

SEDGWICK COUNTY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MARCH 25, 2025

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Ronald Berges (via google teams) with John Fryar, Darrin Tobin and Christy Beckman present in office. Guests in office are Vickie Sandlin, Julesburg Advocate, Cassie Kizer, Anthony Ortiz, Lori Ehmke, Victoria Dunker, Kelly Kinnie and Donny Schneider.

PUBLIC:

Donny Schneider told the Board their group is going to meet tomorrow morning and they will be coming to the meeting every week to get updates on the Perkins Canal. Schneider said there was a water meeting yesterday which no commissioner attended. Schneider updated the Board on that meeting. Fryar told Schneider there was some discussion about the Perkins Canal and endangered species with Lauren Boberts representative when she was here. Berges will stop in at the meeting tomorrow. Schneider left the meeting.

Fryar moved to approve the agenda as presented. Tobin second, carried.

Berges moved to approve the March 25, 2025 payables and payroll. Tobin second, carried.

Fryar moved to approve the March 18, 2025 regular meeting minutes. Tobin second, carried.

REPORTS:

Berges reported on the NCRS meeting he attended.

Tobin updated the Board on the legislative sessions and HB25-1247. Tobin told the Board there are a couple of conferences coming up that need to be attended.

Berges reported that PC Telcom is ready to begin the broadband project. They will be submitting the permit process to the assessor's office. They will begin on April 1st. The county has \$270,000 budgeted and there is \$130,000 from the Marquardt Foundation and some money from the COVID funds along with county in-kind

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Fryar moved to approve the Hippodrome Special Events Liquor License for an event to be held on April 19, 2025. Tobin second, carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The next regular meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, April 8, 2025.

PUBLIC:

Cassie Kizer told the Board that the Home and Garden Show is coming up at the fairgrounds and there will be 25-28 vendors. Kizer then gave a presentation concerning the meal delivery that she has been doing and expressed concerns about the commissioners removing her from her role as meal delivery person due to her social media presence. Fryar told Kizer that the information she was given was false and that the commissioners have made no action on this matter as they have no control over Sedgwick County Economic Development or over NECALG. The Board was aware of

the situation but NECALG is the one that would make that decision and Fryar told Kizer to talk to them. Kizer continued saying the commissioners influenced NECALG in some way. Fryar suggested that Kizer talk to NECALG and reiterated that they had no part in this. Tobin told Kizer that it was not brought up at the NECALG meeting he attended. Berges told Kizer that the Board received an email from NECALG that said she would no longer be a driver and that is all they knew of it.

Victoria Dunker, SCOR, gave the Board an update on current projects and sports leagues. Dunker is keeping busy with all of the activities. Dunker asked if there is an update to the letter that was submitted to letter to let her know.

COUNTY OFFICIAL/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS/WORKSESSIONS:

Natasha Thode, Human Service, joined the meeting. Fryar moved to approve the March 25, 2025 agenda as presented. Tobin second, carried. Fryar moved to approve the February 18, 2025 minutes as presented. Berges second, carried. The Board reviewed the January financial report. Fryar asked Thode if they could get together so the financial report could be explained in more detail. Berges moved to adjourn the HS meeting. Tobin second, carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Submitted by:

Sedgwick County Clerk & Recorder

Approved: April 8, 2025

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SEDGWICK COUNTY, COLORADO

(seal)

By: _____
Ronald Berges, Chairman

Attest:

Sedgwick County Clerk & Recorder