

SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMISSIONER
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
APRIL 29, 2021

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Donald Schneider with Howard McCormick, Mark Turner and Christy Beckman present in office. Tracy Kizer, Weed & Pest joined the meeting. Vickie Sandlin, Julesburg Advocate, joined the meeting by zoom.

McCormick moved to approve the agenda with the addition of requests for use of exhibit building from Toby Heath and Kenneth Berges, Hospital report and trash grinder under reports. Turner second, carried.

McCormick moved to approve the April 29, 2021 vouchers and payroll as presented. Turner second, carried.

The minutes of the April 20, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Turner moved to approve the minutes as presented. McCormick second, carried.

Vickie Sandlin, Julesburg Advocate, asked the Board if they would like to add \$200 to the original \$2,000 ask to put an ad in the Explore magazine. The Board discussed which ad to put in and noted that the funds being used are lodging tax funds which are specified to promote tourism. The Board would like to ad a page that depicts the hunting and fishing side. Turner moved to buy 2 pages in the Explore Magazine with Lodging Tax Funds for \$4,000. McCormick second, carried.

Discussion was held with Tracy Kizer about his most recent time card. Discussion was held on a request by Toby Heath for the use of the fairgrounds for graduation and a request by Kenneth Berges for the use of the fairgrounds for alumni in August. Kizer said the building is available and the Board gave the okay to use the facilities on both occasions. Kizer left the meeting.

Schneider brought up discussion about a land survey that was brought in that included federal lands. The Board will not approve the survey as is since it includes federal lands and will wait until there is a correction.

Rob Crowder, Emergency Manager, joined the meeting. Schneider moved to approve Resolution #2021-016 to adopt the Northeast Regional Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. McCormick second, carried. Crowder told the Board he received a bid for the generator special projects grant. The Board told Crowder to go ahead and start the grant process. Discussion was held on the air conditioner project. McCormick moved to approve the grant spending for the air conditioner project. Turner second, carried. Crowder asked the Board for permission to go forward with the Health Care Coalition grant for portable AED's which is a 100% funded opportunity. The Board gave Crowder permission to follow through. Discussion was held on the hospital security system project.. Crowder left the meeting.

Krystal Britton, Court Security, and Phil Biersdorfer, Undersheriff, joined the meeting. Discussion was held on the Court Security Grant details. Britton and Biersdorfer left the meeting.

Schneider reported on the hospital board meeting. The hospital board is wanting to put a question on the ballot asking if the voters want the bond paid off early to save interest, but to continue the sales tax for future improvements. The loan payoff is \$1,250,724 and the interest payment of \$21,150 occurs twice a year. Schneider told the Board that the financial report was a bit bleak and that the nursing home is down 12 beds right now. The sewer and bug situations seem to have been taken care of. Schneider then brought up discussion about a grinder for use at the landfill. The grinder would save a lot of space at the landfill so the addition of the new cell could be postponed.

Schneider gave a COVID update saying there are two new cases in the county.

McCormick moved to approve the use of the fairgrounds exhibit building at no charge for the Alumni in August. Turner second, carried. Discussion: Kenneth Berges noted that there will be \$4,400 for scholarships this year.

McCormick moved to approve the use of the fairgrounds exhibit building at no charge for the post prom event to be held in May. Turner second, carried.

Darlene Carpio, Ken Buck Representative, joined the meeting. Carpio updated the Board on current projects including legislative concerns on the Supreme Court Packing, HR-1 and HR 12-80. Carpio asked the Board what their top 3 legislative asks would be for Sedgwick County and they responded with the 2nd amendment, Agricultural protection and border control. Discussion was held on COVID relief. Carpio left the meeting.

Carlton Britton, Sheriff, joined the meeting. McCormick moved to go into executive session on April 29, 2021 at 9:47 a.m. For the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and/or instructing negotiators, under C.R.S. Section 26-6-402(4)(b),(c),(e); We will discuss a matter to be kept confidential. No business will be conducted and no decisions will be made. Turner second, carried. The time is now 9:57 a.m. and the executive session has been concluded. The participants in the executive session were: Donald Schneider, Howard McCormick, Mark Turner, Carlton Britton and Christy Beckman. 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. Britton left the meeting.

McCormick received an email from Mike Sullivan, Economic Development, and Turner was asked what is going on with EDC. Turner responded that there has not been a meeting for approximately 3 months. The Board is concerned that some opportunities are falling through the cracks so Turner will look into this matter.

McCormick moved to adjourn the meeting. Turner second, carried.

Donald Schneider, Chairman

Christy M Beckman Clerk to the Board