

SEDGWICK COUNTY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JULY 22, 2025

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Ronald Berges with John Fryar, Darrin Tobin and Christy Beckman present in office. Guests in office are Vickie Sandlin, Julesburg Advocate, Lori Ehmke, Kya Smith, Tasha Thode, Alan Coyne, Alexia Mayhue, Heather Foley and Walt Page.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Fryar moved to approve the July 22, 2025 agenda with the addition of Sapp Bros propane contract under new business. Tobin second, carried.

Berges moved to approve the July 22, 2025 payables. Fryar second, carried.

Fryar moved to approve the July 15, 2025 regular meeting minutes as presented. Berges second, carried.

PUBLIC:

Alan Coyne and Butch Blochowicz joined the meeting on behalf of the Julesburg Cemetery District. Coyne presented the Board with the resignation of Paula Fraker. Coyne told the Board that Amy Fryar was the only applicant and recommended that the Board approve the appointment. Berges moved to approve the appointment of Amy Fryar to the Julesburg Cemetery Board. Tobin second, carried. Fryar abstained.

Michelle Sharp, Early Childhood, joined the meeting to discuss the childcare center. There is a severe lack of childcare in Sedgwick County and Sharp thanked the Board for their support of the childcare center.

Brian Lanckriet and his children Jayce and Megan, joined the meeting. Megan told the Board about the schedule of the fair which starts today. The Lanckriets invited the Board to all of the fair festivities.

REPORTS:

Berges reported and updated the Board on the Perkins Canal state to state complaint between Nebraska and Colorado.

Berges reported on the Region 1 Translator meeting. There was a change from Viaero to T-Mobile.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Berges updated the Board on the PC Telcom Broadband Project. The project has begun and the total cost to the county will be \$216,171.78 with the county exempting the permitting fee's as part of the county in-kind. The project is predicted to be finished in 2026 and the project will bring broadband to the rural communities.

Berges reported on the RE1 Regional Transmitter meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion was held on the request for an extension for Special Use Permit #2024-04. Elmer Ruder, Deputy Assessor, told the Board an extension is being asked for due to time

and budget constraints that were run into. Fryar moved to approve the extension for Special Use Permit #2024-04. Tobin second, carried.

Berges told the Board that Ritchies Ready Mix would like to purchase the county owned cement trucks. Discussion was held as the county owns the equipment and is liable for any repairs. Berges told the Board that there will be an approval is needed for repairs when the invoice is presented.

Berges moved to approve the Sapp Brothers Petroleum propane contract in the amount of \$8,268.75. Tobin second, carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The next regular meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, July 29, 2025.

GUESTS:

John Chapdelaine, Vice President of the NoCo Foundation joined the meeting. Chapdelaine gave a presentation about NoCo Foundation to the Board stating that they have over 60 charitable funds and they provide non-profit support. Chapdelaine told the Board that they are beginning a Northeast Board for representation in our area. The Board thanked Chapdelaine for coming out to present.

COUNTY OFFICIAL/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS/WORKSESSIONS:

Natasha Thode, Human Service, joined the meeting. Fryar moved to approve the July 22, 2025 agenda as presented. Berges second, carried. Berges moved to approve the June 17, 2025 minutes as presented. Tobin second, carried. The Board reviewed the May financial report. Thode told the Board that the Sedgwick County Human Services received the 2024 Distinguished Performance Award from CDHS which came with \$100 for celebration. Thode then thanked Zach Ruder and Parker for all of their work on cleaning up the annex surroundings. Thode left the meeting.

Tasha Thode, Human Services, joined the meeting for the 2025 Re-Budget Hearing.

Heather Foley, Finance Department, joined the meeting for the 2025 Re-Budget Hearing. Koby Quayle, Sheriff, joined the meeting for the 2025 Re-Budget Hearing.

Bridget Britton, Communication Center, joined the meeting for the 2025 Re-Budget Hearing. Britton asked the Board for a response to the request for a 12 week employee and a full time employee. Britton would like to have the temporary employee work into a full time job. Fryar moved to approve the hiring of a temporary employee for communication center for 24 weeks. Berges second, carried. Britton then asked to be moved from comp time to overtime as she is unable to use comp while working shift work. Tobin asked what the monetary difference is but since there is a payout for comp time, there is no difference. Tobin moved to approve the change for Bridget Britton from comp time to overtime. Berges second, carried. Britton brought up discussion about the E-911 surcharge and the fact that there has been no increase since 2019. Fryar said that the Board needs to have a representative at the next E-911 meeting. Britton will schedule an emergency meeting.

Tracy Kizer, Weed & Pest, joined the meeting for the 2025 Re-Budget Hearing.

Koby Quayle, Sheriff, joined the meeting for the 2025 Re-Budget Hearing. Discussion was held on the NIBORS reports as the Board previously told Quayle to wait until a

contract was entered into. Britton told the Board that she is able to do it without a contract. Fryar would like to look back to clarify information on the request for a contract. Quayle then brought up discussion about a new part time employee. The Board told Quayle that if his budget allows, he is able to hire the PT positions.

Steven Wahrman, Civil Defense, joined the meeting for the 2025 Re-Budget Hearing.

Elmer Ruder, Deputy Assessor, joined the meeting for the 2025 Re-Budget Hearing.

Christy Beckman, Clerk, joined the meeting for the 2025 Re-Budget Hearing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Dan Pederson

It is July 22, 2025 and the time is 10:23 a.m.. For the record, I am the Chairman, as required by the Open Meetings Law; this executive session is being electronically recorded. Also present at the executive session are the following persons: Ronald Berges, John Fryar, Darrin Tobin and Dan Pederson. This is an executive session for the following purpose: For the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and/or instructing negotiators, under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(e);

The time is now 10:50 a.m. and the executive session has been concluded. The participants in the executive session were: Ronald Berges, John Fryar, Darrin Tobin and Dan Pederson. 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...

ADJOURNMENT:

Fryar moved to adjourn the meeting. Tobin second, carried.

Submitted by:

Sedgwick County Clerk & Recorder

Approved: July 29, 2025

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SEDGWICK COUNTY, COLORADO

(seal)

By: _____
Ronald Berges, Chairman

Attest:

Sedgwick County Clerk & Recorder

