

SEDGWICK COUNTY  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
DECEMBER 30, 2024

Meeting was called to order by Pro-Tem Chairman Ronald Berges with Donald present. Vickie Sandlin, Julesburg Advocate, Lori Ehmke, Heather Foley, John Fryar, and Kimberly Jarrett joined the meeting. Christy Beckman and Howard McCormick have an excused absence.

Schneider moved to approve the agenda with the addition of report on Community Economic Development meeting, letter from CBI about Magana dispatch accusation, Hanna settlement & agreement and add Kimberly Jarrett to the agenda.. Berges second, carried.

Berges moved to approve the December 30, 2024 payables and payroll. Schneider second, carried.

Schneider moved to approve the December 17, 2024 minutes as amended. Berges second, carried.

Schneider reported on the Community Economic Development meeting and said his concern is with the grants that are expiring soon. He said Graham will be checking to see if she can get an extension if the project has not been completed. There is a meeting with Viking Environmental scheduled in January. Discussion was held on the Italian Caves

The Board received a letter from the CBI after an accusation was filed by former Sheriff's deputy Abe Magana concerning a background check that was processed by the communication center. Magana claimed it was done illegally. The CBI said there was no wrongdoing and that no abnormalities were found.

Schneider reported that a settlement was reached in the Hanna lawsuit. Before the amount and the name is released, Schneider will check with the county attorney. As part of the settlement, an apology letter had to be written by the Board to the victim. Schneider had that letter available for review. Schneider said this settlement was taken care of by the county liability insurance. Schneider noted that because of this case, the trackers were installed in the county vehicles.

Schneider moved to approve a Special Events Liquor License for Hippodrome Arts Centre for an event to be held at the fairgrounds on April 12, 2025. Berges second, carried.

Schneider moved to approve the annual Computerized System Lease Agreement between Sauls Creek Engineering and Sedgwick County for the Clerk's office recording equipment. Berges second, carried.

Kimberly Jarret, Communities That Care, joined the meeting. Jarrett updated the Board on the activities of CTC in our community and invited them to a meeting at the annex on January 21, 2025. Jarrett left the meeting.

Discussion was held on the raises for employee's in 2025. Schneider told the guests that the chairman will reach out to the employee's to help clear up any confusion.

Schneider moved to approve the grant applications for the ambulance on call service to the Marquardt Foundation and the Stretesky Foundation. Berges second, carried.

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

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Ronald Berges, Vice Chairman

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Christy M. Beckman, Clerk to the Board