

SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMISSIONER  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
JULY 20, 2021

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Donald Schneider, Mark Turner, Howard McCormick and Christy Beckman in office. Vickie Sandlin, Julesburg Advocate, and Twyla Sekavec joined the meeting via zoom.

McCormick moved to approve the agenda with the addition of EDC report and ambulance EMT hire under new business. Turner second, carried.

McCormick moved to approve the July 20, 2021 vouchers as presented. Turner second, carried.

The minutes of the July 13, 2021, meeting were reviewed. Turner moved to approve the minutes as amended. Schneider second, carried.

Twyla Sekavec explained to the Board that due to legislation that was passed, she has until the end of the year to get rid of the tires from the monofil and she asked the Board if they would be interested in using the tire shreds as a cover for the landfill like it used to be done 2-3 years prior. She said the state is reimbursing these shreds at \$12.50 per ton and the cost of receiving the shreds would be free to very minimal. Sekavec is willing to work out a deal so that this would be a win-win for everybody. The Board will talk to Rick Furrow, R&B Supervisor and will do some more research before making any decisions. Sekavec left the meeting.

Turner reported on the Economic Development meeting. Sandlin told the Board that when she got there the EDC Board was expressing their dismay that the commissioners did not come to them directly about their concerns. Sandlin pointed out that they say they are a government entity on their website so they did correct that as they are a private entity. Sandlin said she received the expense reports for the last two years but not the financials. There was discussion about the by-laws and Sandlin asked to see them but was denied. EDC told Sandlin that they are receiving no money from the county and they are a private entity and have raised money from other entities so the commissioners have no control over them. The Board is aware that they are a private entity, however, they were supposed to be representing the county but the concerns are that there is no representation from the Towns or County and the by-laws being changed numerous times and board members being chosen by the director and other board members this is not an entity that the county commissioners feel comfortable being associated with. With that being said, McCormick moved to have Commissioner Schneider contact the attorney to proceed forward with starting a new organization to provide an economic resiliency program in Sedgwick County that is represented by the Towns and the County. Turner second, carried.

Carlton Britton, Sheriff, joined the meeting. Britton gave the Board a quote for the outfitting of the transport van which includes a radio for the van at a cost of \$8,500. McCormick moved to approve the outfitting of the transport van. Turner second, carried.

Tasha Thode, Human Services, joined the meeting. McCormick moved to approve the July 20, 2021 agenda as amended. Turner second, carried. Turner moved to approve the June 15, 2021 minutes as presented. McCormick second, carried. The Board reviewed the May financial reports. McCormick moved to approve. Turner second, carried.

Thode's payroll vouchers were approved. Thode asked the Board about the credit-card reimbursement process and discussion was held. Thode presented the Board with Taylor Woodhams resignation letter. McCormick moved to approve Taylor Woodhams resignation. Turner second, carried. McCormick moved to adjourn the meeting with Human Services. Turner second, carried. Thode left the meeting.

Bridget Britton, Communication Center, joined the meeting. Britton told the Board that the state will be upgrading to the NICE system beginning on August 10<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$74,000. Stretesky is funding 50% of this, E-911 is funding 25% and Britton asked the Board if the county will be able to fund 25% due to the USDA denying any funding since the county received American Rescue funds. The Board agreed that the 25% county portion can be paid by American Rescue funds. Britton told the Board that since Tess is no longer on the E-911 paid position she would like Madison Krajewski to take that over. Britton recommended to the Board Billie Jo Night as an EMT. The Board will meet with the E-911 board to discuss the salaries of the 2 E-911 employees going forward. Britton then brought up discussion about the fair board not wanting to pay for an on call for the barrel racing, Jr rodeo and ranch rodeo. The Board agrees that there should be an on call ambulance at these events and will talk to the fair board. Discussion was held on the 2022 budget and the refund of overpayments line. McCormick moved to approve the hiring of Billie Jo Night as an EMT for the ambulance. Turner second, carried. Britton left the meeting.

McCormick moved to accept the resignation of Charles Powell from the hospital board effective September 1, 2021. Turner second, carried.

Schneider reported that the certification of mill levies was inadvertently left out of the December 2019 minutes. Turner moved to retroactively approve the 2020 Certification of Mill Levies. McCormick second, carried.

McCormick moved to adjourn the meeting. Turner second, carried.

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Donald Schneider, Chairman

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Christy Beckman, Clerk to the Board