

SEDGWICK COUNTY  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
JUNE 17, 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, Zach Ruder, Kimberly Jarrett, Patty Lowery and Walt Page.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Fryar moved to approve the June 17, 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 17, 2025 payables. Tobin second, carried.

Fryar moved to approve the June 10, 2025 regular meeting minutes as presented. Berges second, carried.

PUBLIC:

Kimberly Jarrett joined the public portion of the meeting to present the Board with teen space and grants that have been applied for and also local donations, they are up to \$210,000.

Cassie Kizer told the commissioners the SBA meeting will be next week on Wednesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at the Hippodrome Etc.

REPORTS:

Fryar reported on the CDOT meeting concerning the Welcome Center Maintenance and the need for help with some of the bigger projects.

Fryar reported that the 2025-2026 Court Security Grant came through in the amount of \$41,933. The Board will be meeting with Sheriff Quayle in the near future. The funding begins on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Tobin reported on NE Colorado meeting involving the NE Colorado counties to determine what the need is for the communities. Cassie Kizer joined as she attended the same meeting to explain further on the lack of communication and asked the Board what the delay is with the childcare in our county. Tobin then reported on a meeting concerning mental health in our region. Tobin then reported on the fair board meeting. Things are coming together for the local county fair; however, they are having some issues with sponsorship. Tobin reported on the human trafficking meeting he attended. Tobin reported on the public meeting with Scott Bottoms who is running for Governor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Beckman told the Board that Cipriani & Werner have completed their investigation of the payroll breach with inconclusive evidence. They are now in the process of constructing a quote for fraud monitoring for all of the employees.

The Sheriff's Fee's were reviewed. Fryar moved to approve the Sheriff 2025 Fee's. Tobin second, carried.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Fryar moved to approve the CBIG Grant award to Julesburg Family Market Inc in the amount of \$15,000, with \$7,500 to be paid now. Tobin second, carried.

Fryar moved to approve the signing of the Equipment Lease with Julesburg Family Market Inc for the CBIG grant. Tobin second, carried.

Beckman updated the Board on the need for ADA website compliance.

#### OTHER BUSINESS:

Natasha Thode, Human Service, joined the meeting. Fryar moved to approve the June 17, 2025 agenda as presented. Berges second, carried. Berges moved to approve the May 20, 2025 minutes as presented. Tobin second, carried. The Board reviewed the April financial report. Thode left the meeting.

The next regular meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, June 24, 2025.

#### GUESTS:

Zach Ruder, Building Maintenance, joined the meeting. Ruder told the Board that a previous employee who moved within the county government would like to move back to the building maintenance position. Heather Foley discussed the HR side of the move and the amount of wage for the employee. Fryar believes the pay needs to coincide with the position.

#### COUNTY OFFICIAL/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS/WORKSESSIONS: EXECUTIVE SESSION:

It is June 17, 2025 and the time is 8:52 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 and Darrin Tobin. 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); 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 9:02 a.m. and the executive session has been concluded. The participants in the executive session were: Ronald Berges, John Fryar and Darrin Tobin. 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...

Berges discussed the Weed & Pest Management position. Fryar moved to approve the proposal from Kizer for \$4,000 per month at 25 hours per week for 90 days with automatic rollover unless terms are negotiated dated to June 1, 2025. Tobin second, carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Submitted by:

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Sedgwick County Clerk & Recorder

Approved: June 24, 2025

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SEDGWICK COUNTY, COLORADO

(seal)

By:\_\_\_\_\_  
Ronald Berges, Chairman

Attest:

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Sedgwick County Clerk & Recorder