

SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMISSIONER
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MARCH 12, 2024

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Howard McCormick with Donald Schneider, Ron Berges and Christy Beckman present. Vickie Sandlin, Julesburg Advocate, Treasurer's office, Assessor's office, Finance office, R&B, Communication Center, Clerk's office, Communication Center and Extension Office joined the meeting via zoom.

Schneider moved to approve the agenda with the addition of New Hire and add Lori Ehmke, report on ARCP and add work session at the conclusion of the meeting. Berges second, carried.

Berges moved to approve the March 12, 2024 payables as presented. Schneider second, carried.

Schneider moved to approve the February 28, 2024 minutes as amended. Berges second, carried.

Berges reported on the ARCP meeting and told the Board that it was reported that the price of fertilizer will be going down and the price of beef will be going up.

Victoria Dunker, SCOR, joined the meeting. Dunker presented the Board with a lease for rental from Concentrics. Dunker presented a bill for maintenance from Cameron Britton and discussion was held on how the maintenance will work. McCormick suggested looking through the contract to see what was set up. The Board brought up discussion about closures due to weather and how that will relate to the community center. Dunker told the Board that there are a lot of bookings, kids rec, pickleball and the signs are up. Dunker told the Board that she wrote a grant and is pushing forward building the center up. Dunker said the community outreach has been working. Dunker left the meeting.

Chase Marston, Overland Wind Project, joined the meeting. Marston introduced himself as the new point of contact for the wind project. The Board asked about the FFA study. Marston told the Board this is a standard study whenever new wind towers are planned. Marston told the Board there will be a revised plan submitted sometime this spring.

Schneider reported that there is a new hire for the finance office. Schneider moved to approve the hiring of Heather Foley to start on March 15, 2024 \$43,000, \$22.05 per hour from the wage scale. Berges second, carried.

Schneider moved to approve the Special Events Liquor License for the Hippodrome Theater for an event to be held on August 16, 2024. McCormick second, carried.

Berges moved to approve the Special Events Liquor License for Sedgwick County Organized Recreation for an event to be held on May 2, 2024. McCormick second, carried.

Schneider moved to approve Resolution 2024-007, Petition for Abatement of Taxes, for Roberto & Guadalupe Morales, for property located at 418 E 7th St, Julesburg, in the amount of \$333.26. Berges second, carried.

McCormick told the Board that Jack Devie requested using the Annex meeting room two days per week. Schneider said the Board suggested using the community center.

Lori Ehmke, Treasurer, joined the meeting. Ehmke told the Board that she was at the bank and was told that the 12-month CD interest rate will be at 4.8% and 4.9%. Discussion was held on the hospital interest. Ehmke told the Board that the county attorney said the Board will need to make a resolution which will address the interest for the hospital going forward. The Board asked Ehmke to get them some numbers and they will come up with a resolution. Ehmke told the Board that CIC contacted the third-party vendor to see if they can get the payroll numbers into the CIC system. Ehmke told the Board it will cost \$2,000 to implement this. Ehmke told the Board that this is the second month that the payroll is not in the monthly Treasurer's report. Ehmke left the meeting.

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

Howard McCormick, Chairman

Christy M. Beckman, Clerk to the Board