

CHARTER COMMISSION AGENDA
Johnson County Administrative Bldg.
111 S Cherry, Olathe, Room 200/201
And
VIRTUAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2021
4:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

1. Roll call and Quorum

APPROVALS

1. Consider the Approval of the December 22, 2021 Agenda.
2. Consider the Approval of the December 6, 2021 Minutes.
3. Consider the Approval of the December 13, 2021 Minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Second reading – Full Consideration of Proposed Amendments to the Home Rule Charter that moved forward.
(see attachment for order of consideration.)
2. Proposed Amendments for Final Votes.
(see attachment for order)
3. Note of Other Items for Processing and Other Notes by the Chairman

NEXT MEETING AGENDA (Monday, January 10, 2021 at: 4:00 p.m.)

KU Edwards BEST Conference Center.– In Person and Virtual

- a. Continued consideration of proposed amendments.

ADJOURNMENT

Charter Website at: <https://charter.jocogov.org/>

12/22/2021

12/22/2021 Second Readings

Elected Position

- ~~Establishment of “Johnson County Unincorporated Trustee” Position Elected by the Unincorporated Citizens of Johnson County.~~
(Clerks Note: Held for Legal Opinion) (see new proposal below)

****Submitted new wording for above proposed amendment as of 12/20/2021****

Amendment mandating that the Johnson County Planning and Zoning Commission, with the advice and consent of the Township Trustees, spend certain monies from the general fund, reserves, and public works funds of Johnson County, Kansas on the maintenance and upkeep of roads, bridges, culverts, and overall capital improvement in the unincorporated areas of Johnson County, Kansas.

Board of County Commissioners

- At Section 2.02, the fourth sentence shall be deleted and replaced with the following: "*Six Commissioners shall continue to be elected to four-year terms consistent with past practice. The Seventh District Commissioner elected in November 2022 shall be elected to a five-year term, after which term the Seventh District Commissioner shall thereafter be elected to four-year terms beginning in November 2027.*"

Partisan/Nonpartisan

- Modify Article V as follows: (NEW Document from Submitter 12-17-2021; request modified with Blue/Red Line document 12/6/2021-)

12/22/2021 Items for Final Votes

Board of County Commissioners

- All vacancies on the Board of County Commissioners shall be filled at the next scheduled Election unless the next scheduled election is within 90 days of the position becoming vacant.

Public Health

- **Description of proposed amendment (modified language from first reading and second reading):**

"The Board of County Commissioners shall form a standing Health and Safety Advisory Council (HSAC) that will provide strategic guidance when the BOCC acts as the Board of Health or exercises other emergency powers related to issues of public health and safety. The HSAC shall be composed of representatives from accredited health professions, colleges & universities, K-12 school districts, local Federally Qualified Health Center, businesses, as well as professional health interest groups as determined by the BOCC, including but not limited to, physicians, patients, caregivers, pharmacies, hospitals, schools, non-profit and religious organizations, law enforcement, first responders, and the general public.

The Directors of the Health & Environment Department and Emergency Management Department shall serve as ex-officio members of the HSAC. Each District Commissioner of the BOCC and the County Sheriff shall appoint one member to the HSAC. The Chair of the County Commission shall appoint two members to the HSAC. The HSAC may be expanded to include other disciplines as the BOCC deems appropriate. Members of the HSAC shall serve three year terms and are not subject to term limits."

Board of County Commissioners

- The County Manager shall appoint or hire, with simple majority approval of the BOCC, the non-elected director of each department whose principal officer reports to the County Manager. The County Manager shall also suspend or dismiss all non-elected directors, except as provided by law or this Charter.

- (Revised wording 12/17/2021)
Delete all text from Section 2.05 ("Compensation") and replace with the following:

Each Commissioner and the Chair shall be offered an annual salary set at the 2021 salary amount, adjusted annually at the lesser rate of (a) two percent (2%); (b) the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) for the trailing 12 months; or (c) the average budgeted increase percentage for all county employees. The first adjustment shall occur in January 2023 for the 2023 year. They shall be offered employee benefits commensurate with those offered to County management employees.

Partisan/Nonpartisan

- Change election status of the sheriff's position to a nonpartisan race.

Other items:

Remaining items to process:

Clean-up

- Delete the current Section 2.08 and renumber the current Section 2.09 as Section 2.08.
- Delete the text of the current Section 6.03. Insert the text of the current Section 6.04.
Eliminate the heading of the current Section 6.04.
Modify bullet one of the new text of Sec. 6.03 to add the parenthetical (second Thursday of January 2001) after the word “Charter.” The bullet now reads: “A Charter Commission, composed and appointed provided by statute, shall be created within 30 days of a date which follows 10 years after the effective date of this Charter (the second Thursday of January 2001), and at least every 10 years thereafter.”
Delete all of Article VII.