SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMISSIONER REGULAR BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 25, 2022

Meeting was called to order by Pro-Tem Chairman Mark Turner with Howard McCormick and Christy Beckman present. Donald Schneider has an excused absence.

McCormick moved to approve the agenda with the addition of payroll audit under unfinished business and feasibility study for a Cobblestone Hotel through Rhonda Graham under new business. Turner second, carried.

The February 25, 2022 payables and payroll were reviewed. McCormick moved to approve the February 25, 2022 payables and payroll. Turner second, carried.

The minutes of the February 8, 2022 meeting were reviewed. The Board will postpone approval of the minutes until Schneider returns as McCormick had to leave before the February 8th meeting was over.

Turner moved to approve a support letter for NJC COSI. McCormick second, carried.

Turner moved to approve a special events liquor license for Ovid Fire Department for an event to be held at the fairgrounds on March 19, 2022. McCormick second, carried.

Discussion was held on the budget and finances for the fair. The county used to write a check and give it to the fair board and now that the process has changed, the funds that are in county general for fair need to be transferred over to the fair fund. McCormick moved to transfer \$25,800 from county general into county fair fund. Turner second, carried.

Discussion was held on a request from Rhonda Graham, Sedgwick County Community Economic Development, for a feasibility study to be conducted for the possibility of a Cobblestone Hotel to come to this area. The cost is \$12,500 and Graham will be asking for a \$6,250 half grant through the Stretesky Foundation. McCormick moved to approve the payment of \$6,250 out of lodging tax money for the feasibility study. Turner second, carried.

Vickie Sandlin, Julesburg Advocate, joined the meeting to discuss the Explore ad. The Board will discuss the request for funds with Schneider when he returns. Sandlin left the meeting.

McCormick brought up discussion about the suggested payroll audit. McCormick has a couple of bids for the audit and a letter from Human Services. McCormick moved to have Kelly Lowery contact an independent auditor to begin the process of the audit. Turner second, carried.

McCormick moved to adjourn the meeting. Turner second, carried. Meeting was adjourned.

Donald Schneider, Chairman

Christy M. Beckman, Clerk to the Board