

SEDGWICK COUNTY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 22, 2024

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Howard McCormick with Donald Schneider, Ronald Berges and Christy Beckman present. Vickie Sandlin, Julesburg Advocate, Rhonda Graham, Lori Ehmke, Eva Contreras, Heather Foley, Katie Green and John Fryar joined the meeting.

Schneider moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Communication Center Director, RRWCD appointment, Sheriff contract in executive session, new hire in Sheriff office, EDC report and add work session with Zach Ruder. Berges second, carried.

McCormick moved to approve the October 22, 2024 payables. Schneider second, carried.

Berges moved to approve the October 15, 2024 minutes as presented. Schneider second, carried.

Schneider had Rhonda Graham report on the EDC meeting. Cobblestone is putting on a hiring event this month. Viking Environmental is presenting a sample lease for review. The Italian Caves did not receive the nomination this time but they will be able to re-apply in January. Schneider asked Graham to allow more eyes on the application this time around and McCormick added that they do need to review everything prior to submission as it is county owned property. Schneider added that Byron Pelton will be willing to speak when the next application process comes around.

Discussion was held on Bridget Britton as she had put in her resignation previously then asked the Board for an extension until October 20, 2024 to finish up after the passing of her husband. The Board then appointed Michelle Kirk and Lacey Coty as interim directors until a new contract or the position was filled. Britton has since rescinded her resignation and asked for approval to continue as Communication Center Director. Schneider moved to approve keeping Bridget Britton as the Communication Center Director. Berges second, carried. McCormick recused himself.

A letter of appointment was received from the Republican River Water Conservation District (RRWCD) to appoint Josh Lechman and they praised Lechman for a job well done in representing this position. Schneider moved to approve the appointment of Josh Lechman to the RRWCD for 3 years, to end in November 2027. Berges second, carried.

McCormick moved to hire Dakota Clark in the Sheriff's office as a non-certified employee to do transfers and other business as needed. He will begin immediately at a wage of \$17.67 and will be full time. Schneider second, carried.

Natasha Thode, Human Services, joined the meeting. Schneider moved to approve the October 22, 2024 agenda as presented. Berges second, carried. Schneider moved to approve the September 17, 2024 minutes as presented. Berges second, carried. The Board reviewed the August financial report. Schneider moved to approve the contract/lease between Xerox and Human Services with a 60 month lease at \$125.98 per month. Berges second, carried. Thode left the meeting.

It is October 22, 2024 and the time is 8:44 a.m.. For the record, I am the Chairman, as required by the Open Meetings Law; Also present at the executive session are the following persons: Donald Schneider, Howard McCormick, Ronald Berges and Kelly Lowery, Attorney. For a conference with the County Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(b); The time is now 9:05 a.m. and the executive session has been concluded. 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...

Schneider moved to approve the letter for Resource Management Financial Assurance. Berges second, carried.

Schneider moved to approve a contract between the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office and Tom Bullerd for help with law enforcement to be paid at \$40 per hour on duty and \$20 per hour on call to be in effect until a new sheriff's deputy is hired. Berges second, carried.

McCormick updated the Board that Undersheriff Koby Quayle will be entering into a contract with someone who will be catching up the NIBRS reports that were two years behind. The contract will be at a later meeting.

Dan Pederson, Accountant, joined the meeting. Discussion was held on the Road & Bridge budget. There is currently a deficit, however, the annual \$500,000 transfer has not taken place as of yet. There were some large capital outlay purchases this year and there is one more grader that needs to be purchased. Schneider moved to approve a transfer of \$500,000 from County General to Road & Bridge. Berges second, carried. Pederson let the Board know that the 2025 R&B budget will be cutting it close and to plan accordingly. Pederson left the meeting.

Berges moved to approve the purchase of a Road Grader from Wagner Equipment in the amount of \$267,451.40. Schneider second, carried

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

Howard McCormick, Chairman

Christy M. Beckman, Clerk to the Board