

SEDGWICK COUNTY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JULY 29, 2025

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Ronald Berges present via google teams, with John Fryar, Darrin Tobin and Christy Beckman present in office. Guests in office are Vickie Sandlin, Julesburg Advocate, Lori Ehmke, Steven Wahrman, Mathew Mendisco Rhonda Graham and Walt Page.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Fryar moved to approve the July 29, 2025 agenda with the addition of website compliance, CCI meeting and Hospital Board meeting. Tobin second, carried.

There are no payables to approve.

Fryar moved to approve the July 22, 2025 regular meeting minutes as presented. Tobin second, carried.

PUBLIC:

Walt Page presented the Board with an update on the Overland Wind Project which is what has been relayed in previous meetings.

Linda Langelo joined the meeting. Langelo told the Board that they are nearing the end of the tree grant but there is not enough funds left so Langelo brought up discussion about using money from the lottery fund for a project. Fryar told Langelo that the Board would like to entertain that when a figure comes in for approval.

REPORTS:

Tobin reported on the CCI first session prior to the new legislative session.

Berges reported on the hospital board meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Fryar moved to approve the CBIG Grant completion payment for MDQ and JFM Liquor. Tobin second, carried.

The county incentives were reviewed and discussed. Graham told the Board that it has been in a process of updating along with the county attorney. Fryar explained that some items were pulled from surrounding counties. Graham has a couple of updates and it will be ready to approve at next week's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tobin moved to approve closing the courthouse and annex on Friday, August 15, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. for the annual Cruise Night. Berges second, carried.

The Board reviewed the application from Colorado Secure Transportation, Jason Wilson. Beckman told the Board that Centennial Mental Health is certified with the county as well but cannot transport individuals to the front range. Fryar moved to approve the Secure Transportation application, certificate and permit for Colorado Secure Transportation. Tobin second, carried.

The Board reviewed the request submitted by Rhonda Graham allowing the county to register with the Benevity Causes Portal and to submit the county's financial information to allow the path for donations in connection with certain upcoming grants. Tobin moved to postpone approval until we receive more information. Berges second, carried.

Discussion was held with Kacey Campbell, Road & Bridge, about the AEC authorization approval for a Borrow Pit. Berges moved to approve the AEC authorization for Borrow Pit. Fryar second, carried.

Fryar moved to approve the letter of support for Milestone. Tobin second, carried.

Discussion was held on the ADA compliance needed for the county website. Fryar moved to approve the agreement with Doc Access to bring the county website into ADA Compliance, not to exceed \$2,400 per year. Tobin second, carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The next regular meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, August 5, 2025.

GUESTS:

Rhonda Graham, Economic Development, joined the meeting. Graham told the Board that the Colorado Tourism Office has approved an application to participate in the Destination Blueprint program through June 2026.

Mathew Mendisco joined the meeting. Mendisco has been contracted by the county as a financial consultant with funding from the grant received through DOLA. Mendisco introduced himself and gave a brief overview of what he plans to do. Mendisco stated that this is a one and a half year project.

Charles Marmon, US Dept of Homeland Security, joined the meeting. Marmon introduced himself and told the Board that he is a cybersecurity expert and helps counties with cyber security risk. Marman stated that there are many free services that can be offered.

Zach Ruder, Building Maintenance, joined the meeting for an executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

It is July 29, 2025 and the time is 9:13 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, Darin Tobin and Zach Ruder. This is an executive session for the following purpose: For discussion of a personnel matter under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(f)(I)&(II) and not involving: any specific employees who have requested discussion of the matter in open session; any member of this body or any elected official; the appointment of any person to fill an office of this body or of an elected official; or personnel policies that do not require the discussion of matters personal to particular employees; I caution each participant to confine all discussion to the stated purpose of the executive session, and that no formal action may occur in the executive session. If at any point in the executive session any participant believes the discussion is going outside the proper scope of the executive session, please interrupt the discussion and make an objection. I hereby attest that this recording reflects the actual contents of the discussion at the executive session and has been made in lieu of any written minutes to satisfy the recording requirements of the Open Meetings Law. I will retain the tape in my possession for a 90-day period. The time is now 9:30 a.m. and the executive session has

been concluded. The participants in the executive session were: Ronald Berges, John Fryar, Darrin Tobin and Zach Ruder. 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: August 5, 2025

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SEDGWICK COUNTY, COLORADO

(seal)

By: _____
Ronald Berges, Chairman

Attest:

Sedgwick County Clerk & Recorder