

SEDGWICK COUNTY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MARCH 4, 2025

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Ronald Berges with John Fryar, Darrin Tobin and Christy Beckman present in office.

Those in attendance were: Vickie Sandlin, Julesburg Advocate, Lori Ehmke, Heather Foley and Cassie Kizer. Alexia Mayhue, Kurt Dilsaver, Rhonda Graham, Annie Sloan, Kacey Campbell, Zach Ruder, Elmer Ruder and Lacy Coty were present via Google Teams.

Berges moved to approve the agenda with the addition of reports on CTSI Audit meeting, Hospital meeting and NE Colorado meeting. Tobin second, carried.

Fryar moved to approve the March 4, 2025 payables and payroll. Tobin second, carried.

Fryar moved to approve the February 25, 2025 regular meeting minutes. Berges second, carried.

Fryar reported on the CTSI external audit for liability. Suggestions were made to help with processes including the possibility of re-writing the policy manual. Fryar noted that they covered how the Board does business as well. This is the first meeting with more to come. These services are provided to the county for free. Tobin reported that the general structure of the county government was reviewed including the statutory duties of the commissioners and where the accountability should lie for each department. Fryar noted that there are positions that fall directly under the commissioners but there is a need to change that structure along with the hiring and firing processes leading the Board to be more legislative and less administrative.

Berges reported on the Hospital Board meeting. The financials are slowly improving and they are looking into an alternate billing service. Two new physicians have been hired as 7 days on and 7 days off and that structure seems to be working well. Fryar asked the question is the county responsible if the Hospital comes up on a shortfall. The general consensus is that the county would be responsible.

Berges reported on the NE Colorado Health meeting. There will be water determinations coming up in the near future. They are looking forward to a new building to be constructed in Fort Morgan.

Fryar moved to approve the \$450 budgeted donation for the Ovid Days parade. Tobin second, carried

Fryar moved to approve the \$11,500 first half payment for the CBIG grant to MDQ. Berges second, carried.

Berges told the Board that PC Telcom would like to meet to start getting the permits together for the broadband project.

Berges reported that he left a message with Gib Becker but has not heard back from him.

Discussion was held on the request for OT for building maintenance. Fryar told the Board he would be more comfortable with letting it accumulate as comp time for now and discuss with the restructuring of the manual. Heather Foley told the Board that there is not a budgeted OT line in their department. Fryar asked Foley to provide a report on how much comp time/OT they have accrued up to now.

Cassie Kizer told the Board that the Economic Development received monies from the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority for the Workforce Development Program to advance the workforce in the amount of \$15,000. A computer was purchased for economic development and a CPR class was provided along with a purchase of 8 Ipad's for the Sedgwick County Hospital. Kizer noted that there is \$11,000 left and is looking into more causes that would advance the workplace.

Foley told the Board that a P-Card has been approved. Foley will organize the departments and amounts needed. Foley then told the Board that she will be doing HR training through CIC. Fryar asked Foley if there was a cost. Foley said yes and Fryar asked Foley to call CTSI as they will provide training for free.

Berges reported that there was the first local car swap meet held at the fairgrounds and it was very successful with vendors coming from all over. Berges reported that there will be a car show coming up in April.

Cassie Kizer reported that there is a home and garden show coming up on March 28th and 29th.

It is March 4, 2025 and the time is 9:15 a.m.. For the record, I am the Chairman, as required by the Open Meetings Law; this executive session is being electronically recorded. Also present at the executive session are the following persons: Ronald Berges, John Fryar and Darrin Tobin. This is an executive session for the following purpose: For the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and/or instructing negotiators, under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(e); I caution each participant to confine all discussion to the stated purpose of the executive session, and that no formal action may occur in the executive session. If at any point in the executive session any participant believes the discussion is going outside the proper scope of the executive session, please interrupt the discussion and make an objection. I hereby attest that this recording reflects the actual contents of the discussion at the executive session and has been made in lieu of any written minutes to satisfy the recording requirements of the Open Meetings Law. I will retain the tape in my possession for a 90-day period. The time is now 9:30 a.m. and the executive session has been concluded. The participants in the executive session were:

Ronald Berges, John Fryar and Darrin Tobin. For the record, if any person who participated in the executive session believes that any substantial discussion of any matters not included in the motion to go into executive session occurred during the executive session, or that any improper action occurred during the executive session in violation of the Open Meetings Law, I would ask that you state your concerns for the record. Hearing none, the next agenda item is...

Berges moved to adjourn the meeting. Tobin second, carried.

Submitted by:


Sedgwick County Clerk & Recorder

Approved: March 11, 2025

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SEDGWICK COUNTY, COLORADO

By: 
Ronald Berges, Chairman

Attest:


Sedgwick County Clerk & Recorder