

**RILEY COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY
LAW BOARD MEETING
City Commission Meeting Room
1101 Poyntz Ave.
July 20, 2020 12:00 p.m.
Minutes**

Members Present:

Craig Beardsley	Wynn Butler
Linda Morse	Marvin Rodriguez
Robert Ward	Barry Wilkerson

Absent:

BeEtta Stoney	Captain Tim Hegarty
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Staff Present:

Director Dennis Butler	Assistant Director Kurt Moldrup
Captain Erin Freidline	Captain Derek Woods
Lieutenant Brad Jager	Lieutenant Greg Steere

Recorder:

Victim/Witness Coordinator Lisa Hafliger, Riley County Attorney's Office

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

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

III. Consent Agenda:

- A. Approve June 15, 2020 Law Board Meeting Minutes
- B. Approve 2020 Expenditures/Credits
- C. Juvenile Transport Reimbursement
- D. RCPD Related County Expenditures- (*Review*)
- E. Riley County Jail Average Daily Inmate Population- (*Review*)
- F. Monthly Crime Report- (*Review*)

Ward moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Beardsley seconded the motion.

Morse wished to know if Riley County Police Department (RCPD) staff would be prepared to discuss compensation/reimbursement received through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), or grants through the U.S. Department of Justice.

Director Butler shared that the Department has been approved for one specific COVID grant in the amount of \$63,000. There is another opportunity through the annual Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) that is around \$19,000. The JAG it is not specifically for COVID, but it could be used for that purpose. There are funds available through the CARES Act; although, the application and list of requests have not yet been submitted to the County.

Rodriquez clarified that the requests are due by July 27th and the funds are to be expended or obligated by the end of the year.

Morse inquired about funds available through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Strengthening People and Revitalizing Kansas (SPARK) program.

Director Butler said that he was not aware of any reimbursements received from FEMA or the SPARK program.

Morse asked if the \$63,000 received would cover the Department's costs with regards to COVID.

Director Butler commented that it depends as they want to order supplies and disinfecting equipment that would be used beyond the immediate need. They didn't know there would be another \$15 million coming to the County that they would be eligible to apply. He wants to be responsible in what they request funding for.

Chairman Rodriguez polled the Board and the motion passed with Beardsley, Butler, Morse, Rodriguez, Ward, and Wilkerson voting in favor, and no one voting against. The motion passed 6-0.

IV. General Agenda:

G. Additions or Deletions: Director Butler shared that Morse previously requested that the topic of diversity and inclusion be added to a future agenda. While it is not on the agenda for today, he wanted to update that Board that the Fair and Impartial Policing Committee met in early July. The meeting was originally scheduled for March, but was delayed due to the pandemic. Captain Kyle informed him that the meeting went very well. Representatives from RCPD include Captain Kyle, Detective Brian Johnson (Fraternal Order of Police), Detective Calvin Sanders and Officer Tyrone Townsend. Personnel from K-State and other community members make up the committee which is chaired by Be Stoney.

Director Butler shared that since Memorial Day, the RCPD received numerous inquiries from the public about RCPD's training, policies and practices. In response to those requests, a section was added to the RCPD website which includes a substantial amount of information regarding these topics and more. Now they are referring people to the website and asking them re-contact the RCPD if they have additional questions or concerns after reviewing it.

H. Public Comment: None.

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

J. Board Member Comments: Chairmen Rodriguez extended his condolences to Be Stoney on the passing of her mother.

K. Community Advisory Board Update: Community Advisory Board (CAB) Chairperson Lewis Smith was not present to provide an update. Director Butler shared that at the last meeting the

CAB discussed holding their monthly meetings in other locations later in the evenings to encourage more community participation. They have an upcoming meeting scheduled in Ogden.

Morse commented that inviting the public is important as a few years ago it was presented to her that only members attended the meetings.

L. RCPD Firearms Range Planning Update: Lieutenant Brad Jager informed the Board that the RCPD has vacated the former range. Construction started on the new firing range last week and it will hopefully be completed in mid-October. There was a pre-bid mandatory meeting that the architects held for any perspective bidders for the range building last week. It is out for bid now and should expect to be in by the end of the month.

Morse asked if they could provide details of the design plan for the range at a future meeting. She also inquired if the range would be staffed once it is complete.

Lieutenant Jager stated that it would not be fully staffed and that personnel would only be there when there is training.

Wynn Butler inquired if there are any clean-up costs associated with the vacated range.

Rodriguez shared that clean-up costs will be the County's responsibility and they are having a professional assessment completed.

M. Executive Session: At 12:15 p.m. Wilkerson moved to recess into Executive Session until 12:35 p.m. for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel matters. Beardsley seconded the motion. Chairman Rodriguez polled the Board and the motion passed with Beardsley, Butler, Morse, Rodriguez, 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.

Wilkerson moved that the language of the disciplinary memorandum that previously suggested that there were findings that were unsubstantiated be changed to show that there was an exoneration of the allegations. Wynn Butler seconded the motion. Rodriguez polled the Board and the motion passed with Beardsley, Butler, Morse, Rodriguez, Ward and Wilkerson voting in favor, and no one voting against. The motion passed 6-0.

At 12:35 p.m. Wilkerson moved to recess into Executive Session until 12:50 p.m. for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel matters. Beardsley seconded the motion. Chairman Rodriguez polled the Board and the motion passed with Beardsley, Butler, Morse, Rodriguez, Ward and Wilkerson voting in favor, no one voting against.

At 12:50 p.m. the open meeting reconvened.

N. Affirmation or Revocation of Discipline: Wilkerson moved to affirm the director's disciplinary actions. Ward seconded the motion. Chairman Rodriguez polled the Board and the motion

passed with Beardsley, Butler, Morse, Rodriguez, Ward, and Wilkerson voting in favor, and no one voting against. The motion passed 6-0.

At 12:51 p.m. Wilkerson moved to recess into Executive Session until 1:06 p.m. for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel matters. Beardsley seconded the motion. Chairman Rodriguez polled the Board and the motion passed with Beardsley, Butler, Morse, Rodriguez, Ward and Wilkerson voting in favor, no one voting against.

At 1:10 p.m. the open meeting reconvened.

At 1:10 p.m. Wilkerson moved to recess into Executive Session until 1:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel matters. Beardsley seconded the motion. Chairman Rodriguez polled the Board and the motion passed with Beardsley, Butler, Morse, Rodriguez, Ward and Wilkerson voting in favor, no one voting against.

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

At 1:26 p.m. Wilkerson moved to recess into Executive Session until 1:40 p.m. for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel matters. Wynn Butler seconded the motion. Chairman Rodriguez polled the Board and the motion passed with Beardsley, Butler, Morse, Rodriguez, Ward and Wilkerson voting in favor, no one voting against.

At 1:43 p.m. the open meeting reconvened.

O. Adjournment: Wilkerson moved to adjourn the meeting. Morse seconded the motion. Chairman Rodriguez polled the Board and the motion passed with Beardsley, Butler, Morse, Rodriguez, Ward, and Wilkerson voting in favor, and no one voting against. The motion passed 6-0. The July 20, 2020 Law Board Meeting adjourned at 1:43 p.m.