

SEDGWICK COUNTY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 26, 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 and Lori Ehmke.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Tobin moved to approve the August 26, 2025 agenda with the addition of IT RFP under new business. Fryar second, carried.

Fryar moved to approve the August 26, 2025 payroll and payables. Berges second, carried.

Berges moved to approve the August 19, 2025 regular meeting minutes as presented. Fryar second, carried.

PUBLIC:

REPORTS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Berges moved to approve the hiring of Blaine Coty, retroactively to July 23, 2025 at a salary of \$19 per hour. Tobin second, carried. Bob Coty recused himself from this process.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fryar moved to approve the Joint Space Agreement between the Town of Julesburg and Sedgwick County at a cost of \$350 per month rent and 22% county paid utilities for the facility. Tobin second, carried.

Discussion was held on the possibility of the county paying for the certifications for the new hire for the Weed & Pest position. Fryar moved to approve the Weed & Pest certifications. Tobin second, carried.

Berges moved to approve the IGA between Sedgwick County and Revere High School for the November Election. Tobin second, carried.

Fryar told the Board that he would like the IT RFP to be handed to Mathew Mendisco, consultant, for review and recommendations for the 2026 budget.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The next regular meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, September 9, 2025.

GUESTS:

Rhonda Graham, Economic Development, joined the meeting. Graham updated the Board that Sedgwick County was one of five counties that got the Destination Blueprint and will begin with meetings concerning branding of Sedgwick County. Graham also noted that there was more funding for the Community Center from the Boetcher Foundation for the bathrooms which will allow the childcare grants to move forward.

Zach Ruder, Building Maintenance, joined the meeting. Ruder reported that a company that can do an energy audit including HVAC systems. The quote would cost approximately \$20,000. Ruder told the Board that he has a meeting on September 9th and asked if he should go forward with this. Fryar told Ruder to have the meeting and then bring the results of it to Mathew to discuss within the budget process.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

It is August 26, 2025 and the time is 8:49 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 Kathryn Schroeder, Special Counsel. This is an executive session for the following purpose: For the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and/or instructing negotiators, under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(e); The time is now 8:59 a.m. and the executive session has been concluded. The participants in the executive session were: Ronald Berges, John Fryar, Darrin Tobin, Matthew Mendisco and Kathryn Schroeder, Special Counsel. 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...

Tobin told the Board he will be attending the VSO conference on September 16th through 18th.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Submitted by:

Sedgwick County Clerk & Recorder

Approved: September 9, 2025

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SEDGWICK COUNTY, COLORADO

(seal)

By: _____
Ronald Berges, Chairman

Attest:

Sedgwick County Clerk & Recorder