

SEDGWICK COUNTY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 18, 2025

Meeting was called to order by Pro Tem Chairman John Fryar Darrin Tobin and Christy Beckman present in office. Vickie Sandlin, Julesburg Advocate, Lori Ehmke, Heather Foley and Catie Green were present in office. Alexia Mayhue, Bridget Britton, Kurt Dilsaver, Koby Quayle and Lacy Coty were present via Google Teams.

Fryar moved to approve the agenda with the addition of adding Alexia Mayhue, Concentrics, onto the agenda. Tobin second, carried.

Tobin moved to approve the February 18, 2025 payables. Fryar second, carried.

Fryar moved to approve the February 11, 2025 regular meeting minutes and the February 11, 2025 work session minutes. Tobin second, carried.

Fryar reported that he had the first meeting with the SCOR Board of Trustees and the director. Items were developed to stress with the economic development director. Fryar reported that there will be ongoing conversations.

Ronald Berges joined the meeting.

The SCOR lease with CSU extension was reviewed. Catie Green explained what the lease was for and that it was out of the non-appropriated account paid from CSU.

Natasha Thode, Human Service, joined the meeting. Fryar moved to approve the February 18, 2025 agenda as presented. Tobin second, carried. Fryar moved to approve the January 21, 2025 minutes as presented. Tobin second, carried. The Board reviewed the December financial report. Thode asked for approval of the HS petty cash reconciliation. Fryar moved to approve the 2025 petty cash reconciliation. Tobin second, carried.

Christy Beckman, Clerk, joined the meeting for a work session. Beckman presented the Board with a list of duties for her office for review. Beckman told the Board that her door was always open if they had any questions.

Lori Ehmke, Treasurer, joined the meeting for a work session. Ehmke presented the Board with a list of duties for her office for review. Ehmke brought up HB 25-1199 and asked the Board to vote no on this bill. It would have an adverse effect on the Treasurer's office and how taxes are collected.

Berges asked the Board if they would consider giving a contractor discount for gravel and filler. Discussion was held and Fryar's concern was how that works within a government. Fryar would like to look into this further before a decision is made.

Elmer Ruder, Deputy Assessor, joined the meeting for a work session. Ruder gave the Board a list of duties for review. Discussions were held on state mandates and the assessor and deputy assessor who are coming next week to help in Eva Contreras's absence.

Koby Quayle, Sheriff, joined the meeting via Google Teams. Quayle had sent the Board an email to re-visit the requests that he had made in the previous meeting. Quayle asked if the Board would approve the \$3 per hour on call pay for deputies, using the \$25,592 overtime budgeted funds. Quayle reminded the Board that the deputies would be earning comp time as opposed to overtime in order for his budget to allow this. Fryar reminded Quayle that they are watching the budget closely and that he had questions about how this change would decrease overtime. Quayle reiterated that comp would be awarded and not overtime. Fryar expressed that the Board would need to weigh the big picture as awarding comp instead of overtime would have its own set of issues. Berges moved to approve the \$3 per hour on call pay for the Sheriff's office with the stipulation that this be revisited in May. Roll call vote: Ron – Yes, Darrin – Yes, Fryar – No. Discussion was then held on all of the vehicles again and Quayle asked for approval for the 2016 pickup from Waylan that he and Berges had a chance to look at. Quayle told the Board that his plan was to retire 2 of the vehicles that need the most work and keep one as a back up then to look into getting a Taurus in the future with the rest of the \$50,000 slated for vehicles in his budget. Fryar told Quayle that with the budget constraints, he is not sure that any more vehicles will be purchased. Fryar moved to approve of the purchase of the 2016 pickup including the cage install at \$25,500 with the directive that any extra work needed will be brought back before the Board. Tobin second, carried. Quayle then asked about the \$3,635.20 for the Lexipol service. Fryar asked who would input the work and customize it and Quayle answered that he and Phil along with the communication center will. Fryar said that in light of the financial concerns the county is having, this may be something that will save money in the long run. Fryar moved to approve \$3,675.20 for the Lexipol law enforcement program. Berges second, carried.

Alexia Mayhue, Concentrics, joined the meeting via Google Teams. Mayhue told the Board that there are several departments in need of new hardware for 2025 and has a quote ready for the Board. Discussion was held on laptops and who has a need for them. Fryar asked about the sheriff's office and if the rugged laptops could go from the vehicle to the office. Mayhue was asked for quotes for laptops and if that could include using what the sheriff's office already has in their possession. Berges told Mayhue that he believes the VSO needs a laptop as well. Fryar abstained from that discussion and Mayhue will get a quote for that as well.

Natasha Thode, HS, re-joined the meeting for her work session. Thode has sent the Board an email with the job descriptions for her offices and asked if anyone needed clarification. The Board did ask some questions and also asked what the chain of command is there. Thode replied that everyone reports to her and she reports to the Board.

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