

SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMISSIONER
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MARCH 16, 2021

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Donald Schneider with Mark Turner, Howard McCormick, Carlton Britton and Christy Beckman in office. Vickie Sandlin, Julesburg Advocate, joined the meeting via Zoom.

McCormick moved to approve the agenda with the addition of reports on legislation, cares act money and Stretesky grants, DA complaint and transfer under new business and add an executive session for contract negotiations. Turner second, carried.

McCormick moved to approve the March 16, 2021 vouchers as presented. Turner second, carried.

The minutes of the March 9, 2021 meeting were reviewed. McCormick moved to approve the minutes as amended. Turner second, carried.

McCormick moved to go into executive session on March 16, 2021 at 8:35 a.m. 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); We will discuss contract negotiations with the sheriff. No business will be conducted and no decisions will be made. Turner second, carried. The time is now 8:45 a.m. and the executive session has been concluded. The participants in the executive session were: Donald Schneider, Howard McCormick, Mark Turner, Carlton Britton and Christy Beckman. 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 the 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. Seeing none, we will continue with the next agenda item. The guests left the meeting.

McCormick moved to sign a contract with Larimer County sheriff for inmate housing for one prisoner. Turner second, carried. Discussion: The Sheriff will continue to work with the DA to get a medical furlough for this inmate.

The Board received a complaint on the DA from a citizen who is concerned that a case was dismissed with little explanation. The Board is discussing withholding the monthly salary payment for the DA until certain situations can be explained. Britton left the meeting.

Tasha Thode, Human Services, joined the meeting. Schneider moved to approve the March 16, 2021 agenda as amended. McCormick second, carried. McCormick moved to approve the February 16, 2021 minutes as presented. Turner second, carried. The Board reviewed the financial reports. Thode's payroll vouchers were approved. Thode recommended to the Board that Taylor Woodhams, Malaachia Lutkehus and Dani Fowler be taken off their 6 month probation as they are all doing very well. McCormick moved to approve removing Taylor Woodhams, Malaachia Lutkehus and Dani Fowler from their 6 month probation and allowing them to be permanent employees. Turner second, carried. Thode left the meeting.

Turner updated the Board on the legislative report. Turner expressed concerns on the paws issue being on the state ballot.

Mark and Melana Hernandez, MiMar Homes joined the meeting. Hernandez told the Board that he has purchased the 33 acres by I-76 and is also working on housing and is wanting to put in 32 units. Hernandez told the Board that he has run into some road blocks. The delivery costs, availability of inventory and labor costs are very concerning in this area. Hernandez asked the Board if there are any kind of incentives available from the county including use tax considerations. Discussion was held on the plans for the I-76 project. McCormick told Hernandez that there are some incentives already designed for business coming in to the county. The Board will look into this to see if there is anything they can do and will get back to Hernandez. The guests left the meeting.

Chuck Powell, Ken Hodges, Rod Green, Karla Dunker, Anita Nein and Nick Gosche, Hospital Board, joined the meeting. Gosche told the Board that they were going to receive a good amount of funding from the Cares Act and a plan to get a CT scanner was put into place. Gosche explained that in order to replace the current CT Scanner, the requirement is to have a room or modular to house the scanner. With that in mind, there is a risk that the June 30th deadline would not be met. If this is the case, they are considering getting a loan just in case the funding is pulled because of the timeline. Rod explained that even if this is an expenditure that the hospital would have to cover, there would be a return by keeping the scans in house instead of sending them out. Discussion was held. The Board agreed to the back-up plan of allowing the hospital to acquire a loan if needed for the CT Scanner. The guests left the meeting.

Beckman reported on the Cares Act money. An email was received noting that there will not be further legislation so the county will have to return the remaining money, which is just over \$11,000.

McCormick reported that the county has received Stretesky Grant funds for the courthouse window project and the fairground bathrooms.

Schneider reported that there are 4 new COVID cases in the county.

McCormick moved to approve Building Permit #2021-03 for Donald Regier for a building located at 34-12-44. Turner second, carried.

McCormick moved to approve Jordan Nail as a new fair board member. Turner second, carried.

McCormick moved to approve a transfer from the Bond Capital Improvement Fund to the General Fund in the amount of \$203,387.41 to correct the incorrect placement of the sales/use tax into the Bond Capital Improvement Fund. Turner second, carried.

McCormick moved to adjourn the meeting. Turner second, carried.