

SEDGWICK COUNTY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
APRIL 29, 2025

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Ronald Berges with John Fryar, Darrin Tobin and Christy Beckman present in office. Guests in office are Vickie Sandlin, Julesburg Advocate, Cassie Kizer, Steven Wahrman, Heather Foley, Lori Ehmke, Alexia Mayhue, Rhonda Graham and Koby Quayle.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Tobin moved to approve the agenda as presented. Fryar second, carried.

Berges moved to approve the April 29, 2025 payables and payroll. Tobin second, carried.

Fryar moved to approve the April 22, 2025 regular meeting minutes. Tobin second, carried.

PUBLIC:

Rhonda Graham, Economic Development, joined the public portion of the meeting to ask the Board for clarification on a motion that was made concerning incentives for AP Diesel. After discussion, Fryar moved to approve the tax incentive of 50% of use tax for AP Diesel, with a future work session to discuss incentives. Tobin second, carried.

Koby Quayle, Sheriff, joined the public portion of the meeting to ask the Board if a decision was made about the new deputy position as it had been 48 hours that he was told to wait. Fryar said that they are beginning to work on the budget and that the decision was not in as to whether they would receive the courtroom security grant which would change the structure of that department. Quayle was asked to wait for another month for any decisions after more information comes forward with the budget.

REPORTS:

Steven Wahrman, Emergency Manager, joined the meeting to have the commissioners approve the quarterly EMPG reimbursement report.

Tobin reported that the legislative sessions are on the home stretch and that there were 5 new bills introduced that he is waiting to see how they progress. Tobin brought up discussion about the lodging tax bill, however, Beckman pointed out that this particular bill will not be profitable for the county since the Town of Julesburg now has the lodging tax for all but the Sedgwick Inn and we should still push forward with the Marketing Tax question.

Berges reported on the Hospital meeting and noted that they lost a doctor but are in search for a replacement. Berges also reported that the Chappell clinic is very busy.

Berges also attended the NECHD meeting and they are making progress on the new building being constructed in Morgan County.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Discussion was held on the Engagement Letter with Cipriani & Werner to begin the investigation into the payroll breach. They will also be auditing all cyber security and

will be able to offer the employee's services to help with fraud monitoring. Fryar moved to approve going forward with Cipriani & Werner for the Cyber Security breach investigation. Tobin Second, carried. Beckman will submit the engagement letter and will report back to the Board with the schedule.

NEW BUSINESS:

Berges moved to approve the resignation letter submitted by Tracy Kizer to be effective the end of May. Tobin second, carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The next regular meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, May 6, 2025.

COUNTY OFFICIAL/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS/WORKSESSIONS: EXECUTIVE SESSION:

It is April 29, 2025 and the time is 8:52 a.m.. For the record, I am the Chairman, as required by the Open Meetings Law; this executive session is being electronically recorded. Also present at the executive session are the following persons: Ronald Berges, John Fryar, and Darrin Tobin, Alexia Mayhue and Christy Beckman. This is an executive session for the following purpose: 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 24-6-402(4)(e); I caution each participant to confine all discussion to the stated purpose of the executive session, and that no formal action may occur in the executive session. If at any point in the executive session any participant believes the discussion is going outside the proper scope of the executive session, please interrupt the discussion and make an objection. I hereby attest that this recording reflects the actual contents of the discussion at the executive session and has been made in lieu of any written minutes to satisfy the recording requirements of the Open Meetings Law. I will retain the tape in my possession for a 90-day period. The time is now 9:31 a.m. and the executive session has been concluded. The participants in the executive session were: Ronald Berges, John Fryar, Darrin Tobin, Alexia Mayhue, Dave Santisteven 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 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. Hearing none, the next agenda item is...

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ADJOURNMENT:

Tobin moved to adjourn the meeting. Fryar second, carried.

Submitted by:

Sedgwick County Clerk & Recorder

Approved: May 6, 2025

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SEDGWICK COUNTY, COLORADO

(seal)

By:_____
Ronald Berges, Chairman

Attest:

Sedgwick County Clerk & Recorder