

SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMISSIONER  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 11, 2020

Meeting was called to order by Pro Tem Chairman Mark Turner with Howard McCormick and Christy Beckman present and Donald Schneider present by phone. Vickie Sandlin, Julesburg Advocate, joined the meeting.

McCormick moved to approve the agenda with the addition of bridges, Human Service accounting and self-quarantine of Schneider under reports, Explore under unfinished business and new hire at communication center under new business. Schneider second, carried.

McCormick moved to approve the March 11, 2020 vouchers as presented. Turner second, carried.

The minutes of the February 27, 2020 meeting were reviewed. McCormick moved to approve the minutes as presented. Schneider second, carried.

The Treasurer's February 2020 Financial Report was reviewed.

McCormick reported on the bridge progress at County Rd 27 between County Rds 32 & 34. The concrete is poured, forms are out and the deck will be put on next week. Larry Frame will inspect it and asphalt will be put on the following week.

Schneider reported that he just returned from a 10 day trip out of the country in which he was on a cruise ship. According to the CDC recommendations, anyone who has traveled or been on a cruise ship should limit their activity around the public and although Schneider is fine and reported that the other passengers were not sick, he is being responsible and will self-quarantine for the next 14 days. He will be available by phone and email and will work from home during this time.

Discussion was held on the VSO budget. Jules Hoschouer turned in a request to change his budget, however, the procedure in the county is to discuss any and all changes to a budget at the budget hearings. The budget hearing process begins in July of the previous year and the hearings are set in September with changes still available through December. After review, the Board stated that the budget has already been set for this year and will not be able to be changed until the next budget year. Schneider moved to approve writing a letter for Hoschouer explaining their decision. McCormick second, carried.

Tasha Thode, Human Services, joined the meeting. Thode recommended the hiring of Taylor Goldenstien for the secretary position. McCormick moved to approve the hiring of Taylor Goldenstien for the secretary / child care manager at Human Services to begin on March 30, 2020 at \$14.00 per hour. Schneider second, carried. Thode and McCormick reported that discrepancies have been discovered with the transition of the new accounting employee coming in. The cash reconciliation has not been processed since September of 2019 and the balance sheet numbers have not changed for 8 months. Dan Pederson, Accountant, will be coming in today and will be in touch with Lauer, Szabo and Associates to conduct an audit. Michelle Anchondo has been working with McCormick, Wanda Trennepohl and Tasha Thode and has found some of the errors, however, there are still discrepancies. One problem is that the Quick Books program that

has been used for the financials was locked up due to Leslie Snell allowing someone to remote into the computer earlier this year. Snell alerted Thode and the Board to the problem but access is still unavailable to the program. It is possible that Anchondo will have to start all over at July 1, 2019 to bring everything up to balance. Thode left the meeting.

Rick Furrow, Road & Bridge and Tracy Kizer, Weed & Pest, joined the meeting. Discussion was held on the bridge update. Furrow reported that chip sealing will begin June 1<sup>st</sup> on the Venango, County Rd 4 road consisting of 5 miles, crack seal project will begin next week and patch sealing on the Venango road will begin the first or second week of April. Discussion was held on the County Rd 28 complaint by Eric Lanckriet and Furrow has instructed the road graders on how to fix that road along with others with the same issue. McCormick asked for an update on the dairy road widening and told Furrow that the projected date for cattle being brought in is June 1<sup>st</sup>. Furrow also asked about the Sedgwick shop repairs. The Board has a quote from Brent Mollendor Kizer then updated the Board on current projects. Kizer told the Board that there was a goat tying clinic this past weekend at the fairgrounds and 18 kids attended. The clinic was put on by the NJC Rodeo Team coach who was a goat tying champion and this may become an annual event. Kizer and Furrow left the meeting.

