

Minutes

Wednesday, September 3, 2025

5:30 p.m.

City Commission Room, City Hall

1101 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS

Members Present: Chair Phil Mattox, Vice Chair Lisa Sisley, Julie Keenan, Julie Hatesohl, Missy Tener, Mary Beth Reese, Nancy Knopp, John Ball and Rob Voelker.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Jared Wasinger, Assistant City Manager.

1) CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mattox called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2) ROLL CALL & ANNOUNCEMENT OF QUORUM

Jared Wasinger called the roll. Nine members were present, which meets the quorum of 5.

3) CONSENT AGENDA

A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – AUGUST 20, 2025

Vice Chair Sisley motioned to approve the minutes. Julie Keenan seconded the motion. The motion passed 9-0.

No public comment was received.

4) GENERAL AGENDA

A) AGENCY INTERVIEWS: SPECIAL ALCOHOL FUND APPLICANTS

Jared Wasinger presented a breakdown of the agencies that applied for 2026 funding and the order of the interviews.



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UFM – Pamela Green Neely, Program Coordinator presented to the board. Members asked questions about the program, how often it occurs, eligibility, and how it differentiates from other programs.

MESI – Emily Wagner, Director, presented to the board. Members asked clarifying questions related to the outreach program, funding and clarification on numbers within their application.

Thrive – Jayme Morris Hardmen, Director, presented to the board. Chair Mattox asked if they submitted their annual report. Jared Wasinger confirmed they had not. Jayme said she would send it. Members asked questions about their location, the coaching/mentoring program, and financial struggles of clients.

Riley County Community Corrections (Juv.) – Megan Lewis, Director, presented to the board. Members asked questions about how many people they are serving, Phil, how many are you serving, where they are located, how the funds are used for the evaluations, length of time clients, and why they asked for less funding this year.

Riley County Community Corrections (Adult) – Megan Lewis, Director, presented to the board. Members asked how many adults they typically serve and how they would operate without funding.

Riley County Court Services – Danielle Force, Probation Officer with the District Court, presented to the board. Members asked about funding for both adults and juveniles.

Pawnee Mental health – Diane Hendriks and Eric Martin, presented to the board. Members asked about their social detox bed and how full that area says within the stabilization unit, along with staffing demand.

USD 383 – Kari Quito Humes, Drug and Alcohol Prevention Coordinator, presented to the board. Members asked about the increased request and process for their annual survey.

Boys and Girls Club – Brady Armstrong, Chief Development Officer, presented to the board. Chair Mattox asked about their federal funding.

Sunflower Children’s Collective – Carson Kober, Director, presented to the board. Jared Wasinger provided clarification that the Sunflower Children’s Collective is applying for Special Alcohol Funds, and CASA and CAC are applying for Social Services Funds. Carson explained the reasoning in detail.

Be Able – Scott Voos, Executive Director and Jarad Garan, Operations Director, presented to the board. Members asked about the position they are funding and their credentials, along with the relationships they form with other agencies, how referrals work, and about individuals getting dropped off in Manhattan for services.

Restoration Center – Carl Taylor, Director, presented to the board. Chair Mattox asked about why they did not apply last year. Members asked about their relationship with the jail and how they differ from Riley County Court Services.

Big Brothers Big Sisters – Michelle Sink, Director, presented to the board. Members asked about their federal funding.

USD 378 – Jessica Whitesell presented to the board. Members asked about where students reside and how those that live in Manhattan enroll in USD 378. Members also asked about what funding they receive from the school district.

Wonder Workshop – Katie Seel, Executive Director, presented to the board. Members asked how their clients become part of the program.

Jared Wasinger provided the details for how members will complete recommendation worksheets in preparation for the next meeting.

5) NEXT METING

WEDNESDAY, September 17, 2025
5:30 P.M.
CITY COMMISSION ROOM, CITY HALL
1101 POYNTZ AVENUE, MANHATTAN, KS

6) ADJOURNMENT

Julie Keenan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nancy Knopp seconded the motion. The motion passed 9-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.