

SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMISSIONER
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 3, 2024

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Howard McCormick with Donald Schneider, Ronald Berges, by phone and Christy Beckman present. Vickie Sandlin, Julesburg Advocate, John Fryar, Lori Ehmke, Heather Foley, Walter Page, Katie Green and Dan Pederson joined the meeting.

Schneider moved to approve the agenda as presented. McCormick second, carried.

Schneider moved to approve the December 3, 2024 payables as presented. McCormick second, carried.

Schneider moved to approve the November 26, 2024 minutes as presented. McCormick second, carried.

McCormick moved to open the Highway Users Budget Hearing for tax year 2025 at 8:30 a.m. Schneider second carried. Those in attendance are Howard McCormick, Ron Berges by phone, Christy Beckman, Heather Foley, Lori Ehmke, Katie Green, John Fryar, Vickie Sandlin, Walter Page and Dan Pederson. McCormick moved to close the Highway Users Budget Hearing at 8:45 a.m. Schneider Second, carried. There were no comments from the public.

McCormick moved to open the E-911 Budget Hearing for tax year 2025 at 8:45 a.m. Schneider second, carried. Those in attendance are Howard McCormick, Ron Berges by phone, Christy Beckman, Heather Foley, Lori Ehmke, Katie Green, John Fryar, Vickie Sandlin, Walter Page and Dan Pederson. McCormick moved to close the E-911 Budget Hearing at 9:00 a.m. Schneider Second, carried. There were no comments from the public.

McCormick moved to open the Sedgwick County Budget Hearing for tax year 2025 at 9:00 a.m. Schneider second, carried. Those in attendance are Howard McCormick, Ron Berges by phone, Christy Beckman, Heather Foley, Lori Ehmke, Katie Green, John Fryar, Vickie Sandlin, Walter Page and Dan Pederson. McCormick moved to close the Sedgwick County Budget Hearing at 9:15 a.m. Schneider second, carried. There were no comments from the public.

Discussion was held on the department fees submitted by Sheriff, R&B, Landfill, Exhibit Building and Ambulance. McCormick moved to approve the Department Fees for 2025. Schneider second, carried.

McCormick moved to approve the HEA DOLA grant support letter. Schneider second, carried.

McCormick moved to approve Building Permit #2024-013 for home improvements for Jeff and Anne Sittner located at 32-12-45. Schneider second, carried.

Schneider moved to approve Special Use Permit #2024-014 for county road crossing for Kontny property for HEA located at 30-11-43 and 36-11-42. Berges second, carried.

Schneider moved to approve the Flood Plain Permit for Trailblazer Pipeline Co, LLC. McCormick second, carried.

Schneider discussed the PC Telcom fiber project for Sedgwick County and told Fryar that there is COVID money targeted for that project along with In Kind and \$130,000 from the Marquardt Foundation.

Jay Goddard, Marquardt Foundation, joined the meeting. Goddard told the Board that the Foundation has a plan to help with the Sweden Crème property since there has only been one very low bid submitted to this point. Goddard told the Board that if they were willing to sell the property to the Foundation for \$1 the Foundation could offer \$45,000 through CBIG for new owners who come with a plan for the business. The fine details still need to be worked out. McCormick moved to accept the offer from Goddard pending getting the details with the attorney worked out. Schneider second, carried.

McCormick had some discussion with Fryar about the 2025 budget.

Pederson told the Board that the mill levy will need to be changed, however, Schneider told him that the county is exempt. After discussion Pederson put off approving the 2025 appropriations until next meeting and Schneider will find the documentation for the exemption.

Discussion was held on the condition of the jail.

McCormick moved to allow Beckman to purchase totes for the departments to put the permanent records in for storage. Schneider second, carried.

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

Howard McCormick, Chairman

Christy M. Beckman, Clerk to the Board