

SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMISSIONER
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
APRIL 7, 2020

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Donald Schneider, Mark Turner, Howard McCormick by phone and Christy Beckman present and Amanda Mathes, Julesburg Advocate, Carl Britton, Sheriff, Rick Furrow, R&B, Tracy Kizer, Weed & Pest, Chris Howes, Building Maintenance present by phone via zoom.

McCormick moved to approve the agenda with the addition of letter of support for the NJC Scholarship and new deputy in Sheriff's Office and sneeze guards. Turner second, carried.

Schneider moved to approve the April 7, 2020 vouchers as presented. McCormick second, carried.

The minutes of the March 30, 2020 meeting were reviewed. McCormick moved to approve the minutes as presented. Turner second, carried.

Rick Furrow, R&B, gave the Board updates on current projects including projected chip & sealing to begin the first of June and overlaying to begin in July. Schneider asked Furrow if he addressed the complaints on County Rd 3. Furrow replied that they are going over the road once a week to re-work it so it will eventually be better.

Carlton Britton, Sheriff, told the Board that he has an applicant to fill the last budgeted open deputy position. Britton told the Board that she will be graduating from the academy on April 28th. McCormick moved to approve the hiring of Brandi Churchwell to begin the first week of May at a salary of \$35,000. Turner second, carried.

Discussion was held on COVID updates. McCormick reported that there are plans being made for a gathering at the fairgrounds for 4-H in vehicles with 10 or more present and ministerial making plans for vehicle gatherings for Easter. Crowder told the Board that according to the Public Health Order the gatherings are going against the order even though they will be in their cars. The Board discussed this with Sheriff Britton and all parties agree that gatherings of 10 or more directly violates the order given.

McCormick sent an email with a link for a company who manufactures sneeze guards for possible future use by the county departments. Beckman will send the email to all departments to let them research this project for their individual offices.

Chris Howes, Building Maintenance, updated the Board on current projects. Howes told the Board that they are using professional methods of cleaning at the Welcome Center. Howes told the Board he was getting a bid for the sprinkler system for the courthouse.

Rob Crowder reported that he has been working on the Health Care Coalition grant and is expecting the reimbursement check in the amount of \$1,600 for the emergency cots and has processed the Stretesky Grant for the AED's for Welcome Center and Hippodrome.

Turner moved to approve the letter of support for the NJC Foundation Scholarships. McCormick second, carried.

Discussion was held on the financial hardship that the COVID Virus is going to have on the county government. The Board will ask all departments to watch their budgets and not make any unnecessary purchases.

Tracy Kizer, Weed & Pest, updated the Board on current projects including the progress that Brent Mollendor is making on the repairs at the fairgrounds.

McCormick moved to adjourn the meeting. Turner second, carried. Meeting was adjourned.

Donald Schneider, Chairman

Christy M. Beckman, Clerk to the Board