

DRAFT Minutes

Wednesday, October 15, 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, Nancy Knopp, John Ball, and Rob Voelker (Virtual).

Members Absent: Mary Beth Reese.

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. Eight members were present, which meets the quorum of 5.

3) CONSENT AGENDA

A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – OCTOBER 1, 2025

Julie Keenan motioned to approve the minutes. Julie Hatesohl seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0.

No public comment was received.

4) GENERAL AGENDA

A) DELIBERATION: SOCIAL SERVICES FUND APPLICATIONS

Jared Wasinger presented a breakdown average recommendation for each agency across the nine members that completed their recommendations spreadsheet. Chair Mattox explained the

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process the board members go through to the public and how each member provides a recommendation, ranking based on whether the service provided is “critical” “important” or “desirable” and how Jared Wasinger works to compile those submittals and present an average to the board to begin deliberations as a starting point.

John Ball motioned to approve the recommendations as presented. Vice Chair Sisley seconded the motion. The board entertained discussion among the members. Julie Hatesohl noted three agencies where all nine members rated them at critical and asked why they would not be funded at 100% of their request. Julie Keenan and Missy Tener concurred. Vice Chair Sisley and John Ball noted the individual rankings lead to multiple "Solomon's choices" and while the averages did not line up exactly with their recommendations there is balance across the members and close to where they are. Other members discussed the desire to reach a consensus, noting that it involved difficult decisions and balancing acts. They acknowledged that no agency was zeroed out, and all received some funding, and many received increases from last year. Members noted their approach to prioritization of critical services, with some members emphasizing the importance of food, shelter, and safety, and the challenges of balancing funding for all agencies. Several members emphasized that food and shelter were their top priorities when defining critical services. They believed these should be funded first. Rob Voelker and Nancy Knopp added that safety should also be considered critical, particularly for agencies like the Crisis Center. Members acknowledged that there were many intangibles in the decision-making process, such as the history of the organizations and their cooperation with other agencies in the community.

Members discussed next year looking at how to further define and refining the prioritization process.

No public comment was received.

The motion to approve the funding recommendations as presented passed 8-0.

The board discussed waiting until 2027 until the social services capital fund reaches a balance closer to \$50,000 to open applications for the capital grant program and will reconvene next summer.

5) ADJOURNMENT

Julie Keenan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nancy Knopp seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.