

SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMISSIONER  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 29, 2020

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Donald Schneider with Howard McCormick, Mark Turner and Christy Beckman present in office. Vickie Sandlin, Julesburg Advocate, joined the meeting via zoom.

McCormick moved to approve the agenda with the addition of the Task Force Meeting report, Town of Julesburg variance and Pickup Purchase for R&B. Turner second, carried.

Turner moved to approve the Oct 29, 2020 vouchers and payroll as presented. McCormick second, carried.

The minutes of the October 20, 2020 meeting were reviewed. McCormick moved to approve the minutes as presented. Schneider second, carried.

Schneider reported that the COVID Task Force met Monday night and our COVID cases have gone down from 26 to 23. McCormick reported that there are surrounding counties that are increasing in numbers and are going back on the dial. Discussion was held on the cares act. Beckman told the Board that she is ready to submit round 2 to the Care's Act for reimbursement and at the moment there is around \$23,000 left. The next meeting will be next Monday.

The Board reviewed the variance request from the Town of Julesburg concerning the waste water treatment plant. Turner moved to approve the variance for the Town of Julesburg for the waste water treatment plant. McCormick second, carried.

Discussion was held on the quote from Platinum Technology for the Meraki Access Points. Schneider moved to approve the 5 year contract with Platinum Technology for the Meraki Wireless Access Points. McCormick second, carried.

Schneider moved to approve Building Permit #615 for a right of way for PC Telcom located at 14-11-44. Turner second, carried.

McCormick moved to approve the purchase of a pickup for Road & Bridge. Turner second, carried.

Eva Contreras, Assessor, joined the meeting. Contreras asked the Board if she can purchase a retirement gift for Karon Johnson. The Board gave their permission. Contreras then gave the Board a letter stating her recommendation for hire in her office. Contreras knows that she does not have the money in her budget this year for a new hire and the Board is still working on the budget for next year and will consider her recommendation. Contreras left the meeting.

Schneider asked Beckman to send a memo to all employee's to let them know that if they have a late fee attached to a bill because they did not get it turned in on time, they will have to pay that late fee out of their own pocket. Schneider pointed out that bills are approved and paid every week so there is no reason to incur a late fee.

McCormick asked Beckman to also send a memo letting the employee's know that if they are home on COVID leave, they should only be going out for essentials such as prescriptions, groceries, etc. They should not be running around. If they feel well enough to do that, they should call the Commissioners and discuss coming back to work, with a mask, as per the memo that was previously sent.

Bruce Gerk joined the meeting. Gerk brought up discussion on the Lower South Platte Water Conservancy District mill levy assessment. Gerk told the Board that it is a violation to increase the mill levy without the vote of the people. Gerk asked the Board to review the request for 2021 and ask questions about the legality of increasing the mill levy without going to a vote of the people. Gerk left the meeting.

Jim Carlson joined the meeting. Carlson told the Board that his term is ending on the hospital board and he is not wanting to get back on. Discussion was held on possible replacements. Carlson left the meeting.

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

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Donald Schneider, Chairman

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Christy M. Beckman, Clerk to the Board