

SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMISSIONER  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
NOVEMBER 7, 2022

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

Schneider moved to approve the agenda with the addition of new deputy discussion and a report on Perkins Canal. McCormick second, carried.

The November 7, 2022 payables were reviewed. McCormick moved to approve the November 7, 2022 payables. Turner second, carried.

The minutes of the October 28, 2022 meeting were reviewed. Turner moved to approve the minutes as presented. Schneider second, carried.

Schneider told the Board that there will be a meeting tonight at 5:00 p.m. at the bank concerning the Perkins Canal. The State of Nebraska is reaching out to the local landowners with offers for their land. Schneider will report back to the Board.

The Treasurer's October financial report was reviewed.

Schneider brought up discussion about the Sheriff's office academy. There is a slot open in January, originally for the new Sheriff, however, there is discussion on sending Kim Zion through that academy and sending the Sheriff at a later date.

Discussion was held on a ventilator that was purchased by the ambulance department should be paid with COVID funds, therefore, Turner moved to transfer \$20,285.63 from County General COVID funds to the Ambulance fund. McCormick second, carried.

Phil Biersdorfer, Sheriff, joined the meeting. Biersdorfer told the Board that the new deputy is on his own and doing a good job. Discussion was held on the academy position and they are on the waiting list for the second open position. Biersdorfer left the meeting.

Rhonda Graham, Economic Development, joined the meeting. Graham updated the Board on current projects including letting them know that there is a meeting at 5:00 with the Cobblestone investors and possible investors and Road Map progress and high school discussion. Graham told the Board that Chamber Bucks are ready in the amount of \$150,000. Graham told the Board that she is working with Sue Carter and is in the beginning of sky gazing by applying through Dark Skies International with two possible sites of Deporter and/or Jumbo. Graham left the meeting.

Cameron Britton, Building Maintenance, joined the meeting. Britton updated the Board on current projects including progress on the new wall downstairs and moving cameras

around. Britton told the Board that there will be a fundraiser at the fairgrounds on December 3, 2022. Britton left the meeting.

Schneider moved to approve the resignation of Monzerrat De Lahoya from the Treasurer's office. McCormick second, carried.

Rob Crowder, Civil Defense and Josilyn Lutze, Extension joined the meeting. Crowder told the Board that he will be at the academy the next three days. Discussion was held on the tornado sirens and a reimbursement for the Sheriff's body cameras grant will be here by the 9<sup>th</sup> and a question to the Board about how to spend the remaining EMPG funds. Crowder asked the Board about sending Josilyn Lutze to the basic EM Academy in 2023. The Board will let Crowder know. Discussion was held on Ambulance grants. The guests left the meeting.

Discussion was held on the 2023 budget.

Jennifer Deam and Jennifer Peyton, Baby Bear Hugs, joined the meeting. The guests thanked the Board for having office space for Baby Bear Hugs for approximately 16 years. Deam re-capped that when the Board moved the Baby Bear Hug office they were unaware that they had to share the office with NECALG. Deam told the Board that there are privacy issues so they are looking into moving into an office at the economic development building but would like to know that the Board would be okay with that. Discussion was held on what the law requires and what the space looks like. The Board told the guests that if the new office space works for their requirements, then that would be fine with them, however, they will look over at the annex to see if there is another possible room for them. The guests left the meeting.

Will Arthur, Cigna-Attentive, joined the meeting. Arthur gave a presentation on preventative care health insurance through Cigna-Attentive. Arthur 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