

SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMISSIONER
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MAY 14, 2024

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Howard McCormick with Donald Schneider, Ron Berges and Christy Beckman present in office. Vicki Sandlin, Julesburg Advocate, joined the meeting. Scott Heath, Alexia Mayhue, Treasurer's office, Assessor's office, Kim Zion, Clerk's Office, Communication Center, Finance Office joined the meeting via zoom.

Schneider moved to approve the agenda with the addition of reports on SCOR, Town IGA, R&B culverts, Hospital and Eagle Access. McCormick second, carried.

Schneider moved to approve the May 14, 2024 payables as presented. McCormick second, carried.

Schneider moved to approve the May 7, 2024 minutes as amended. McCormick second, carried.

Berges reported on the hospital board meeting. Berges said there is a review of the receivables and money owed to the health center and told the Board that the CEO is making some financial cuts and trying to replace the travel nurses with permanent local nurses. Berges also reported that the health center is moving forward with an improved medical record system and that there are three physicians interested in a position. Interviews will follow.

Schneider reported on the SCOR meeting. The financials are improving but still a little negative. The summer rec sports are coming up which will be 6 days per week. Greg Etl told Schneider that DOLA will be hosting a meeting and Sedgwick County is one of the possibilities. There will be representatives that will be here to look at all of the facilities.

McCormick reported that County Road 3 will be getting a culvert and will be replacing a culvert on County Rd 28.

McCormick reported that they are working on an IGA with the Town. It is not finalized so the details won't be revealed yet.

Linda Langelo, CU Extension, joined the meeting. Langelo presented the Board with an opportunity to apply for grant monies from CSU Forest Service that would allow removal, re-planting and after care of trees in Sedgwick County. This is a no-match grant. Langelo is presenting this to the towns as well. Langelo told the Board that we are a disproportionately impacted area which is why this grant is available to our county. Langelo left the meeting.

Vicki Sandlin, Julesburg Advocate, asked the Board McCormick moved to give \$300 of Lodging Tax Funds to the Northeast Colorado Junk Jaunt. Schneider second, carried.

Schneider moved to approve the annual high risk UPS insurance with Chubb.
McCormick second, carried.

Schneider moved to approve Building Permit #2024-04 for Viaero for a right of way for fiber optics. McCormick second, carried.

Discussion was held on the Eagle Access Agreement. Schneider moved to approve the Eagle Access for the monitoring wells. Berges second, carried.

Rhonda Graham, Economic Development, joined the meeting. Graham told the Board she is missing their signature for the IHOP Grant. Graham told the Board that there has been discussion on where to temporarily housing the workers for the wind tower main line insertion. Discussion was held on the Sedgwick County Local Marketing District Ballot Question. This will be a 2% tax on 30 day and under lodging and the money will go into four separate “buckets” Housing, Child Care, Tourism and Business Retention. A Board would need to be formed upon passing of this question. Schneider moved to approve the Marketing District Ballot Question to move forward. McCormick second, carried. Schneider asked for an update on the SCOR grants. Graham left the meeting.

Aidan Hettler, Sedgwick County Hospital CEO, joined the meeting. The Health Center is working on a significant EPA federal award to enhance climate resiliency and to be able to replace critical infrastructure and reduce the risks of extreme climate changes along with climate education. Hettler talked to Rob Crowder about making a partnership with him as EMPG as part of a requirement of the grant. Hettler told the Board that the county is needed as a partner for this grant to be able to move forward. Hettler would like to involve the community to submit ideas as well. Hettler asked the Board for their support and also asked to use some of the services of the county attorney. Berges moved to approve of supporting the collaboration of the EPA federal award. McCormick second, carried. Hettler left the meeting.

The Treasurer’s April Financial Report was reviewed .

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

Howard McCormick, Chairman

Christy M. Beckman, Clerk to the Board