

SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMISSIONER  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
AUGUST 9, 2022

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Donald Schneider with Mark Turner, Chad Hoschouer, Phil Biersdorfer and Christy Beckman present in office. Vickie Sandlin, Julesburg Advocate joined the meeting via zoom. Howard McCormick is on an ambulance call and will be back shortly.

Schneider moved to approve the agenda with the addition of a report on the Congressman Buck visit and Sheriff deputy salary discussion. Turner second, carried.

The August 9, 2022 payables were reviewed. Schneider moved to approve the August 9, 2022 payables. Turner second, carried.

Schneider moved to approve the August 3, 2022 minutes as presented. Turner second, carried.

Schneider reported on the Congressman Buck visit and talk around the Perkins Canal and the impacts it will have in this area.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed.

Chad Hoschouer, Town of Julesburg, joined the meeting to ask about the county donating gravel for the corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> and Cedar prior to Cruise Night. Schneider does not have an issue with it however McCormick would like to talk to Kim Orth first as the Stretesky Foundation stated it would be paying for everything associated with that corner. The Commissioners told Hoschouer to smooth out the ground and then circle back to this discussion. Discussion was then brought up about the high school and the deadlines that are approaching. Hoschouer asked the commissioners where they are at with the high school. The Board remains the same, they would like to see it not be torn down but the county can not afford to sustain it. Hoschouer left the meeting.

Phil Biersdorfer, Sheriff, joined the meeting. Biersdorfer presented the Board with a proposal for salaries for deputies. Discussion was held and McCormick would like to table this discussion and have a work session. Turner thinks that the deputies should make a better wage due to the nature of their work. McCormick argues that the deputy in POST has had a sign on bonus, moving bonus and training paid for this year and that starting a new employee at such a high wage would be discouraging to current employees who have been here for some time. Schneider moved to table this discussion and have a work session. Turner second, carried. Biersdorfer left the meeting.

Tracy Kizer, Weed & Pest, joined the meeting. McCormick told Kizer there were some good reviews from fair. Discussion was held on spraying and prairie dogs. Kizer left the meeting.

Cameron Britton, Building Maintenance, joined the meeting. The Board praised Britton on the fair. Discussion was held on getting Britton's office ready for the new position of finance department head. Britton reported that he was able to mow the lawn in only two hours with the new mower. Britton left the meeting.

McCormick moved to approve the July 28, 2022 minutes as amended. Schneider second, carried.

Rhonda Graham, Economic Development, joined the meeting. Graham told the Board that all three towns signed the Rural Jump Start and there is already one person. Other projects were discussed including receiving the feasibility study for Cobblestone and meetings with investors will begin. Discussion was then held on housing issues and meetings that Graham attended. Discussion was held on the high school and would like to know if the commissioners are still interested or if it is off of the table. Graham has a commitment from Stretesky for \$80,000. Schneider asked why the Town would not give the county the high school instead of selling it. Graham can not answer that question. After much discussion the McCormick said that the county would be willing to own the high school if it was 100% funded by other entities and not the county. Graham asked the Board to think about the fact that if another entity owns the school if the county could commit funds to the project. Graham then told the Board that she did not get the Congressional Grant. Graham asked the Board if they would like to personally donate towards Chamber Bucks. The Board will donate. Graham brought up discussion about the use of bathrooms during Cruise Night. Graham left the meeting.

Bridget Britton, Communication Center, joined the meeting. Britton presented the Board with the IT review from Concentrics and Britton will need the contract from Platinum Technology to send to them in order to get an idea of what we currently have. Britton left the meeting.

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

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Donald Schneider, Chairman

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Christy M. Beckman, Clerk to the Board