

SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMISSIONER
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 27, 2024

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Howard McCormick with Donald Schneider, Ronald Berges and Christy Beckman present. Vickie Sandlin, Julesburg Advocate, John Fryar, Lori Ehmke, Darin Tobin, Phil Biersdorfer, Heather Foley and Koby Quayle joined the meeting.

Schneider moved to approve the agenda with the addition as presented. Berges second, carried.

McCormick stated that he spoke to both Biersdorfer and Quayle and that his goal is to work toward the betterment of the county. McCormick stated that this is not the first time Phil has been in this situation and he feels there has always been good communication and mutual respect. McCormick's recommendation is to appoint Biersdorfer as sheriff until the November election. McCormick moved to appoint Phil Biersdorfer as Sheriff, to hold office until the November election. Schneider second, carried.

Beckman swore in Phil Biersdorfer as Sedgwick County Sheriff.

McCormick had a couple of questions for Biersdorfer which they discussed including finding some part time help in the interim. Biersdorfer did have questions about the wages for deputies and part time help. McCormick asked Biersdorfer if there was something wrong with the E-file for the Defense Attorney and Prosecution since they have reported that they are not receiving the files from the Sheriffs office for current cases and that is the reason why those cases have been dismissed. Biersdorfer told the Board that there has only been access for certain people to those files and they were supposed to be doing them but have not followed through. Biersdorfer will look into this and change the access to the E-File and get things back on track.

Discussion was then held on the position of Undersheriff. Biersdorfer said according to statutes, there are to be two positions in the Sheriffs office at all times and those are of Sheriff and Undersheriff, therefore, he will be appointing Koby Quayle as Undersheriff.

McCormick moved to allow the Undersheriff wage to be applied to Quayle as Undersheriff and to wave the part of the statute that does not allow an Undersheriff to get overtime during this initial time of lack of deputies and allow Quayle to receive overtime. Berges second, carried.

Discussion was then held on the court security grant and transporting. Biersdorfer will talk to the commissioners during his budget hearing on these matters.

Discussion was held on the communication center and the fact that the director had been training a part time employee to be able to help in her absence. The Board discussed the license that is only in the director's name and a possible contract between her and the county. Biersdorfer believes that the license can be changed to the county's name.

Schneider moved to accept the resignation of Bridget Britton that was received in July with the end date of September 20, 2024. Berges second, carried.

Berges moved to accept the resignation of Abe Magana. Schneider second, carried.

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

Howard McCormick, Chairman

Christy M. Beckman, Clerk to the Board