

SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMISSIONER
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Donald Schneider with Howard McCormick, Ronald Berges and Christy Beckman present. The Assessors Office, R&B Office, Clerk's Office, Communication Center, Treasurer's Office, Extension Office and Vickie Sandlin, Julesburg Advocate, joined the meeting via zoom.

McCormick moved to approve the agenda with the addition of reports on the Perkins Canal Town meeting and Eastern District meeting. Berges second, carried.

McCormick moved to approve the September 19, 2023, vouchers as presented. Schneider second, carried.

McCormick moved to approve the September 13, 2023, minutes as presented. Berges second, carried.

Schneider reported that there will be a Town Hall meeting at the old high school auditorium on Tuesday, September 26th at 4:00 to discuss the Perkins Canal. Senator Pelton and the Water Commissioner will be there.

Schneider reported on the Eastern District meeting and said that the budgets were handed out with the exception of the Region 1 Transportation. Schneider believes that there will be an increase in that budget since it has been years without an increase.

Rob Crowder, Emergency Manager, and Bridget Britton, Communication Center Director, joined the meeting. Crowder updated the Board on current projects including a report on the tabletop exercise held at the hospital, a hazmat IQ class held in Sedgwick, a pump operational class upcoming in Ovid, and an IC300 class to be held in Sterling. Crowder told the Board that FEMA approved the grant for the backup generator and that the two dual band radios have come in. Discussion began on the microwave project. Britton said that to be compliant, this needs to be completed by the end of 2023. The cost is \$168,177 (down from \$300,000) and there will be \$60,000 from E-911 and there is \$57,000 budgeted this year. After discussion about ARPA funds, Schneider moved to approve the order for the microwave equipment. McCormick second, carried. Crowder and Britton left the meeting.

Judy Abts, Linda Pitzer and Mary Young, Garden Club, joined the meeting. Abts told the Board that there are concerns with the condition of the courthouse flower beds and the welcome center. Abts said the appearance is shameful. Abts told the Board that the garden club came a couple of weeks ago, on their own time, to clean out the flower beds at the courthouse. Abts then gave suggestions on what to do to clean and help maintain the flower beds. Abts told the Board that the welcome center has many issues as well and it is the first thing visitors see when they pull into our county and it should be maintained. She told the Board that two representatives from the state came down two weeks ago due to complaints received about the conditions. Abts told the Board that she and her husband spent two 8 hour days pulling weeds at the welcome center on their own time. Abts told the Board that there is a sign at the welcome center that a bus hit and it is now bent and the stucco is falling off and it is an eyesore. Abts told the Board that many people are talking and she wanted to come to them in person to discuss these concerns.

Schneider thanked the garden club for cleaning out the flower beds and discussion was held on who is responsible for taking care of the flowers and weeds at both the courthouse and welcome center as there has been some confusion. McCormick told the guests that they are aware of the situation and have hired a second maintenance person. McCormick told the guests that the state would have to take care of the sign and that they are generally pretty slow. The guests left the meeting.

Tasha Thode, Human Services, joined the meeting. Schneider moved to approve the September 19, 2023 agenda as presented. McCormick second, carried. McCormick moved to approve the August 22, 2023 minutes as presented. Berges second, carried. The Board reviewed July financial report. Thode left the meeting.

McCormick moved to approve Building Permit #2023-02P for Tallgrass Energy for a new compressor station to be located at SW4 28-11-43. Berges second, carried.

McCormick moved to table the Renewal Agreement between Sedgwick County and the Town of Julesburg for the Fire and Rescue Facility until the ambulance director looks at it and makes some clarifications. Schneider second, carried.

McCormick moved to approve Building Permit #2023-004 for Bart Kappius for a personal dwelling located at NW4 12-11-44. Berges second, carried.

Concentrics representatives joined the meeting. It is now 9:07 and the meeting has been recessed to go into a worksession with Concentrics.

It is now 10:15 and the meeting has reconvened and the guest have left the meeting.

Schneider moved to adjourn the meeting. Berges second, carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Donald Schneider, Chairman

Christy M. Beckman, Clerk to the Board