

SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMISSIONER
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 10, 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, Darrin Tobin, Lori Ehmke, Alexia Mayhue and Dan Pederson joined the meeting.

Schneider moved to approve the agenda with the addition of report on pyrolysis project, Winter conference report, fiber optic project clarification, County Road, add executive session and add Tasha Harris. Berges second, carried.

Schneider moved to approve the December 10, 2024 payables as presented. Berges second, carried.

Berges moved to approve the December 3, 2024 minutes as presented. Schneider second, carried.

Darrin Tobin gave the Board an update on the winter conference he attended. He learned of the state level cuts for 2025 and said he will cover the CCI meetings.

Schneider discussed the PC Telcom fiber project for Sedgwick County and told the new commissioners that part of the county portion of the tab will be in-kind services and possibly waiving the road crossing fees.

Berges and Fryar reported that they attended a meeting about a pyrolysis project and they seem to think that this would be a good project for the county. The project would need water and power provided by the County until they are up and running. McCormick asked where the water would come from. Both Fryar and Berges will look into this project further.

Schneider updated the Board on the new county road by the feed mill. Kelly Lowery, County Attorney, is having a survey done.

Dan Pederson, Accountant, gave the Board the most updated budget numbers. After discussion, Schneider moved to adopt the 2025 Sedgwick County Budget. Berges second, carried. Discussion: McCormick told the new commissioners that they put a lot of the financial requests under commissioner discretion so that those numbers could be controlled and adjusted by the Board.

Schneider moved to approve the 2025 Sedgwick County Mill Levy at 30.025. Berges second, carried. Schneider noted that when the commissioners changed that mill levy in 2015, they didn't know they only had 12 months to change it back and they neglected to do that. This cost Sedgwick County over 2 million dollars.

Schneider moved to approve the appropriation of funds from the 2025 budget. Berges second carried.

Adam Parish and Brandon Sparks, AP Deisel, joined the meeting. Parish told the Board that they received their use tax bill and because it was steep, they asked if there were any incentives that the county offers new businesses. The Town has offered some and it is an existing business with massive expansion. McCormick told them that the county does have incentives and he thought that Rhonda Graham had given them some documentation of that. The guests did not receive anything so Berges will make sure they get it by the end of the day. The guests left the meeting.

Schneider moved to approve the Special Events Liquor License for SCOR for an event to be held on January 14, 2025. Berges second, carried.

Berges moved to approve the 2025 updated Wage Scale for Sedgwick County to begin on December 21, 2024. Schneider second, carried.

Schneider moved to approve Resolution #2024-013, signing authority to sell property owned by Sedgwick County. Berges second, carried.

Schneider moved to approve a \$500 per month salary for the secretary of E-911, Kody Blochowitz, for 2025 calendar year. Berges second, carried.

Berges moved to approve the raise for Stacy Woodhams, Road & Bridge, in the amount of \$3.00 per hour to begin on December 21st in accordance with the new wage scale for attaining his CDL. Schneider second, carried.

McCormick moved to approve the closing of the application process for the VSO position. Berges second, carried. There was one qualified applicant.

It is December 10, 2024 and the time is 9:00 a.m. For the record, I am the Chairman, as required by the Open Meetings Law; Also present at the executive session are the following persons: Donald Schneider, Howard McCormick, Ronald Berges and Kelly Lowery, For a conference with the County Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(b); The time is now 9:25 a.m. and the executive session has been concluded. 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...

Tasha Harris, Ambulance, joined the meeting. Harris told the Board that the ambulance department is in crisis. Ambulance arrivals are being seriously delayed and the department is in need of a restructure. Harris asked if the Board approved the 2025 budget request so she can begin that restructure. The Board told her that the budget was

approved. Schneider moved to approve the use of the new approved funds beginning on December 21, 2025. Berges second, carried. McCormick recused himself.

There will be no meeting on December 24, 2024.

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

Howard McCormick, Chairman

Christy M. Beckman, Clerk to the Board