

SEDGWICK COUNTY  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 7, 2025

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Howard McCormick with Donald Schneider, Ronald Berges and Christy Beckman present. Vickie Sandlin, Julesburg Advocate, Lori Ehmke, Heather Foley, John Fryar, Darrin Tobin, KC Campbell and Bob Coty joined the meeting.

Schneider moved to approve the agenda with the addition of removing Tasha Thode as a guest. Berges second, carried.

Berges moved to approve the January 7, 2025 payables. Schneider second, carried.

Schneider moved to approve the December 30, 2024 minutes as amended. Berges second, carried.

The Treasurers' December Financials were reviewed.

Schneider moved to approve Building Permit #2025-001 and #2025-002. Berges second, carried.

Berges moved to approve the Subdivision Exemption for Detta Helmsing for property located at 1-11-46. Schneider second, carried.

Koby Quayle, Sheriff, joined the meeting. Quayle told the Board that Dakota will be attending academy on January 19<sup>th</sup> and asked if he could receive a \$2,500 bonus upon completion. The Board agreed. Kelly Lowery, Attorney, will need to get a contract together. Quayle then told the Board that there will be a new hire as soon as he completes all of the requirements and said he would like to pay him a \$5,000 sign-on bonus. The Board said a contract will be needed for that as well. Quayle then asked if he could use the same part-time personnel and pay rates as last year. Quayle told the Board that he turned in two of the vehicle insurance claims from last year and received a payment for the 2016 Ford Explorer minus the deductible and is still waiting for the 2013 Ford Pickup. Quayle then told the Board he will need around \$5,000 for repairs to the Explorer and discussed some problems with the other vehicles. Quayle then told the Board that he is interested in purchasing Lexipol which is a system that keeps all of the statutes updated in real time. He thought the price will be around \$4,000 per year. The Board asked Quayle to get a quote for review. Quayle then told the Board that there is paint chipping in his office and there is a crack in the ceiling and he would like to get it scraped and re-painted. He spoke to Zach Ruder and he is willing to do that and will just need to purchase the paint. A discussion was held about the mold in the jail and the evidence room in the basement. Quayle is considering bringing the evidence upstairs as there is mold damage to some of the evidence. McCormick asked Quayle why the evidence wasn't on the shelves that were built or why it hasn't been moved and asked if he is keeping an eye on the cameras to that room. Quayle then said he would like to have a work session with the Board to discuss the monies that are in Commissioner discretion as he would like to try to get his department up to standards. McCormick asked Quayle where he is at with updating NIBRS and Quayle said Bridget Britton is the only one at this time who is able to get that updated and he signed her up for a class at conference. There was another discussion on vehicles and McCormick said he needs to have his

Sheriff's policy manual updated. Schneider asked about the missing equipment in the Sheriff's office. Quayle said he would like the attorney to write a letter to the previous two sheriff's deputies asking to return any equipment they may have taken with them and to directly ask if the 1033 rifle scope was in their possession. Quayle left the meeting.

McCormick told the Board that there was only 1 applicant for the VSO position and that they were very qualified. McCormick moved to hire Sandy Fryar as the new Veterans Service Officer for Sedgwick County. Schneider second, carried.

There was one applicant for the 4-H Extension position and Catie Green recommend her hiring. McCormick moved to hire Kylie Workman at \$19.75 per hour for the 4-H Extension position. Schneider second, carried.

Schneider moved to approve the adjusted mill levy resolution as there was an error on the assessed valuation. Berges second, carried. Schneider suggested to the new Board that they contact CTSI to see if the dues will drop because the assessed valuation is now under 60 million.

McCormick said it has been a pleasure working with the department heads and elected officials in Sedgwick County. He told the new Board how much knowledge these people have and highly suggested contacting them if they have any questions, along with himself and Schneider.

McCormick moved to approve the following for the Board Appointments for 2025:

Department Heads:

Communication Center – Bridget Britton

Building Maintenance – Zach Ruder

Emergency Manager – Steven Wahrman

Veteran's Administrator – Sandy Fryar

Weed & Pest – Tracy Kizer

Road & Bridge – Bob Coty

Human Services – Natasha Thode

Economic Development – Rhonda Graham

Finance / Payroll – Heather Foley

Fairboard President – Chase Dunker

SCOR Board: Tony Ortiz, Natalie Mayer and Kay Blochowitz replacing Tammy

Schneider, Bailey Fasler and Wendy Myers

E-911 Authority – Steven Wahrman and Koby Quayle

Schneider second, carried.

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