criminal justice system as their case moves forward. In addition, she links victims to state or local resources that can help them in the future. She commented that the majority of her efforts go into direct service.

In addition to her regular duties, Mosher serves as the RCPD representative on local and state task forces and coalitions. Mosher pointed out the great working relationship between the RCPD and County Attorney's Office and community based advocacy groups like the Crisis Center, Care Office, and Fort Riley Sharp. As the Victim Advocate Coordinator, Melissa fills the gap of services for victims immediately after the crime has occurred to provide emotional support and keep victims engaged as their case moves forward in the process.

Mosher informed the Law Board that in the previous grant year, the RCPD served 205 victims of personal crime. She clarified that it could have been a one-time occurrence, but in most cases, it is multiple contacts over a period of months, depending on the length of the criminal investigation.

Member Stoney commended Mosher on the great work she and the Department are doing. She wished to know if the statistics provided in the Law Board packet could be broken down into percentages and provided to the Board.

Mosher responded that she would provide the requested information to Executive Offices Manager Nichole Glessner who will email it to the Board.

**M. End of Year Expenditures:** Captain Kyle informed the Board that RCPD Administration intended to discuss end of year expenditures and unused personnel funds at the regular monthly November Law Board Meeting; however, there were couple of contingencies that needed to be worked through prior to doing so. Therefore, the end of year expenditure discussion will take place at the December 19, 2022 Law Board Meeting.

**N. Executive Session:** At 12:55 p.m. Vice Chairperson Ward moved to recess into Executive Session until 1:25 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel matters. Member Stoney seconded the motion. Chairperson Morse polled the Board and the motion passed with Focke, Ford, Hudgins, Morse, Stoney, and Ward voting in favor, and no one voting against. The motion passed 6-0.

At 1:26 p.m. the open meeting reconvened.

**O. Affirmation or Revocation of Discipline:** Vice Chairperson Ward moved to affirm the Director's disciplinary actions. Member Ford seconded the motion. Chairperson Morse polled the Board and the motion passed with Focke, Ford, Hudgins, Morse, Stoney, and Ward voting in favor, and no one voting against. The motion passed 6-0.

**P. Adjournment:** Member Ford moved to adjourn the meeting. Member Stoney seconded the motion. Chairperson Morse polled the Board and the motion passed with Focke, Ford, Hudgins, Morse, Stoney, and Ward voting in favor, and no one voting against. The motion passed 6-0. The November 21, 2022 Law Board Meeting adjourned at 1:28 p.m.