

SEDGWICK COUNTY  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
AUGUST 12, 2025

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Ronald Berges with Darrin Tobin and Christy Beckman present in office and John Fryar present via Google Teams. Guests in office are Vickie Sandlin, Julesburg Advocate, Lori Ehmke, Donny Schneider, Victoria Dunker, and Walt Page.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Tobin moved to approve the August 12, 2025 agenda with the addition of HCPF meeting report, Lasiter Pit amendment, Ritchey's Concrete proposal and Holyoke Election IGA. Berges second, carried.

Berges moved to approve the August 12, 2025 payables. Tobin second, carried.

Berges moved to approve the August 5, 2025 regular meeting minutes as amended. Tobin second, carried.

PUBLIC:

REPORTS:

Tobin reported on the HCPF meeting he attended and updated the Board on the HR1, Big Beautiful Bill, foreseen damage for our county. Tobin did note that there this will be a big challenge for our software.

The Lasiter Pit amendment was reviewed. Kacey Campbell told the Board that the GPS points in the original were not in the perimeter and needed to be adjusted. Berges moved to approve the Lasiter Pit amendment. Tobin second, carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

OTHER BUSINESS:

After discussion with Beckman, Berges moved to approve the appointment of Sandy Fryar as VSO for a period of 2 years. Tobin second, carried. Fryar recused himself.

The Board reviewed the proposal from Ritchey's Concrete stating that they would like to purchase the concrete plant and to pay for the repairs for the current vehicles. Kacey Campbell and Bob Coty, R&B, both agreed that this is a good deal. There are \$18,565 worth of repairs and they would like to pay \$10,000 for the plant. Berges asked former commissioner Schneider his opinion on this and Schneider thought it would be a good deal, however, he suggested they look into the utility bill to see if it was still in the parameters that were set when they first started leasing and that they stipulate that the business stay in the county and remain a viable business. Berges will look into the utility bill and will make a motion at the next meeting.

Berges moved to approve the IGA between Sedgwick County and Holyoke School District for the upcoming November election. Tobin second, carried.

The next regular meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, August 19, 2025.

GUESTS:

Kelly Lowery, County Attorney, joined the meeting. Lowery gave a summary on the previous approval by the commissioners on 4/29/25 of a 50% reduction in use tax as a county tax incentive. Lowery also noted the letter submitted by previous commissioner Howard McCormick stating that the approval of the use tax reduction caused a reduction in the use tax for all businesses was based off of a valid action by the Board. Lowery explained that the action item was not put on the agenda nor added as an addition to the agenda and because they made a motion, this violated the OML (Open Meetings Law) and therefore the action is void. Lowery recommended to the Board that they reach out to AP Diesel to explain the error and to ask for a rebate of the use tax funds. Lowery stated that because this was our fault, AP Diesel should be given longer to pay the amount of \$6,797.25 back to the county, up to 1 year. Tobin noted that all information and data be verified prior to a motion to avoid this happening again. Berges moved to acknowledge the error and to send AP Diesel a letter explaining the error and requesting the payback of \$6,797.25. Tobin second, carried.

Lowery then asked the Board if they had any questions or concerns about the July 25<sup>th</sup> notice she submitted stating that she will be resigning but will give the Board until December 31, 2025 to help facilitate a smooth transition. Berges told Lowery he hates to accept the resignation and praised Lowery for her work with the county. Berges moved to accept the resignation of county attorney Kelly Lowery, with a date of December 31, 2025. Tobin second, carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Submitted by:

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Sedgwick County Clerk & Recorder

Approved: August 19, 2025

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SEDGWICK COUNTY, COLORADO

(seal)

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ronald Berges, Chairman

Attest:

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Sedgwick County Clerk & Recorder

