

SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMISSIONER  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 27, 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, Assessors Office and Kacey Campbell, R&B joined the meeting via zoom.

McCormick moved to approve the agenda with the addition of reports on gravel pit, hospital board meeting, community economic development, region one translator, R&B cameras, job description for community center director and wheel packer. Add Cobblestone contract and executive session. Schneider second, carried.

The April 27, 2023 payables and payroll were reviewed. McCormick moved to approve the April 27, 2023 payables and payroll. Berges second, carried. Schneider noted that the corrected amount will be \$24,510.52 for the payout.

Schneider moved to approve the April 18, 2023 minutes as presented. Berges second, carried.

Tasha Thode, Human Services, joined the meeting. McCormick moved to approve the hiring of Cheyenne Evans as the receptionist at Human Services to begin May 8<sup>th</sup> at \$16.56 per hour, 30 hours per week. Berges second, carried. Thode left the meeting.

Berges reported on his tour with Alex Laser for a gravel pit. Berges noticed quite a bit of trash in the fields surrounding the landfill. Schneider has already contacted the schools to see if there are any groups that are in need of money for projects.

Berges reported on the hospital board meeting. Although the clinic is financially better there still is a deficit overall. Berges updated the Board on current projects including the possibility of getting an orthopedic program, ENT and cardiology in the future. Discussion is still present about adding two board members.

Schneider reported on the community economic development and Cobblestone is moving forward, however, something of this magnitude will take time.

Discussion was held on the Region One Translator meeting. Schneider reported that the people who got paid half down to work on the towers have not followed through with the work and are not responding. Several demand letters have been sent with no response. The Board is looking at raising the rates next year as there has not been an increase in many years.

Discussion was held on HB 1161 which has an amendment stating that regulating pesticides would be locally controlled as opposed to state controlled. The Board will keep their eyes on this bill.

Schneider asked for a report on the Pavilion meeting from last week but Berges had an error on the date and did not attend.

Schneider moved to approve the election reimbursement grant for the election office. McCormick second, carried.

Kacey Campbell, R&B, brought up discussion on new hires for R&B. McCormick moved to approve the hire of Brian Wilson at \$20.00 per hour and Jon Eekhout at \$18.81 per hour to begin Monday, May 2, 2023. Berges second, carried.

McCormick moved to purchase the 318 Caterpillar track hoe from Todd Blochowitz for \$110,000 being split 30% landfill, 70% R&B. Berges second, carried.

Discussion was held on the possible purchase of a service truck with a crane. Discussion will take place in executive session.

McCormick brought up discussion about the purchase of a wheel packer. There is one in Utah with low hours they will look into. There was some discussion with Phillips County about their wheel packers.

Schneider told the Board that there was a vehicle in the yard at R&B overnight and is wanting to put in some extra cameras out there through Alarm Security and Technicians. Campbell told them the quote was around \$1,500.


Schneider moved to approve the job description wording for the advertisement for the community center director. Berges second, carried. Discussion: McCormick asked if that is pending the IGA to which Schneider answered yes.

McCormick moved to approve the Cobblestone Contract. Berges second, carried.

Schneider moved to go into executive session on April 27, 2023 at 9:04 a.m. to discuss the legal issues under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(a); No business will be conducted, and no decisions will be made. McCormick second, carried. The time is now 9:42 a.m. and the executive session has been concluded. The participants in the executive session were: Howard McCormick, Ron Berges, Donald Schneider 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 adjourn the meeting. Berges second, carried. Meeting was adjourned.

  
Donald Schneider, Chairman

  
Christy M. Beckman, Clerk to the Board