

SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMISSIONER
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 6, 2022

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. Ronald Berges joined the meeting via zoom.

Schneider moved to approve the agenda with the addition of report on land closing and Italian caves, add resolution on authority to sign , school contract, Tracy quote and new hire for Treasurers office. Turner second, carried.

The December 6, 2022 payables were reviewed. McCormick moved to approve the December 6, 2022 payables. Turner second, carried.

McCormick moved to approve the November 29, 2022 minutes as presented. Turner second, carried.

Schneider reported that the Cobblestone land closing will be on Tuesday, December 13, 2022.

Discussion was held on the Italian Caves property but will be continued in executive session with the attorney.

The Board will contact Tracy Kizer with questions on the pump for the big sprayer.

The November Treasurer's financial report was reviewed. There may need to be a transfer into the ambulance fund from the county general fund.

McCormick move to adopt Resolution #2022-031 which gives the chairman the authority to purchase real property and to make all contracts and do all other acts in relation to the land purchase from Robert Jenkins. Turner second, carried.

Vickie Sandlin, Julesburg Advocate, joined the meeting. Sandlin asked the Board about advertising in the Explore Magazine. McCormick moved to approve the purchase of the Explore Ad in the amount of \$1500. Turner second, carried.

McCormick moved to hire Leanne Sanger Sloan as the deputy Treasurer to begin on Monday, December 12th at a starting salary of \$15.31 per hour to increase at the beginning of the year. Turner second, carried. Schneider abstained.

Dan Pederson, Accountant, joined the meeting for the budget hearings. Chuck Powell joined the meeting. McCormick moved to open the Highway Users Budget Hearing for tax year 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Turner second carried. Those in attendance are Donald Schneider, Mark Turner, Howard McCormick, Christy Beckman, Vickie Sandlin, Charlene Turner, Chuck Powell and Dan Pederson. The Highway Users Budget Hearing closed at 9:15 a.m. and there were no comments from the public.

Schneider moved to open the E-911 Budget Hearing for tax year 2023 at 9:15 a.m. Turner second, carried. Those in attendance are Donald Schneider, Mark Turner, Howard McCormick, Christy Beckman, Vickie Sandlin, Charlene Turner, Chuck Powell and Dan Pederson. The E-911 Budget Hearing closed at 9:30 a.m. and there were no comments from the public.

Schneider moved to open the Sedgwick County Budget Hearing for tax year 2023 at 9:30 a.m. McCormick second, carried. Those in attendance are Donald Schneider, Mark Turner, Howard McCormick, Christy Beckman, Vickie Sandlin, Charlene Turner, Chuck Powell and Dan Pederson. The Sedgwick County Budget Hearing closed at 9:45 a.m. and the comments from the public are as follows: A concerned citizen expressed concerns about the county being financially responsible for the high school. Schneider responded that SCOR will be funding the school with grants through the county. Discussion was held on the financial logistics. Rhonda Graham, Economic Development, joined the meeting.

McCormick moved to approve a resolution to adopt the 2023 Sedgwick County Budget. Turner second, carried.

McCormick moved to approve a Resolution to keep the mill levy the same as 2022 at 30.025. Turner second, carried.

Turner moved to approve a resolution to appropriate the 2023 funds. McCormick second, carried. Pederson left the meeting.

Graham updated the Board on current projects including the Cobblestone progress with it being fully funded but working on the buffer. Graham told the Board that CEDS will be housed at NECALG. Graham then told the Board that CSU would like to send a couple of people out for an internship for an economic development survey at no cost to the county. Graham asked the Board if they would be interested in renting out the Old Ford Garage for a gentleman who is going through barber school. The Board will take this into consideration and will get back to Graham. Schneider moved to approve a letter of support for the CEDS. McCormick second, carried. Graham reported that there may be a new business coming in out by I-76. Graham told the Board there is an internet company that would like to possibly rent two rooms at the high school but will check the tower on the high school and also would like to work with the hospital as they are interested in tele-med. If this works out the hospital would like to rent three rooms at the high school. Graham left the meeting.

McCormick moved to go into executive session on December 6, 2022 at 10:15 a.m. for a conference with the County Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(b). We will discuss the land purchase.. No business will be conducted and no decisions will be made. Turner second, carried. The time is now 10:40 a.m. and the executive session has been concluded. The participants in the executive session were: Donald Schneider, Howard McCormick, Mark Turner and Kelly Lowery, Attorney. 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 the 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. Seeing none, we will continue with the next agenda item.

Schneider moved to sign the land acquisition contract with the Town of Julesburg. Turner second, carried.

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

Donald Schneider, Chairman

Christy M. Beckman, Clerk to the Board