

SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMISSIONER  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
JULY 16, 2024

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Howard McCormick with Donald Schneider, Ronald Berges and Christy Beckman present. Vickie Sandlin, Julesburg Advocate, John Fryar, Rhonda Graham, Lori Ehmke, Eva Contreras, Alexia Mayhue; Concentrics, Chase Marsten and Conner Kilday, NRS, joined the meeting.

Schneider moved to approve the agenda with the addition of SCOR meeting report, Fiber Optic letter under reports, mower, replace culverts, Venango Road and sell Sweden Crème property under new business. Possible executive session. Berges second, carried.

Schneider moved to approve the July 16, 2024 payables as presented. Berges second, carried.

Schneider moved to approve the July 9, 2024 minutes as presented. Berges second, carried.

Schneider reported on the SCOR meeting. The concessions have done well, and they are looking into the senior programs and are looking for volunteers to man the desk. Schneider asked Graham about the grants for childcare. Graham said the decision is waiting on the SCOR Board. Schneider expressed concerns about the match that the county will have. Discussion switched to the marketing district ballot question. Graham asked the Board for the amounts they want to put into each “bucket” for the marketing district. Schneider moved to approve the splits on the marketing district question as follows: Tourism – 30%, Economic Development – 30%, Child Care – 20% and Housing – 20%. Berges second, carried.

McCormick told the Board that the soft estimate for the completion of the Venango Road will be 2 million dollars.

After discussion Schneider moved to approve closing the courthouse at 1:00 on Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup> for Cruise Night. Berges second, carried.

McCormick reported that there are two culverts with issues. The County Rd 20 culvert is washed out and the County Rd 30 culvert had a grader fall into it.

Discussion was held on a letter received concerning the fiber optic project.

McCormick told the Board the mower blew up and there is a bid for review for a new mower. Schneider moved to approve the purchase of a new mower from 21<sup>st</sup> Century Equipment in the amount of \$7459. Berges second, carried. Discussion was held on fixing the other mower and selling it. Berges will sit in on the interview for a part time position.

McCormick brought up discussion about selling the old Sweden Crème property and putting that money into the CBIG account. Berges moved to approve the selling of the Sweden crème property. Schneider second, carried. Kelly Lowery, Attorney, is working on the wording.

The Treasurer's June financial report was reviewed. There was an error on a collection split which Ehmke fixed.

Alexia Mayhue told the Board that she has a couple of quotes to present in the near future. Mayhue told the Board that Concentrics was contacted by the FBI of a possible vulnerability and would like to suggest that the employees have security training.

The Board reviewed the ROW and Flood Plain permits that the Planning and Zoning Board approved and McCormick had some questions. Schneider moved to approve the permit verbiage changes. Berges second, carried.

Vickie Sandlin asked the Board if they would be willing to pay for the ad for fair for \$300. The Board will pay and Sandlin told them they could get the thank you for free. Schneider moved to approve paying \$300 for the ad for fair. Berges second, carried.

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It is July 16, 2024 and the time is 9:10 a.m.. For the record, I am the Chairman, as required by the Open Meetings Law; Also present at the executive session are the following persons: Donald Schneider, Howard McCormick, Ronald Berges and Kelly Lowery, Attorney. This is an executive session for the following purpose: For a conference with the County Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(b); The time is now 9:24 a.m. and the executive session has been concluded. 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 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. Hearing none, the next agenda item is...Let it be known that Schneider recused himself from the executive session.

It is now 9:24 a.m. and the regular meeting is back in session. McCormick moved to give authorization to Kelly Lower, Attorney, to advance the settlement agreement as drafted. Berges second, carried. Schneider recused himself.

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

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Howard McCormick, Chairman

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Christy M. Beckman, Clerk to the Board