

SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMISSIONER  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 11, 2023

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Donald Schneider with Howard McCormick Ronald Berges and Christy Beckman present in office. Vickie Sandlin, Julesburg Advocate, joined the meeting.

McCormick moved to approve the agenda with the addition of adding an executive session discussing legal contracts.

The April 12, 2023 payables were reviewed. Berges moved to approve the April 12, 2023 payables. McCormick second, carried.

McCormick moved to approve the March 30, 2023 minutes as amended. Berges second, carried.

McCormick moved to approve the April 4, 2023 minutes as amended. Berges second, carried.

McCormick reported that the landfill scale deck has been torn down and renovation is in progress.

McCormick told the Board that the Family Heritage Award will be given to the Munson family on May 4, 2023 at 12:00 in Sedgwick to honor them for 75 years of weather reporting service.

Vicki Sandlin, Julesburg Advocate, joined the meeting. Sandlin presented an ad for the Explore Magazine for review. Discussion was held. Berges moved to approve the Outdoor Guide ad in the amount of \$1,499.00. McCormick second, carried.

Aidan Hettler, SCHC CEO, Rod Green and Ken Hodges, SCHC Board members, joined the meeting. Green formally introduced Hettler to the Board and praised him for the work that he has done since taking over the CEO position. Green told the Board that state law has changed, and they are now allowed 7 Board members. Hettler shared his vision for the health facilities with the Board. Hettler has many projects in the works. Hettler told the Board that there may be a partnership in the near future with Integrated Health Care Systems to bring some mental health services to this community. Hettler told the Board that the nursing home is being painted and when that is done flooring will be laid all in the amount of around \$50,000 partially funded by local grants. Hettler said it is important to show the community that he is committed to paying attention to that line of business. Hodges praised Hettler and the job that he has done in the seven months he has been here. Discussion was held on changing from 5 board members to 7 board members. McCormick asked if the guests had a list of potential board members. Hettler named some potential members and gave the Board a copy of Senate Bill 23-68 which shows that change in law allowing 7 members and also separates the financials between the county and the hospital. The Board will take this under advisement. The guests left the meeting.

McCormick moved to go into executive session on April 11, 2023 at 9:12 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 a property contract. No business will be conducted and no decisions will be made. Berges second, carried. The time is now 9:38 a.m. and the executive session has been concluded. The participants in the executive session were: Donald Schneider, Howard McCormick, Ronald Berges 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.

McCormick moved to approve the authorization of \$22,076.95 to be paid to the employees per the Employer's Council recommendation. Berges second, carried. Discussion: The Sedgwick County Board of Commissioners (BOCC) have completed the wage audit requested by the employee's of Sedgwick County. The BOCC hired a wage specialist (Employee Council) to conduct the audit and create a non-bias? analysis of the County's policies and procedures that were used to calculate current employee wages. With the audit, analysis and legal opinions now finalized, the following changes and actions are being implemented this year by the county: 1. The BOCC has implemented an independent financial/HR department. 2. The BOCC has purchased a new accounting software program. 3. The BOCC has authorized funds in the amount of \$22,076.95 be paid to certain employees as per Employee Council's recommendations to correct the past two years wages as previously paid out. 4. The BOCC has agreed to waive and release any employee who was overpaid funds as determined by the audit during this same two year time period from having to pay back such amount to the county.

Schneider reported that they are waiting for the spec sheet for the original scale to be able to move forward with fixing or getting a new scale.

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

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Donald Schneider, Chairman

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Christy M. Beckman, Clerk to the Board