SEDGWICK COUNTY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 21, 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 Lori Ehmke.

CONSENT AGENDA:
Fryar moved to approve the October 21, 2025 agenda with the addition of CCI, CBIG Award, Communications equipment issue. Tobin second, carried.

Berges moved to approve the October 21, 2025 payables. Tobin second, carried.

Fryar moved to approve the October 14, 2025 minutes. Berges second, carried.

PUBLIC:
Rhonda Graham the Board about housing and child care.

REPORTS:
Tobin reported on the CCI legislative meeting and told the Board that the government shutdown will be affecting SNAP program locally and if anyone can help with food donations, that would be greatly appreciated.

Berges moved to approve the Treasurer's Report of Fee's collected. Tobin second, carried.

Berges read a letter from Strestesky Foundation to Scoular Company. The letter states that the Stretesky Foundation will clean out and rent an empty space at the elevator to store the Christmas houses and the new pavilion tree. Scoular will not be responsible for the Christmas items. The county has the liability for the Christmas items. Berges moved to approve the waiver of liability for Scoular for the Christmas items. Tobin second, carried.

Fryar reported on the on-call policy. Fryar is looking at an hourly amount across the Board instead of a flat fee and would like to see if that will work.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
Fryar moved to direct the attorney and Matthew Mendisco to present the completed lease to SCOR. Tobin second, carried.

NEW BUSINESS:
Bridget Britton joined the meeting to let the Board know that they are wanting to apply for a grant to get the needed equipment. The Board approved of the application.

Britton told the Board that the surge this last weekend fried some equipment in the communication center and she has a quote for repairs in the amount of $5,232, which does not include labor, etc. The Board approved the purchase of equipment for the repairs.

Berges moved to approve Building Permit #2025-007 for a hired man house for Dinsdale Brother Inc. located at 6-10-47. Tobin second, carried.

Berges moved to approve Flood Plain Development Permit #2025- 002FP. Tobin second, carried.

Fryar moved to approve the CBIG award to Regier Properties LLC in the amount of $11,000. Tobin second, carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

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

GUESTS:
Elmer Ruder, Deputy Assessor, joined the meeting. Ruder explained the issues in the assessors office with the changing of software this year and the absence of the assessor, the assessment program has not been working properly for the past 15-20 years which means taxes have not been assessed properly so taxes and complaints will be going up next year. Ruder told the Board that he might have to hire someone to help with the process of making corrections as it will be very time consuming. Fryar noted that because it is mandated by law, it must be done and we need to decide what the law says about looking back at the past due amounts and how to pay for an extra employee, which does circle back to the vacancy created by the assessor. Fryar moved to have Ruder look at the financials to hire extra help and report back to the Board. Tobin second, carried. Fryar moved to have the county attorney look at the legal ramifications of going through all of the properties and to look at the vacant assessors position. Berges second, carried. Ruder then asked the Board if the IGA with the Pueblo County Assessors office, which expires on December 31, 2025, could be extended as they are able to help with the process of making all of the changes. Fryar asked Ruder to bring the IGA in for review.

Natasha Thode, Human Service, joined the meeting. Berges moved to approve the October 21, 2025 agenda as presented. Tobin second, carried. Tobin moved to approve the September 23, 2025 minutes as presented. Fryar second, carried. The August financials were reviewed. Thode gave the Board the MOU between Sedgwick County and Prowers County for the hotline. Berges moved to approve the MOU between Sedgwick County and Prowers County to manage and administer calls to the hotline regarding persons that reside in Sedgwick County. Tobin second, carried. Thode told the Board that with County Attorney Kelly Lowery retiring, she would like to hire her for Human Services. Fryar suggested putting this on next weeks agenda and starting the process of looking for a county attorney and work the HS piece into that. Thode told the Board that the SNAP benefit deficiency will be huge as the community will not be getting these benefits next month and the pantry will not be enough to gap the deficit. Thode is looking into other funds that can be used to help supplement. Thode left the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:
ADJOURNMENT:
Fryar moved to adjourn the meeting. Tobin second, carried.

Submitted by:

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Sedgwick County Clerk & Recorder

Approved: October 28, 2025

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SEDGWICK COUNTY, COLORADO

(seal)

By:__________________________________
Ronald Berges, Chairman

Attest:

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Sedgwick County Clerk & Recorder