

SEDGWICK COUNTY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JULY 8, 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, Heather Foley, Cassie Kizer, Rhonda Graham, Donny Schneider, Alexia Mayhue, Dusty Johnson, Bob Coty, Thomas Heath and Walt Page.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Fryar moved to approve the July 8, 2025 agenda with the addition of a reports on CDOT meeting, Court Security Grant, meeting notes from Tobin and county website ADA. Tobin second, carried.

Berges moved to approve the June 24, 2025 payables. Tobin second, carried.

Fryar moved to approve the July 8, 2025 regular meeting minutes as presented. Berges second, carried.

PUBLIC:

Donald Schneider joined the public portion of the meeting and asked where the Board is on the 1041's concerning the Perkins Canal. Berges answered saying we have paid money to them but have heard nothing. Schneider then asked where the county is on the payroll breach fraud protection. Beckman answered that they are at the point where they will offer fraud protection to the employee's for 1 year. Schneider asked why it has taken so long. Beckman agreed that it has taken a long time and is due to the investigations and meetings that have been stretched out throughout this process. Schneider then asked about the bill paying as he is receiving late notices for a certain bill and why his name has not been taken off yet. Heather Foley answered that she was unaware that the bill was late and that she thought Schneiders name was taken off and that she is very overwhelmed right now. Schneider left the meeting.

REPORTS:

The Treasurer's June Financial Report was reviewed.

Berges moved to approve the Report of Treasurer's Fee's Collected. Tobin second, carried.

Fryar reported on the Julesburg Town Board meeting. There was discussion about the Town's involvement with the old high school property transfer if anything were to happen. There was minor discussion concerning increased coverage from the Sheriff's department for the Town.

Berges reported on the Hospital meeting and there is another nurse practitioner that has left. They are gradually reducing the travel nurses.

Berges reported on the NE Colorado Board meeting and currently there are no outbreaks of diseases.

Berges reported on the Eastern Colorado Disabilities meeting and they need an air conditioner.

Rhonda Graham told the Board that the Italian Caves received the historic designation. Graham would like to set up a worksession to review the steps going forward.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Fryar reported that an RFP was sent out to several agencies throughout the state and there was one response. Matthew Mendiscos who's qualifications include being manager of the town of Hayden and has worked as an investigator who audits business audits and has an extensive financial background. Fryar moved to accept Mathew Mendiscos's RFP as presented. Berges second, carried. Sandlin asked what the pay would be and Fryar answered it would be in two phases at \$30,000 each dependent on the number of hours and this is supported with the DOLA grant funds that were received.

NEW BUSINESS:

Berges moved to approve the Flood Plains permit #2025-001FP. Tobin second, carried. The Communications Permit #2025-001CP will be postponed until next weeks meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The next regular meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, July 15, 2025.

GUESTS:

Thomas Heath joined the meeting. Heath asked if he were to get the landfill open position, how much would the rate of pay be. Heather Foley went to look that information up. The position is advertising for \$19 - \$23 per hour. Fryar suggested going into an executive session with Bob Coty present to discuss wages. There will be an executive session tomorrow morning at 8:00 a.m.

Dusty Johnson joined the meeting and updated the Board on current projects.

Vickie Sandlin, Julesburg Advocate, joined the meeting to discuss an ad for the paper for the fair addition at \$300. The Board will donate \$300 of their own money.

Walt Page gave an update on the Overland Pass wind project. There is a delay to the project to late 2027 or early 2028. Berges asked for a written report explaining the delay.

Cassie Kizer thanked Berges and Tobin for attending the SBA meeting.

COUNTY OFFICIAL/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS/WORKSESSIONS:

Tasha Harris joined the meeting by phone. Harris told the Board that she will be scheduled on the meeting next week to give her billing report. Harris did tell the Board that there were many mistakes with the previous billing company.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Submitted by:

Sedgwick County Clerk & Recorder

Approved: July 15, 2025

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SEDGWICK COUNTY, COLORADO

(seal)

By: _____
Ronald Berges, Chairman

Attest:

Sedgwick County Clerk & Recorder