

SEDGWICK COUNTY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 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, Rhonda Graham and Jack Devie.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Fryar moved to approve the October 14, 2025 agenda with the addition of Special Events Liquor Licenses approval and ESF-8. Tobin second, carried.

Berges moved to approve the October 14, 2025 payables. Tobin second, carried.

Fryar moved to approve the October 7, 2025 and October 8, 2025 regular and special meeting minutes as presented. Berges second, carried.

PUBLIC:

REPORTS:

Tobin reported on ESF-8 and the on site drill that was held at the hospital. Much was learned from this drill.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Discussion was held on the approval of on call hours. Fryar noted that the definition needs to be made as to how many hours and/or position and if any amount is available under the hourly decision that will be made. Fryar told the Board that more research is needed before a decision is made. Fryar moved to table the on call pay until more information is received. Berges second, carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion was held on the offer by CBIG to Consolidated Plumbing. Fryar moved to approve the award of \$4,000 to Consolidated Plumbing for the CBIG award, however, to make the exception on the award that Consolidated must purchase the equipment, not the county. Tobin second, carried.

Rhonda Graham explained to the Board that we received over \$19,000 in grant money from Stretesky Foundation for an IT project. The project has not been started and now will be triple in cost, therefore, it is suggested to refund the funds to the Stretesky Foundation. Tobin moved to refund \$19,517.19 to the Stretesky Foundation. Fryar second, carried.

Berges moved to approve the letter authorizing Kya Smith and Natash Thode to be able to cash a check at Points West Community Bank in an amount not to exceed \$200. Tobin second, carried.

Berges moved to approve Special Events Liquor Licenses for Ovid Fire Department for an events to be held at the fairgrounds on December 6, 2025. Fryar second, carried. Fryar moved to approve Special Events Liquor License for Ovid Fire for an event to be held at the fairgrounds on November 8, 2025. Fryar second, carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Rhonda Graham asked the Commissioners if they would be willing to personally donate to the chamber bucks program. Graham explained there will be a change in the structure of the campaign by adding a second date in the summer to help benefit other community needs. Berges committed \$250 each personally. Graham told the Board that the Destination Blueprint Program grant has a survey that she would like them to answer. There will be a community meeting on November 5, 2025 at the community center from 4:00 – 6:00. There will also be a stakeholders meeting on November 6, 2025 from 8:00 – 1:00.

Graham then told the Board that 8 years ago the county missed applying for the Opportunity Zone. They are opening this opportunity up again and this would be very beneficial for our community. Graham will work with the Board to make this happen.

Fryar told the Board that he listened to a discussion on opting out of unfunded mandates and asked if there was any knowledge of this. Tobin replied that he is unsure how this would work legally even with an option to opt out.

Fryar asked Kacey Campbell a question about the Environmental Consulting invoices. Campbell responded that they are the consulting company for the pits and landfill.

The next regular meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, October 21, 2025.

GUESTS:

Jack Devie joined the meeting. Devie asked the Board if he can post a 4x8 foot “I matter” sign on county property, possibly the community center. Discussion was held. Berges moved to allow the posting of the Banner at the community center. Tobin second, carried. Devie then told the Board that he will be needing input from the community on their needs concerning help with substance abuse and mental health. Discussion was held. Devie shared that because of the posting in the local newspapers in the area, a young man is now being helped that might not have been without it. Devie thanked the Board for their support.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Submitted by:

Sedgwick County Clerk & Recorder

Approved: October 21, 2025

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SEDGWICK COUNTY, COLORADO

(seal)

By:_____
Ronald Berges, Chairman

Attest:

Sedgwick County Clerk & Recorder