

SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMISSIONER  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
AUGUST 18, 2020

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 and Rob Crowder joined the meeting by zoom.

Turner moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Health Department request, Annex request, maintenance applications, county variance/mitigation plans, wedding reception request and sewer plant awning. McCormick second, carried.

McCormick moved to approve the Aug 18, 2020 vouchers as presented. Turner second, carried.

The minutes of the Aug 10, 2020 meeting were reviewed. McCormick moved to approve the minutes as amended. Schneider second, carried. Turner abstained.

Schneider received an email from Trish McClain, Health Department, to add an outlet at the annex to sustain a backup in the case the power goes out in order to keep the vaccines cool. McClain said they will reimburse the costs. The Board sees no problem with this.

Schneider reported that there was only one application turned in for the open maintenance position. Schneider and Turner interviewed the applicant.

Schneider received an email saying our variance is intact as we have followed the mitigation plan and there have been no new COVID positives. Discussion was held on possibly changing to protect our neighbor's phase which would allow more local control along with more local responsibility, however, there are a lot of strings attached. McCormick is concerned about the enforcement side. The Board decided to start working on a plan and will re-visit this at the next meeting.

McCormick told the Board that Road & Bridge only has 3 hours left with their overlay project. Discussion was then held on the possibility of getting a pickup to replace the totaled pickup.

Schneider brought up discussion about the September 12<sup>th</sup> wedding reception request from last week. McCormick recommended to allow the reception if they can follow the Governors mandate to wear masks unless a six foot distance can be maintained.

Eva Contreras, Assessor, asked the Board a question about the Town of Julesburg's permit request. The Town wants to add a 7 foot awning onto the sewer plant. Contreras said the property is considered residential and the recommended 20 feet between properties will be less with the awning. Discussion was held on if this is county or town property. McCormick will do some research on this.

Sandlin asked the Board if they would like to put a Thank You in the newspaper for fair review. Sandlin then told the Board that she sent an email explaining the digital link for the explore magazine. She told them that the money that was slated for the magazine has not been spent yet and this digital link will expand the information even more. Schneider moved to approve the outdoor fall and winter guide advertisement up to \$2,000 of lodging tax money. McCormick second, carried. The Board told Sandlin they will contribute personally to the thank you ad.

Tasha Thode and Michelle Anchondo, Human Services, joined the meeting via zoom. Turner moved to approve the Human Service Aug 18, 2020 Agenda. McCormick second, carried. McCormick moved to approve the Human Service July 21, 2020 Minutes. Turner second, carried. The July Financials were reviewed. McCormick moved to approve the financials. Turner second, carried. Thode asked the Board if the vacation hours could be carried over this year due to COVID and the fact that some of the employees have not been able to use any of their vacation. The Board will do some research and will make a decision at a later date. The Board looked over Michelle Anchondo's six month review and everybody agrees that she is doing a phenomenal job. Schneider moved to remove Anchondo off of the six month probation. McCormick second, carried. Thode and Anchondo left the meeting.

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

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Donald Schneider, Chairman

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Christy M. Beckman, Clerk to the Board