Chris Howes, Building Maintenance, joined the meeting. Howes told the Board that he redid all of the floors and doors at the welcome center and now have a uniform look. Howes reported that DOT was at the welcome center and needed to know how they are proactively trying to combat any possibility of the corona virus. Howes told them and the Board that he had instilled a twice a week program of spraying everything with "Arena" on top of the regular daily cleaning and disinfecting process. Discussion was held on the sprinklers and the damaged pipes in the courthouse. The Board told Howes to get bids as it has been budgeted for 2020. Howes reported that there have been an issue with the GFI plug but he believes it is the old coffee pot is the culprit and asked the Board if it can be replaced. Discussion was then held on Maria Contreras using the county vehicle to go in between the courthouse and welcome center when needed instead of using her own vehicle. The Board is okay with that and she will be covered by the county insurance. Howes then told the Board that he is going to need surgery in the near future on his hand. He will be laid up initially for 8-10 days and then have 6 – 8 weeks of rehab. The Board told Beckman to give him paperwork for FMLA. Howes left the meeting.

Carlton Britton, Sheriff, joined the meeting. Britton asked the Board for permission to apply for a \$4,000 grant which is a 100% grant, no county match, for Colorado Post training simulations. The Board gave their permission. Britton then told the Board that he has been working with Kurt Dilsaver and they went live with inmates being publicized on the county website for the community to be able to access. Britton told the Board that the new deputy is doing well and then there was discussion on Michelle Kirk as the Victims Advocate and the possibility of her receiving payment from the county on top of the grant money she receives through Phillips County. The Board told Britton that that is something that will need to go through the Sheriff's budget and to do some more research. Britton left the meeting.

Vickie Sandlin presented a quote for the full page ad in Explore Magazine for review. After much discussion, the Board asked Sandlin to do some more research and come back with a more detailed and complete document.

Cameron Britton, Town of Julesburg, joined the meeting. Britton asked the Board if the county could contribute this year towards the Spring Clean Up Days in the form of free landfill services. The Board agreed that the county is still not in a position to be giving anything free at this point. Britton then asked the Board if the fairgrounds parking lot could be used on June 23<sup>rd</sup> for an old paint / stain drop off area for a drop off program by Kevin Lynch that has been proposed to him which is funded fully by the state. The Board did not see a problem with that. Schneider asked Britton for an update on the water line to the fairgrounds to which Britton said the water table has been too high and will have to wait until it goes down to continue. Britton left the meeting.

McCormick moved to approve Building Permit #602 for Anthony Lechman for a livestock building to be located at 8015 County Rd 32. Turner second, carried.

Schneider moved to approve Building Permit #603 for Anthony Lechman for a Calving Barn to be located at 8015 County Rd 32. McCormick second, carried.

Turner moved to approve Investment Resolution #2020-014 for \$250,000 for six months at Points West Bank. McCormick second, carried. Discussion: The Board talked to Wanda Trennepohl, Treasurer, about the possibility of changing to twelve months with a higher interest rate. Roll call vote as is: Turner – no, McCormick – no, Schneider – no.

McCormick moved to approve the Hippodrome Arts Center Board as presented. Turner second, carried.

Schneider moved to approve the hiring of Michelle Kirk as the UPS Coordinator pending the resignation of Matt Callan. Turner second, carried.

Schneider moved to approve the hiring of Randi Rober as full time dispatch in the communication center to begin as soon as paperwork is complete at \$14 per hour. McCormick second, carried.

Bridget Britton asked if she could sign the grant paperwork coinciding with Century Link and the communication center system. The Board agreed she could with Turner as a co-signer.

The law enforcement contract between the Board of Commissioners, Sheriff's office, Communication Center and the Town of Julesburg was reviewed. McCormick recommended they sign the contract as is and offer it to the Town of Sedgwick as well. Schneider moved to approve the Law Enforcement Agreement between the Board of County Commissioners, Sedgwick County sheriff's Office, Sedgwick County Communication Center and the Town of Julesburg. Turner second, carried.

McCormick moved to approve the transfer of \$6,500 from the Sedgwick County Clerk's ERecording fund to County General for the 2020 budget for Windows 10 upgrade. Turner second, carried.

McCormick moved to approve the transfer of \$7,520 from the County General to the Colorado Welcome Center for the 2020 Insurance. Turner second, carried.

McCormick moved to approve the transfer of \$13,118.96 from the Wellness Fund/Colo Trust to County General for the insurance county contribution portions from 2016 - 2019. Turner second, carried.