

**CHARTER COMMISSION AGENDA**  
**Johnson County Administrative Bldg.**  
**111 S Cherry, Olathe, Room 200/201**  
**And**  
**VIRTUAL MEETING**  
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2021**  
**4:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

1. Roll call and Quorum

**APPROVALS**

1. Consider the Approval of the November 8, 2021 Agenda.
2. Consider the Approval of the October 27, 2021 Minutes.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. First reading - Consideration of the Proposed Amendments to the Home Rule Charter (requires nine (9) Affirmative votes to move to second reading for full consideration.) (see attachment for order of consideration.)

**NEXT MEETING AGENDA (Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at: 4:00 p.m.)**

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- a. Continued consideration of proposed amendments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Proposal packets on Charter Website at: <https://charter.jocogov.org/current-charter-resources>

## **Proposed Home Rule Charter Amendments 2021**

### **Elected Positions**

- Change the positions of County Clerk, Register of Deeds, and County Treasurer to elected positions from their current status as appointed positions.
- Establishment of “*Johnson County Unincorporated Trustee*” Position Elected by the Unincorporated Citizens of Johnson County.
- Change the Head of the Johnson County Appraisal Office to an elected position.

### **Public Health**

- Create a public health and safety governing board to provide oversight for the public health department and county sheriff's department.
- The Board of County Commissioners shall form a Health Advisory Council which shall provide guidance when the BOCC acts as the Public Health Board. The Health Advisory Council shall be composed of representatives of interested groups and parties, including but not limited to, physicians, patients, caregivers, pharmacies, hospitals, and the general public.

### **Governing Boards**

- The directors and members of the governing boards of Johnson County Library System, Parks and Recreation District, Mental Health Center, Developmental Supports, and the Airport Commission shall be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners, based on education and experience for the position appointed to. ALL appointees shall maintain residency within Johnson County and be a qualified elector.

### **Board of County Commissioners**

- All vacancies on the Board of County Commissioners should be filled by special election unless the next scheduled election is within 90 days of the position becoming vacant.
- Add the following sentence at the end of Section 2.05: "*Increases in compensation and benefits that exceed the increase in the Consumer Price Index over the time period since the last compensation or benefits increase shall require approval by the voters.*"

- 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.*"
- BOCC are to approve new hires or reappointments of department directors or division heads.

### **Partisan/Nonpartisan**

- Change election status of the sheriff’s position to a nonpartisan race.
- Change the format of all county elections to partisan.
- Modify Article V as follows:
  1. Modify Section 5.02, bullet 1, sentence 2 to read as follow: “Except as provided by law or this Charter, the County Manager shall appoint, suspend, or dismiss all non-elected department directors and division heads, including the County Clerk, the Register of Deeds, and the County Treasurer.”
  2. Modify Section 5.05 by deleting bullets, 1, 2, 3, and redraft the remaining provisions to read as follows: “The District Attorney and the Sheriff shall be selected by popular vote in a nonpartisan election held every 4 years. The Commissioners shall review and approve the budgets for each elected office. Each elected office is subject to the personnel policies and procedures established by the BOCC and all other administrative policies adopted by Commission to the extent not inconsistent with law.”

### **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.

## 2021 JOHNSON COUNTY CHARTER COMMISSION

### 14<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting Minutes -Public Hearing

Wednesday October 27, 2021

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#### CALL TO ORDER

The fourteenth regular meeting - Public Hearing of the 2021 Johnson County Charter Commission convened on Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at 5:33 p.m. via In-Person Olathe Embassy Suites – Conference Center and Zoom (virtual). Greg Musil, Chairman of the Charter Commission called the meeting to order and asked the Clerk to call the roll.

#### 1. Roll Call

The roll being called, it was found the following Members were present and participated in the meeting, to wit:

#### **Officers:**

Greg Musil, Chairman

Dawn Rattan, Vice-Chair

Ed Peterson, Secretary

#### **Members:**

Wendy Bingesser

Mike Boehm

Vicki Charlesworth

Jim Denning

Jane Dirks

Jimmy Gaona

Tedrick Housh

Randy Hutchins

Chris Iliff

Laura Klingensmith

Eric Mikkelson

Leslee Rivarola

Don Roberts

Kyle Russell

Paula Schwach

Brenda Sharpe

Greg Shelton

Greg Smith

Zach Thomas

#### **Members Absent:**

Karin Brownlee (Entered meeting at 5:47 p.m.)

Joy Koesten (Entered meeting at 5:57 p.m.)

Brent McCune

Also present were Cindy Dunham, Deputy Director of Legal Services; Lynda Sader, Deputy County Clerk; Maury Thompson, Deputy County Manager.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### 1. Consider the Approval of October 27, 2021 Agenda.

Zach Thomas moved to *Approve* the October 27, 2021 agenda as presented. Ed Peterson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (22-0 with No objections)

2. Consider the Approval of the October 11, 2021 Minutes.

Eric Mikkelson moved to *Approve* the October 11, 2021 Minutes as presented. Brenda Sharp seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (22-0 with No objections)

OLD BUSINESS

[None]

Chairman Musil welcomed the public and made a statement pertaining to the meeting and the Public Hearing procedures.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Public Hearing

The Public Hearing was held, and comments were received by the Commission.

*[Clerk note: at 5:47 p.m. Charter member Karin Brownlee entered the meeting.]*

*[Clerk note: at 5:57 p.m. Charter member Joy Koesten entered the meeting.]*

The Public Hearing was closed by the Chairman at 6:27 p.m.

*[Clerk note: at 6:30 p.m. Charter member Leslie Rivarola left the meeting.]*

**NEXT MEETING AGENDA (Monday, November 8, 2021 at: 4:00 p.m.)**

JOCO Administration Bldg.– In Person and Virtual

a. Initial Review of Proposed Topics for Amendment Consideration

Discussion was had on the schedule for the meetings going forward.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Greg Smith moved to *Adjourn* the meeting and Paula Schwach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (23-0 with No objections)

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

PREPARED BY Lynda Sader

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The journal entry for Wednesday, October 27, 2021, as recited above, having been read and considered by the Charter Commission, and having been found to be correct as written, was approved on this the eighth day of November 2021.

CHARTER COMMISSION  
JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS

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ED PETERSON, *Secretary*

ATTEST:

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LYNDA SADER, *Deputy County Clerk (Clerk to the Commission)*