

SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMISSIONER
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 11, 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 via zoom.

McCormick moved to approve the agenda with the addition of reports on GPS trackers, Homeland Security Grant, county cars and Nebraska/Colorado compact. Precincts, personnel policy changes, Community Economic Development Department Head, Undersheriff OT and E-911 Board under new business. Turner second, carried.

The December 31, 2021 payables and the January 11th, 2022 payables were reviewed. McCormick moved to approve the December 31, 2021 payables and the January 11, 2022 payables. Turner second, carried.

Turner moved to approve the January 4, 2022 minutes as presented. McCormick second, carried.

Bridget Britton, Communication Center, joined the meeting. Britton told the Board that there was a wage approval error on one of her employees from October 13, 2021. McCormick moved to approve to make the adjustment to add \$.50 per hour to the wage and to give Randi Rober a one time check retroactive from October 13, 2021. Turner second, carried. Britton presented documentation of certification completion for an employee which will raise the hourly wage by \$2.00. McCormick moved to approve the raise for certification for an employee at \$2.00. Turner second, carried. Britton then told the Board that she would like to purchase signs to put up for parking for her employees for safety reasons. The Board agreed.

Schneider updated the Board on the GPS tracker issue. They are needing documentation on the damage that the GPS misplace caused.

Schneider told the Board that Rob Crowder asked if he could apply for a homeland security grant for a generator for the tower. It is approximately \$20,000 with a county match of around \$5,000.

Schneider reported on the 99-year-old Colorado / Nebraska compact which allows Nebraska to seize access to Colorado land along the South Platte River and build canals to divert water from Colorado to Nebraska. There is much concern over this.

Discussion was held on the budget and talking to Dan Pederson about looking into Welcome Center transfers.

Schneider stated that Bridget and Cameron Britton are working on cleaning up and selling five of the county vehicles. Bids will be accepted through February 7, 2022.

The Board reviewed the Treasurers Fee's Collected.

Schneider reported that there was no COVID updates at this moment.

McCormick moved to approve Investment Resolution #2022-002 for Points West Community Bank in the amount of \$100,000. Turner second, carried.

Discussion was held on the Undersheriff position and overtime. McCormick moved to approve the payment of reasonable overtime to the Undersheriff with a review in the next quarter and to pay out the vacation over 160 hours at the end of the year. Turner second, carried.

C.R.S. 1-5-101(3) requires county clerks to propose and boards of county commission to establish “new” precincts following the 2020 decennial census. Because the precincts are not changing, Beckman proposes to the Board of Commissioners that they approve the existing precincts as the “new” precincts following the with decennial census. Schneider moved to approve the existing precincts as “new” precincts following the 2020 decennial census with the following active voter counts in each precinct: Precinct 1 – 383, Precinct 2 – 326, Precinct 3 – 339, Precinct 4 – 251, Precinct 5 – 329. Turner second, carried.

Turner moved to approve the personnel policy updates. McCormick second, carried.

Schneider moved to approve Rhonda Graham as the Department Head for Community Economic Development for 2022. Turner second, carried.

Discussion was held on the structure of the E-911 Board. There should be no commissioner representative on that Board. Schneider moved to approve the E-911 Board as follows: Toby Heath – President, Kody Blochowitz – Treasurer, Bridget Britton – Administrator, Clint Dunker and Rob Crowder – Community Representatives. Turner second, carried.

Discussion was held on the tax exemptions for new businesses. Rhonda Graham is working on that and looking into a program called Rural Jump Start Program.

Discussion was held on snow days and Road & Bridge.

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

Donald Schneider, Chairman

Christy M. Beckman, Clerk to the Board