

SEDGWICK COUNTY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
APRIL 8, 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, Walt Page, Lori Ehmke, Heather Foley, Alexia Mayhue, Dave Santistevan, Steve Wahrman.

PUBLIC:

Les Peterson joined the meeting for the Call to Public. Peterson told the Board that County Road 29 has been severely damaged due to traffic and badgers. Peterson asked the Board what they are going to do to repair it. Berges told Peterson that they will have the Road & Bridge supervisor look at the damage and see if money can be budgeted for repairs.

Jack Devie joined the meeting for the Call to Public. Devie updated the Board on the Region 4 meeting. Devie told the Board that there should be some representation from Sedgwick County on their advisory Board. Berges told Devie that he would attend. Devie left the meeting.

Cassie Kizer joined the meeting for the Call to Public. Kizer reported on the success of the first annual Home and Garden Show. Kizer told the Board that the tree grant is currently frozen and will update the Board when she gets more information.

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

Fryar moved to approve the April 8, 2025 payables. Tobin second, carried.

Fryar moved to approve the March, 25, 2025 regular meeting minutes as presented. Berges second, carried.

REPORTS:

The Treasurer's March Financial Report was reviewed.

Fryar moved to approve the Treasurer's Fee's Collected. Tobin second, carried.

The UPS quarterly report was reviewed.

Berges reported on the Northeast Colorado Health Board meeting.

Berges reported on the Region 1 Translator meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Fryar moved to approve the EIAF grant application in the amount of \$150,000. Berges second, carried.

Fryar moved to approve Building Permit #2025-003 for Mark Kross for a grain storage bin located at 35-12-46. Berges second, carried.

Fryar told the Board that due to the fact that there will be no money coming in from the permits for the wind project this year, he is seeking approval to revise the 2025 Sedgwick County budget with help from CTSI. Fryar moved to approve the 2025 Budget Revision process. Berges second, carried.

The family of Mike Michaels has asked for permission to place and auction off a bench in memory of Mike at the fairgrounds. Berges moved to approve the request. Fryar second, carried.

Fryar moved to approve the SCOR Special Events Liquor License for an event to be held on May 1, 2025. Tobin second, carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The next regular meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, April 15, 2025.

Linda Langelo, CSU Extension, joined the meeting to discuss the AARP age friendly program with the Board. Langelo gave the Board documentation showing a plan for this program. Langelo left the meeting.

Meridith Burcham, CTSI Executive Director, joined the meeting via Google Teams. Burcham thanked the Board for the county's membership since its inception in 1984. Burcham gave the Board an overview of the programs that they provide the county.

COUNTY OFFICIAL/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS/WORKSESSIONS:

Alexia Mayhue and Dave Santistevan, Concentrics, joined the meeting to discuss the payroll breach. On March 26, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. there was a breach of the Sedgwick County payroll. Concentrics was able to address the breach within a short period of time and was able to stop the withdrawal of funds that was the bad actors original target. Mayhue suggested conducting a comprehensive security audit. Mayhue also suggested quarterly phishing audits. Mayhue is proposing updating the firewall and told the Board there may be options with grant funding and/or local foundation funding. Mayhue gave the Board quotes for review. Wahrman wanted to publicly thank Concentrics, FBI and CBI for their quick action and help with this incident. Santistevan noted that cyber security has changed significantly and is concerned how disconnected things are in the county and would like to be more proactive and involved in all things cyber security including making policies, training and budgeting. Fryar asked if there was something in place to help with resources such as credit checks for the employees. Mayhue told the Board that they can work with CTSI to accomplish this. Wahrman told the Board that he recommends not allowing an AI chatbox during the meetings.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Tracy Kizer, Weed & Pest, joined the meeting. It is April 8, 2025 and the time is 9:55 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, Darrin Tobin and Tracy Kizer. This is an executive session for the following purpose: For discussion of a personnel matter under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(f)(I)&(II) and not involving: any specific employees who have requested discussion of the matter in open session; any member of this body or any elected official; the appointment of any person to fill an office of this body or of an elected official; or personnel policies that do not require the discussion of matters personal to particular employees; 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. The time is now 10:35 a.m. and the executive session has been concluded. The participants in the executive session were: Ronald Berges, John Fryar, Darrin Tobin and Tracy Kizer. 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...

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Submitted by:

Sedgwick County Clerk & Recorder

Approved: April 15, 2025

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SEDGWICK COUNTY, COLORADO

(seal)

By: _____
Ronald Berges, Chairman

Attest:

Sedgwick County Clerk & Recorder

