

SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMISSIONER
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MAY 29, 2021

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

McCormick moved to approve the agenda with the addition of broadband meeting, county road north of Julesburg and Venango road under reports, 4-H scholarship, cost allocation plan and NICE upgrade under new business. Turner second, carried.

Turner moved to approve the June 29, 2021 vouchers and payroll as presented. McCormick second, carried.

The minutes of the June 22, 2021 meeting were reviewed. McCormick moved to approve the minutes as presented. Turner second, carried.

Schneider reported on the broadband grant meeting where discussion was held on broadband for Phillips, Yuma and Sedgwick Counties. The grant cycle is running short and with that time frame it is too late and not feasible to go forward with the approximately \$230 million dollar project.

Complaints for the County road north of Julesburg and the Venango road were addressed. Rick Furrow will be coming up with a plan for both roads.

Discussion was held on a request by the Cruise Night Committee for tulip insurance. The Board is unclear about who is in charge and who the insurance will be covering. Beckman will do more research before a decision is made. A request to use the bathrooms in the courthouse was also made and the Board is okay with that.

Discussion was held on Juneteenth. The Board needs more information before making any decisions.

Discussion was held on the ballot question for the hospital tax. The Board is concerned about the 44 year time period on the question and also what the resolution will entail. Beckman will ask Kelly Lowery, Attorney, about the resolution details.

Let it be known that Megan Lindsay is the Sedgwick County Commissioners 4-H scholarship winner.

The cost allocation for Human Services was reviewed. McCormick moved to approve the Human Service Cost Allocation Plan. Turner second, carried.

Bridget Britton, communication center, told the Board that the NICE upgrade grant through USDA for \$70,000 was denied because of the American Rescue Plan monies the county received. Britton will be applying for a grant from the Stretesky Foundation and asked the county and E911 for a contribution of the rest of the funds. McCormick moved to approve Britton asking Stretesky for a grant in the amount of \$40,000 and to pay

communication center \$22,250 from the American Rescue Fund money for the NICE upgrade which is mandated by the state. Turner second, carried.

Vickie Sandlin, Julesburg Advocate, updated the Board on a meeting she had with Mike Sullivan, Sedgwick County Economic Development. Sandlin said that because Sullivan is leaving, he is planning on transitioning Shelly to his position by the end of this year. Sullivan refused to give Sandlin the minutes from the meeting because there are too many people's names mentioned. Sandlin may do a CORA request for the minutes.

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

Donald Schneider, Chairman

Christy M Beckman Clerk to the Board