

SEDGWICK COUNTY  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MAY 13, 2025

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Ronald Berges with John Fryar, Darrin Tobin and Christy Beckman present in office. Guests in office are Vickie Sandlin, Julesburg Advocate, Cassie Kizer, Walt Page, Heather Foley and Koby Quayle.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Berges moved to approve the May 13, 2025 agenda with the addition of VSO contract and adding Sheriff Quayle. Tobin second, carried.

Fryar moved to approve the May 13, 2025 payables and payroll. Tobin second, carried.

Fryar moved to approve the May 6, 2025 regular meeting minutes. Tobin second, carried.

PUBLIC:

Cassie Kizer, Economic Development, gave the Board an update on the IRA tree grant.

REPORTS:

The Treasurer's April Financial Report was reviewed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board reviewed the new PII Policy, Whistleblower Policy, Procurement & Contract Policy and Transparency Fraud Line addition. Fryar would like to table the policy approval until further review. Fryar brought up discussion about the spending limits in the procurement policy. Fryar moved to table items A-D until next week. Berges second, carried. Fryar told the Board that there is a minimum requirement that the position work 1,000 per month which is not viable in this county.

Discussion was held on about the status of VSO employees. Fryar told the Board that there is a federal directive that states they should be an employee. Fryar also stated that there have been discussions about combining this position with another county but still offer the same services and come into compliance with the law. Fryar said it will take some time to possibly combine the services and needs to figure out what to do in the meantime.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Zach Ruder, Building Maintenance, joined the meeting. Ruder presented the Board with a quote for from DHPACE for an ADA wireless push button for the front door. Fryar moved to approve the purchase of an ADA wireless push button for the front door from DHPACE in the amount of \$4,849. Tobin second, carried.

Jim Kontny joined the meeting to file a complaint about one of his property tax assessments. Kontny told the Board his 65-year-old Quonset went up 579% and it must be a mistake but the Assessor won't fix it. Kontny told the Board that he shouldn't have

to fill out the protest paperwork and that the Board should tell the Assessor to fix the error. Berges told Kontny that he will follow up with this complaint.

Fryar moved to approve the 1-year anniversary of Stacy Woodhams at Road & Bridge with a \$1 per hour raise. Tobin second, carried.

Berges moved to allow the closure of the Clerk's Office on Monday, May 19, 2025. Fryar second, carried.

The next regular meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, May 20, 2025.

#### COUNTY OFFICIAL/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS/WORKSESSIONS:

Sheriff Koby Quayle, Sheriff, joined the meeting via phone. Discussion was held on the evidence facility located in town which is not secured and monitored. Quayle said an offer was made to pay \$500 per month for the double locker and a possibility of partnering with Duell County. Quayle then brought up discussion about hiring Howard McCormick as a deputy in order to do transports. Berges told Quayle that the position needs to be posted with a wage scale first. Quayle told the Board that he is lawfully able to appoint a deputy. Quayle will look into a couple of options and will circle back to the Board. Fryar stated that we should not be sharing an evidence locker and there needs to be a resolution to this. Fryar moved to approve Sheriff Quayle to move forward with the process of getting a larger evidence facility. Tobin second, carried.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

It is March 13, 2025 and the time is 9:11 a.m.. For the record, I am the Chairman, as required by the Open Meetings Law; this executive session is being electronically recorded. Also present at the executive session are the following persons: Ronald Berges, John Fryar and Darrin Tobin. This is an executive session for the following purpose: 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); I caution each participant to confine all discussion to the stated purpose of the executive session, and that no formal action may occur in the executive session. If at any point in the executive session any participant believes the discussion is going outside the proper scope of the executive session, please interrupt the discussion and make an objection. I hereby attest that this recording reflects the actual contents of the discussion at the executive session and has been made in lieu of any written minutes to satisfy the recording requirements of the Open Meetings Law. I will retain the tape in my possession for a 90-day period. The time is now 9:37 a.m. and the executive session has been concluded. The participants in the executive session were: Ronald Berges, John Fryar and Darrin Tobin. 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 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. Hearing none, the next agenda item is...

#### ADJOURNMENT:

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

Submitted by:

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Sedgwick County Clerk & Recorder

Approved: May 13, 2025

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SEDGWICK COUNTY, COLORADO

(seal)

By:\_\_\_\_\_  
Ronald Berges, Chairman

Attest:

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Sedgwick County Clerk & Recorder