

SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMISSIONER
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JULY 11, 2023

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Donald Schneider with Howard McCormick, Ronald Berges and Christy Beckman present. Vicki Sandlin, Julesburg Advocate, Assessors Office, Finance Office, R&B Office, Communication Center, Treasurer's Office and Ben Moore joined the meeting via zoom.

McCormick moved to approve the agenda with the addition of adding an executive session for contract, discussion on right of way fees and cruise night. Berges second, carried.

McCormick moved to approve the July 11, 2023 vouchers as presented. Berges second, carried.

McCormick moved to approve the June 29, 2023 minutes as presented. Berges second, carried.

Tasha Thode, Human Services, joined the meeting. Thode presented the Board with a resignation letter from Megan Orth. McCormick moved to accept the resignation letter from Megan Orth. Schneider second, carried.

The Treasurer's June, Semi-Annual financial report was reviewed. Schneider moved to approve the Treasurer's report of fees collected. McCormick second. Carried.

The UPS Quarterly report was reviewed.

The assessed valuation was discussed. Eva Contreras, Assessor, said it was \$62,880,845, and that is without all of the state assessed properties.

Matthew Crowder, Sheriff, joined the meeting. Crowder told the Board the transmission in the Taurus is being repaired and asked for approval for the expense. McCormick moved to approve the payment of the Taurus repair. Berges second, carried. Crowder gave the Board a position description for a part time admin position he is wanting to put into place. McCormick asked where that would be in his budget but Crowder said he has not looked in the budget yet. Discussion was held on fall academy and a possible candidate. Crowder asked to go into executive session. Schneider moved to go into executive session on July 11, 2023 at 8:45 a.m. To discuss the legal issues under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(a); No business will be conducted, and no decisions will be made. McCormick second, carried. The time is now 8:55 a.m. and the executive session has been concluded. The participants in the executive session were: Howard McCormick, Ron Berges, Donald Schneider, Matthew Crowder and Kelly Lowery, Attorney. For the record, if any person who participated in the executive session believes that any substantial discussion of any matters not included in the motion to go into the executive session occurred during the executive session, or that any improper action occurred

during the executive session in violation of the Open Meetings Law, I would ask that you state your concerns for the record. Seeing none, we will continue with the next agenda item.

Cameron Britton, Maintenance, joined the meeting. Britton updated the Board on current projects including that he has some help from a community service person and his part time help is helping him keep up with the grass and weeds.

Kacey Campbell, Road & Bridge, updated the Board on current projects and let them know that the scale is up and running and that the gravel pit has been flagged.

Rob Crowder, Emergency Manager, joined the meeting. Crowder updated the Board on current projects including reports on grants. Crowder gave the Board insurance for the secured transport and discussion will be held on who is in charge. Crowder reported that the river will likely be up for 2 more weeks and that this is the first time in 17 years that there is no drought in Colorado. Crowder left the meeting.

McCormick moved to approve the Special Events Liquor License for an event to be held at the Fairgrounds on August 3-August 6, 2023. Berges second, carried.

Schneider moved to approve the IGA for the Coordinated Election on November 7, 2023 between Sedgwick County and Julesburg School District RE-1. McCormick second, carried.

McCormick moved to approve a transfer from county general to Welcome Center in the amount of \$2,000 to cover a deficit. Berges second, carried.

Schneider moved to approve a transfer from county general to the conservation trust fund in the amount of \$20,000 for an ineligible expense which occurred in 2022. Berges second, carried.

McCormick moved to approve Special Use Permit #2023-01P for Tallgrass Energy, Dave and Cheryl Nein for pipeline located at SE4 10-11-47. Berges second, carried. McCormick recused himself.

McCormick moved to approve Building Permit #2023-002 for Mike Noland for building located at 12-11-47. Berges second, carried.

Schneider moved to approve the signing of the consent to substitute counsel. Berges second, carried. Discussion: This will allow Kelly Lowery, Attorney to take counsel back due to no more conflict of interest with Highline.

The Board received a question about closing the courthouse early for cruise night. McCormick moved to approve the closing of the courthouse at 1:00 on Friday, August 18, 2023. Berges second, carried.

Discussion was held on right of way fees. No new information has been discovered so Berges will contact Weld County to discuss fees and will report at the next meeting.

Rhonda Graham, Economic Development, joined the meeting. Graham updated the Board on current projects including discussion on Prop 123. This is housing legislation that was passed to help get affordable homes into rural areas and Graham is asking the commissioners for their blessing to opt in so more funding could be available. Graham told the Board Cruise Night is set into place and then told them dirt will be moving the first part of August for the Cobblestone. Gary Sefnt, GlobalGreen International, joined the meeting by zoom. Sefnt gave a presentation on GGII Waste to Energy Technology, a process to turn waste into energy. The Board is interested and will reach out to Sefnt with further questions.

Schneider moved to go into executive session on July 11, 2023 at 10:32 a.m. To discuss the legal issues under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(a); No business will be conducted, and no decisions will be made. Berges second, carried. The time is now 10:40 a.m. and the executive session has been concluded. The participants in the executive session were: Ron Berges and Donald Schneider. Kelly Lowery, Attorney was unavailable by phone. For the record, if any person who participated in the executive session believes that any substantial discussion of any matters not included in the motion to go into the executive session occurred during the executive session, or that any improper action occurred during the executive session in violation of the Open Meetings Law, I would ask that you state your concerns for the record. Seeing none, we will continue with the next agenda item.

Schneider moved to adjourn the meeting. Berges second, carried. Meeting was adjourned.

Donald Schneider, Chairman

Christy M. Beckman, Clerk to the Board