

SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMISSIONER
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 8, 2024

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

Schneider moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Region One report and North State Line Road. Berges second, carried.

Schneider moved to approve the October 8, 2024 payables as presented. Berges second, carried.

Berges moved to approve the September 27, 2024 minutes as presented. Schneider second, carried.

Schneider reported on the Region One TV Translator meeting. The preliminary budget was discussed and there will be a 5% increase in 2025.

McCormick reported that he went to look at the North State Line Road damage, as did the other Commissioners, and they agreed with Bob Coty's idea of scooping up the ½ mile and taking to the landfill.

The Treasurer's September financial report was reviewed.

Schneider moved to approve the Treasurer's Report of Fee's Collected. Berges second, carried.

Discussion was held on the bids for the generator. There was only one bid submitted from Collins Control & Electric Inc. Schneider moved to accept the bid from Collins Control & Electric Inc. in the amount of \$51,450. Berges second, carried. Discussion: McCormick stated that there was \$60,000 slated for this project and the bid came in under that amount.

Beckman brought up discussion about allowing some vendors to be paid via ACH as more are requesting this process. Heather Foley will do some research and will put together a plan to present.

Ehmke was asked about the transfer put on the agenda and she told the Board that she spoke with Dan Pederson and it was suggested that the transfer wait for later in the year. The Board agreed.

Schneider moved to approve the 7 Secured Transport permits for Centennial Mental Health pending the receipt of \$700. Berges second, carried.

Josilyn Lutze, Extension Office, said that October 6th – 12th is National 4-H week and asked if they would approve the proclamation stating that October 6th – 12th could be Sedgwick County 4-H week. Schneider moved to approve October 6 – 12, 2024 as Sedgwick County 4-H week. Lutze updated the Board on the 4-H program and said there are already kids pre-enrolling in the program.

Lori Ehmke, Treasurer, told the Board that she did not need an executive session but explained that the Lower South Platte mil levy lawsuit is still ongoing and that the Supreme Court denied it. It will now be moving to District Court and Ehmke asked the Board if they would approve of Charles Cavanaugh as the representative. Sedgwick County is one of 5 counties in this lawsuit and is the smallest so the invoice will be split by percentage. Schneider moved to approve of using Charles Cavanaugh as the representative for the Lower South Platte mil levy lawsuit. Berges second, carried. Ehmke then told the Board that the \$202,000 of the backfill from the state was placed in County General while the rest was split amongst the entities, but Dan Pederson suggested now splitting the remaining \$202,000 out to those entities. McCormick moved to approve the splitting and delivery of the remaining \$202,000 between Human Services, County General, Road & Bridge and the Hospital. Schneider second, carried.

Jack Devie joined the meeting. Devie told the Board that he has arranged for the movie Devastated, which is an educational film about the fentanyl crises in Colorado, to come to our county. He has secured funding and the movie will be presented at the Hippodrome and there will be no fee's for the movie or popcorn, etc. Devie told the Board that the sources will be advertising this movie and would like to know if the Sedgwick County Commissioners would be willing to support this cause, in name only. Schneider moved to approve supporting this project. Berges second, carried. Devie left the meeting.

Berges moved to approve the Subdivision Exemption from Keith and Kendra Scott to Bradley Rikken Herbert for property located at 2-11-45. McCormick second, carried.

Schneider moved to approve the hiring of Steven Wahrman as the Emergency Manager to begin immediately and the hiring of Zach Ruder as the Building Maintenance Supervisor and Parker Dykes as the assistant Building Maintenance, to start immediately. Berges second, carried.

It is October 8, 2024 and the time is 9:00 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, Christy Beckman 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 9:40 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...

Mark Molen, Molen Associates, joined the meeting. Molen explained that every 5 years the financial assurance for Resource Management is renewed and in order for them to secure funding for insurance, etc. a letter from the county stating that in the extremely rare case of a foreclosure, the Sedgwick County Landfill will take 100,000 tires. The Board had many questions for Molen and he explained that other facilities are further away and all are overloaded leaving Sedgwick County as the closest and most cost efficient choice. The Board asked Lowery to add stipulations into the letter before approving it. McCormick moved to approve the letter pending the adding of the stipulations. Berges second, carried. Molen thanked the Board and left the meeting.

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

Howard McCormick, Chairman

Christy M. Beckman, Clerk to the Board