

SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMISSIONER  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
JULY 9, 2024

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Howard McCormick with Donald Schneider, Ronald Berges and Christy Beckman present. Vicki Sandlin, Julesburg Advocate, Lori Ehmke-Treasurer, Eva Contreras-Assessor, Rhonda Graham-Economic Development and John Fryar joined the meeting

Schneider moved to approve the agenda with the addition of reports on trackers and request for chair and CBIG under new business and add an executive session. Berges second, carried.

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

Berges moved to approve the June 27, 2024 and July 1, 2024 minutes as presented. Schneider second, carried.

Ehmke reported that there is no treasurer's report due to issues with ISolved and CIC and that she has set up a CBIG line.

Schneider reported that the new equipment with the trackers will be installed on July 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> and asked Beckman to inform all employees who have county vehicles.

McCormick reported that the new dump truck is coming along and also that a couple of stop signs were stolen so they will be going back to the wooden posts.

A question was asked if the courthouse will be closing early for Cruise Night. The Board is fine with that but would like Beckman to see what time it closed last year.

The Flood Plain Development Permit was presented to the Board for approval. The Board asked Contreras to let the Planning and Zoning Board review it and give their recommendation.

A request for a chair in the amount of \$1,100 on the high end was received by the finance office. Schneider moved to approve the purchase of the chair for the finance office. Berges second, carried.

Rhonda Graham, Economic Development, asked the Board if Kelly Lowery, Attorney, looked over the Marketing District question for the ballot and if they were going to move forward with the ballot question. The Board will refer this to Lowery. Graham reported on the visit from Senator Bennet. Discussions were held on the hospital expansion, housing, water, renewable energy and child care. Graham updated the Board on the Cruise Night progress. Graham left the meeting.

Connie Warner, Linda Dolezal, Karen Engelker, Linda Pitzer, Susan Amy, Barb Hodges and Mary Young, Garden Club, joined the meeting. Warner spoke for the group expressing disappointment at the condition of the courthouse flower beds. The group came and helped clean up the weeds last year in the hopes that it would be maintained, however, since it has not been, they gave the Board a proposal that they would again help clean out

the beds and also work with Cameron and Aaron as they would like everything to look better before upcoming alumni and Cruise Night weekends. They told the Board that this is the center of the community and that they should take pride in how it looks. They stated that it is in their realm of duties to make sure it is being taken care of. The Board agreed that they could work with Cameron on this project. The guests left the meeting.

It is now 9:30 a.m. It is July 9, 2024 and the time is 9:30 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 10:00 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 halfway through the executive session.

McCormick told the Board that the application for the newly formed CBIG was turned in from Platte Valley Veterinary Services LLC and they scored 100% on the rubric scoring system. Berges moved to approve the purchase of an Xray machine for Platte Valley Veterinary Services LLC in the amount of \$50,000 with CBIG grant funds. McCormick Second, carried. Schneider recused himself.

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

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Howard McCormick, Chairman

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Christy M. Beckman, Clerk to the Board