

SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMISSIONER
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 16, 2022

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Turner moved to approve the August 9, 2022 minutes as presented. McCormick second, carried.

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Schneider told the Board he will be gone for next week's meeting.

McCormick moved to approve Building Permit #2022-09 for Turner second, carried.

Schneider moved to approve Subdivision Exemption for Blochowitz LTD for Turner second, carried.

Turner moved to approve Subdivision Exemption for Lyle Blochowitz for McCormick second, carried.

The Board reviewed the attorney letter concerning the accident at the landfill. The county insurance will not cover the repairs to the pickup due to governmental immunity and due to the fact that the employee running the loader was on his cellphone at the time of the accident, the county will reimburse the cost of repair with the signature of Mr. Roop releasing all liability from the county. McCormick moved to approve the payment in the amount of \$8,475.06 with the signed letter. Turner second, carried.

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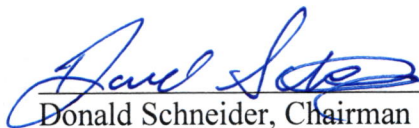
Rob Crowder, Civil Defense, joined the meeting. Crowder updated the Board on current projects including a grant that would pay half of the salary of Josilyn Lutze for her help and three applications he is working on for Ovid Fire building and for Ambulance. Crowder told the Board that he had a site visit for EMPG on the 21st and that it went well. Crowder asked that a work session be set up to discuss livestock emergency planning. Crowder then told the Board that he will be gone the 6th, 7th and 8th for conference and he will be gone for a week beginning on the 11th. Crowder left the meeting.

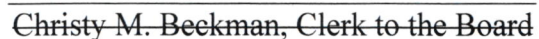
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McCormick moved to go into recess for a work session about the deputy assessor raise. Turner second, carried.

The meeting has now reconvened. McCormick moved to have an independent contract with Elmer Ruder at an extra \$2.44 per hour and to pay out of county admin for IT support until the end of this year. Turner second, carried.

McCormick moved to adjourn the meeting. Turner second, carried. Meeting was adjourned.


Donald Schneider, Chairman


~~Christy M. Beckman, Clerk to the Board~~

*Refusing to sign this amended version

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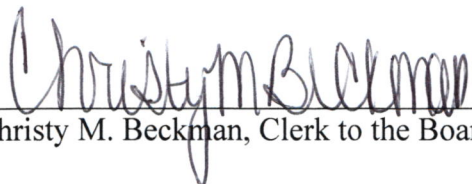
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Donald Schneider, Chairman



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↳ This is what was motioned and said in the meeting - These are the minutes I will sign. However McCormick said to change it to an independent contract - I have the raise request from Eva attached.



Sedgwick County Assessor
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August 16, 2022

Sedgwick County Board of County Commissioners
315 Cedar St, Ste 220
Julesburg, CO 80737
RE: Elmer Ruder Salary

* Degree not Required
for Deputy Assessor

Dear Mr. Commissioners,

I have brought this to your attention previously, but I am again asking for a raise to be effective immediately. Elmer has a 4-year degree for Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. He also has 2-year degree in Electronics Technology. He has worked on and figured out the mapping program in our office without much technical support. He has been extremely generous with his time to help other offices in the courthouse in working on whatever problems they have come across. He has also been extremely helpful in bringing our offices up to date with new computer equipment, battery backups and just the sheer knowledge to know what he is doing. He has built a computer for the new Finance/Budget office and is able to set it up with no problem. He just completed one of the classes for the work that we do in our office. I could go on, but I know you understand what I am saying. I know you are working on a new pay scale, but that won't go into effect until the new year. I have money I can rearrange in my budget to give him a raise now, as this is only fair since he brings so much to our table. I am asking for at least \$17.00 and hour which is below what he could get for having those degrees, but I am not out to outspend the county. I am only asking what I feel is fair and when the new pay scale comes out I would ask to be able to revisit this matter.

If you could please consider this I would greatly appreciate it as I know he's not in it for the money, but I would hate to lose him with what he has accomplished and what he will be able to do in the future.

Thank you,