

SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMISSIONER
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MARCH 7, 2023

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Donald Schneider with Howard McCormick, Ronald Berges and Christy Beckman present. Vickie Sandlin, Julesburg Advocate, joined the meeting via zoom and Rick Furrow joined in person.

Schneider moved to approve the agenda with the addition of broadband update. Berges second, carried.

Schneider moved to approve the March 7, 2023 vouchers as presented. Berges second, carried.

Schneider moved to approve the February 27, 2023 minutes as presented. Berges second, carried.

Berges reported on the hospital board meeting. There are many projects in process including implementing a preventative maintenance program, applying for a grant in the amount of \$650,000, offering a \$5,000 sign on bonus for nurses and implementing a new electronic health record system.

Furrow updated the Board on current projects including an upcoming landfill meeting and the new scale installation beginning today. Tickets will be manually entered until the new scale is completely in. Furrow will be retiring on March 20, 2023. Furrow left the meeting.

Schneider reported on the broadband project through PC Telcom. There is a lot of funding involved and the county portion of 25% is more than our budget would be able to handle. There is another meeting today at 1:30.

Berges reported on a meeting with the original Economic Development. Discussion was held mostly on broadband.

Tracy Kizer, Weed & Pest, joined the meeting. Discussion was held on current projects including spraying. Kizer asked the Board about this years raise and the switch to hourly. Kizer left the meeting.

The Treasurer's February Financial Report was reviewed.

Cameron Britton, Building Maintenance, joined the meeting. Britton updated the Board on current projects including a job fair for students and possibly for adults. Discussion was held on the fair board budget. The Board would like Dan Pederson to come in and have a meeting to explain the fair budget. Discussion was held on stall space for horses for the Westerners with Rhonda Graham and Chamber. The Board will talk to Rhonda Graham about the specifics of the horse issue. There is a fairboard meeting tonight at 7:00. Rhonda Graham, Economic Development, joined the meeting and told the Board that the Chamber has budgeted \$2,000 for the Westerners which is their gas and hay for the horses. There are 50 horses, 4 draft horses, 35 kids and 15 chaperones. Discussion was held on the extra cost of preparing the stalls and bedding and the possibility of asking for grants. Britton left the meeting. Graham updated the Board on current projects

including GOCO roadshow, an advancing employment grant, Cobblestone progress, possible fuel service and the final RAP Project meeting tonight. Mid Plains Community College is interested in renting a room at the high school to possibly offer classes and NJC is interested in talking as well. Discussion was held on the Homegrown Talent Project and the student job fair on March 29th. April is county government month and Graham would like to give students a tour of the government offices. Graham left the meeting.

Berges moved to approve the updated PTO policy. McCormick second, carried. The Board will meet with employees today at 3:00 and/or tomorrow at 8:00.

Schneider moved to approve a support letter for COSI. Berges second, carried.

McCormick was asked by Senator Pelton to possibly appoint a board member from this area to the MIHA (Middle Income Housing Authority).

It is now 9:45 and the meeting is in recess.

Kacey Campbell and Bob Coty joined the meeting for a work session.

Schneider moved to adjourn the meeting. Berges second, carried. Meeting was adjourned.

Howard McCormick, Pro-Tem Chairman

Christy M. Beckman, Clerk to the Board