

SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMISSIONER
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2021

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Donald Schneider with Howard McCormick, Mark Turner and Christy Beckman in office. Vickie Sandlin, Julesburg Advocate, joined the meeting by zoom. David Schneider joined the meeting as a guest.

McCormick moved to approve the agenda with the addition of a work session on the wage scale, cruised night port a potties and letters of support. Turner second, carried.

The minutes of the July 29, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Schneider moved to approve the minutes as presented. McCormick second, carried.

The minutes of the August 6, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Schneider moved to approve the minutes as presented. McCormick second, carried.

Schneider told the Board that he spoke to Marcia Hill about putting the port a potties for cruise night on the cement by the Annex.

The Treasurer's July Financial report was reviewed.

Discussion was held on economic development. The Town of Ovid signed the IGA for the start of a new economic development and the Town of Sedgwick will be signing soon. Schneider will attend the upcoming Chamber meeting. The Town of Julesburg decided to not sign the IGA at their meeting due to wanting more information. The Board would like the towns and chamber to meet and discuss or to send a questionnaire out since it is difficult for all entities to meet. David Schneider told the commissioners that he disagrees with pulling in the towns and believes the commissioners should take the leadership role because he believes it would be inefficient with too many opinions. McCormick told Schneider that although the Board is leading the way right now, the goal is to have each town and chamber appoint representatives to make a board that represents the entire county and for that board to make decisions. The Board thanked Schneider for his input.

Rick Furrow, Road & Bridge, joined the meeting. Furrow updated the Board on current projects including the overlay project which they got 2 miles out of the 7 completed. McCormick asked if the Ovid Bridge would be completed and Furrow said no. The state will come out this year to inspect. Furrow left the meeting.

Tracy Kizer, Weed & Pest, joined the meeting. Kizer told the Board that fair went well, however, there is an issue with the water pressure. Kizer discussed current projects with the board. Kizer left the meeting.

McCormick moved to approve the IGA between Sedgwick County and Haxtun School District for the upcoming November 2nd election. Turner second, carried.

Turner moved to approve Resolution #2021-023 opposing presidential executive order on tackling the climate crisis and home and abroad in order to protect Sedgwick County and all of Colorado from any unnecessary and unlawful taking of County and/or state land for the purpose that the government have 30% of all U.S. lands designated as federal land by 2030. McCormick second, carried.

Carlton Britton, Sheriff, joined the meeting. Britton told the Board he is needing new tasers and would like permission to apply for a grant to help with the cost. Britton updated the Board on current projects including the part time deputies. Britton left the meeting.

Schneider moved to approve the letter of support for the Roadmap to Recovery Team.
McCormick second, carried.

Cameron Britton, Building Maintenance, joined the meeting. Britton updated the Board on current projects including a quote for pumps for the restrooms at the fair and sprinklers for the courthouse lawn. Britton left the meeting.

McCormick moved to approve the letter of support for Michael Bennet concerning conservation easements. Turner second, carried.

Rob Crowder, Civil Defense, joined the meeting. Crowder gave the Board the current numbers on COVID for our area. There are 5 new cases in Sedgwick County. Crowder told the Board that Sedgwick County received a \$2,000 increase for EMPG. Crowder updated the Board on current projects including FEMA signing off on the hazard mitigation plan. Crowder left the meeting.

Vicki Sandlin sent the Board a preview of the ads for the explore magazine. The price is \$999 per page but Sandlin told the Board she would give them a 15% discount if they commit to the fall and spring advertising. The Commissioners feel that the new EDC should be responsible for this in the spring. Sandlin also sent the Board an example of a thank you for the fair. Sandlin left the meeting.

Discussion was held on the street closure around the courthouse on Friday, August 20th.
Schneider suggested closing the courthouse. McCormick told the Board that they need to find out about the court schedule before making that decision.

It is now 9:50 a.m. and Schneider moved to go into a work session. McCormick second, carried.

It is now 10:15 a.m. and the meeting has reconvened.

McCormick moved to adjourn. Turner second, carried.

Donald Schneider, Chairman

Christy Beckman, Clerk to the Board