

SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMISSIONER  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 18, 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 elected officials cost of living increase under reports. Turner second, carried.

The January 18, 2022 payables were reviewed. McCormick moved to approve the January 18, 2022 payables. Turner second, carried.

Turner moved to approve the January 11, 2022 minutes as presented. McCormick second, carried.

Schneider brought up discussion about the cost-of-living increase that will automatically occur for all newly elected officials in 2023. The Board talked about the possibility of going up one step to increase the wages even more due to the deputies' wages coming closer to the elected officials' wages.

With COVID updates, the Board did not have updates, but Sandlin reported that the spelling bee at the school was cancelled because they didn't want the exposure

Rhonda Graham, Community Economic Development, joined the meeting. Graham discussed the Rural Jump Start Program. McCormick moved to appoint Rhonda Graham as the Rural Jump Start Program Representative. Turner second, carried. Turner volunteered to help Graham with this project. Graham left the meeting.

Jessie Hopkins-Hoel, National Renewable Solutions and Eva Contreras, Assessor, joined the meeting. Hopkins-Hoel told the Board that he is working with the Overland Pass Energy East project and has been working with local landowners with the hopes of constructing in 2023. Hopkins-Hoel explained that they take a community approach for their projects, and they bring in land advisory groups to help with the process. Today's visit is just an introduction and to open the door for discussion. Hopkins-Hoel and Contreras left the meeting.

Tasha Thode, Human Services, joined the meeting. Schneider moved to approve the January 18, 2022 agenda as presented. McCormick second, carried. Turner moved to approve the December 21, 2021 minutes as presented. McCormick second, carried. The Board reviewed the November financial report. Thode told the Board that one of her employee's will be having surgery in March. Discussion was held. Thode told the Board that she could attend the February 8<sup>th</sup> meeting since the February 15<sup>th</sup> meeting has been cancelled. Thode left the meeting.

McCormick moved to approve the Farm Lease Agreement between Sedgwick County and Larry and Marc Weber. Turner second, carried.

The Board approved the Designation of Representative to County Health Pool.

McCormick brought up discussion about a recent issue in which an employee brought a dog into the courthouse and wanted it to be noted that there is a resolution that forbids

that. Beckman suggested letting the employees see the resolution and possibly putting a sign on the door. Discussion was held about what is and is not allowed according to the resolution. McCormick moved to update the resolution done as a policy to change the wording to include all animals or reptiles with the exception of service animals. Turner second, carried.

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