

SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMISSIONER
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JULY 18, 2023

Meeting was called to order in the Annex by Chairman Donald Schneider with Howard McCormick, Ronald Berges and Christy Beckman present. Vicki Sandlin, Julesburg Advocate and Eva Contreras, Assessor, joined the meeting. The R&B Office, Communication Center, Treasurer's Office and Clerk's Office joined the meeting via zoom.

At 8:30, Chairman Schneider brought the meeting to order and the NRS Wind Farm public hearing began. Attorney Kelly Lowery noted to the public that all of the legal steps were followed prior to the hearing and then asked each of the commissioners if they had an economic interest in the windfarms. Each commissioner answered no. Lowery explained that based off of C.R.S. 30-28-102 the Board of Commissioners will be acting as the land use commission for these hearings. Alex Ingulsrud and Brenda Moore, National Renewable Solutions gave a presentation about the wind farm project. The floor was opened up for comments from the public. 34 members of the community commented. At the conclusion of the comments, Ingulsrud answered some of the questions then Attorney Lowery asked the land use commission if they wanted to proceed with the next public hearing to be scheduled August 8th. Berges moved to proceed forward to the next hearing scheduled for August 8, 2023 at 8:30. McCormick second, carried. The land use commission then recommended moving forward with the application. Schneider moved to approve moving forward with the application from NRS as presented with the exception of contemplation on the set backs and all concerns brought forward from the public hearing. McCormick second, carried. The guests from the public hearing left the meeting.

McCormick moved to approve the agenda with the addition of a report of Marquardt funding. Berges second, carried.

McCormick moved to approve the July 18, 2023 vouchers as presented. Berges second, carried.

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

Schneider reported that funding from the Marquardt Foundation was approved for the new community center in the amount of \$75,000 and for the Economic Development position in the amount of \$6,000 and that the Stretesky Foundation will also be funding \$5,000 of that position as well.

McCormick moved to approve Resolution #2023-025, IGA between Sedgwick County and Deuel County Nebraska pending final approval from the attorney. Berges second, carried.

McCormick moved to approve Subdivision Certificate of Exemption from Marvin J & Katherine R Miles to Tallgrass Energy located at 28-11-43. Schneider second, carried.

Schneider moved to approve Building Permit #2023-002 for Jacob Hanson / Kumar & Associates for Boring located at East Ave, S Main Ave, County Rd 15 and County Rd 28. McCormick second, carried.

Discussion was held on an objection to a permit approved last week that was submitted by Tallgrass Energy. Dave and Cheryl Nein are the property owners and did not sign or know about the permit. McCormick suggested sending the letter to the county attorney for review and to have her contact Tallgrass for a solution.

Josilyn Lutze, Linda Langelo and Stephanie, Extension, joined the meeting. Lutze gave the Board an update on activities and projects for review. Lutze asked permission for overtime for upcoming fair, however, the Board was not sure that was budgeted for and in that case she was asked to accrue comp time instead. Langelo then updated the Board on current and future projects she is working on. Along with Stephanie, Langelo told the Board of the upcoming Community Listening Sessions and asked for donations. The Board will take this under consideration. The guests left the meeting.

Frankie Hernandez, Sedgwick County Economic Development, joined the meeting. Hernandez presented the Board with a mock support letter for the broadband project for review. The Board will review the letter and will make a decision at next week's meeting. Hernandez left the meeting.

Kacey Campbell, Road & Bridge, joined the meeting. Campbell told the Board that the 2016 pickup needs a new transmission which was quoted at close to \$14,000. Discussion was held. McCormick moved to approve the repair at the amount of close to \$14,000. Berges second, carried.

It is now 11:05 and the meeting will go into recess to move back to the courthouse.

Schneider moved to go into executive session on July 18, 2023 at 11:10 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 11:45 a.m. and the executive session has been concluded. The participants in the executive session were: Howard McCormick, Ron Berges and Donald Schneider. Kelly Lowery attended 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.

