

SEDGWICK COUNTY  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

Meeting was called to order by Pro-Tem Chairman John Fryar, Darrin Tobin and Christy Beckman present in office. Ronald Berges joined the meeting via google teams. Guests in office are Vickie Sandlin, Julesburg Advocate, Walt Page and Lori Ehmke.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Fryar moved to approve the September 9, 2025 agenda as presented. Tobin second, carried.

Fryar moved to approve the September 9, 2025 payables. Tobin second, carried.

Fryar moved to approve the August 26, 2025 regular meeting minutes as presented. Tobin second, carried.

PUBLIC:

Jack Devie joined the meeting to ask the Board if he could use \$500 from the opioid fund for purchases for the Wellness Fair Campaign supplies. After discussion, Berges moved to approve giving \$500 opioid fund to Jack Devie. Fryar second, carried. Tobin and Berges pledged \$100 of their money towards the project.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's August Financial Report was reviewed.

Tobin reported on the Attorney Generals visit. Discussions were held on Perkins Canal, CDOT EPTR and Medicaid. Tobin told the Board that the AG does not think the Supreme Court will hear the case due to no clear plan being presented, but if they do, it will take years.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Matthew Mendisco joined the meeting via google teams. Fryar brought up discussion on the budget process. Mendisco told the Board he has constructed a budget spreadsheet which he will send to all the department heads. Mendisco gave a preview of the spreadsheet.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion was held on the annual Junk Jaunt. Beckman told the Board that the Commissioners gave a discount for the use of the exhibit building for the Junk Jaunt last year and is asking if there could be the same for this year. The Junk Jaunt will be held October 3-5<sup>th</sup> and last years discount was \$350 for the three days. Tobin moved to approve the discount of \$350 for 3 days for the Junk Jaunt. Berges second, carried.

Fryar moved to approve the Special Events Liquor License for SCOR for an even to be held on October 8, 2025. Tobin second, carried.

Tobin moved to transfer \$72,864 from Welcome Center Maintenance to County General to zero out the Welcome Center Maintenance Fund. Fryar second, carried.

Fryar moved to approve the transfer of \$200,000 from County General to the Ambulance fund to cover the shortfall. Tobin second, carried.

#### OTHER BUSINESS:

The next regular meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, September 16, 2025.

#### GUESTS:

Tasha Harris, Ambulance, joined the meeting to discuss a grant. Harris told the Board that this is a Colorado Create Grant which pays for everything associated with conference. Fryar pointed out that this is a reimbursement grant. Harris budgets for a certain amount each year and this grant helps with sending more employees. Fryar moved to approve the grant application as presented. Tobin second, carried. Harris then told the Board there have been issues getting first responders and is asking if she could look at applications in the hopes of hiring new employees. Fryar proposed that Harris be allowed to look at the applications. Tobin second, carried.

Levi Williamson, Attorney, joined the meeting via google teams to discuss the PC Telcom Easement. Williamson asked to go into executive session.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

It is September 9, 2025 and the time is 9:32 a.m.. For the record, I am the Chairman, as required by the Open Meetings Law; this executive session is being electronically recorded. Also present at the executive session are the following persons: Ronald Berges, John Fryar, Darrin Tobin, and Levi Williamson, Attorney. This is an executive session for the following purpose: For the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and/or instructing negotiators, under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(e); The time is now 9:51 a.m. and the executive session has been concluded. The participants in the executive session were: Ronald Berges, John Fryar, Darrin Tobin and Levi Williamson, Attorney. 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...

Fryar moved to approve the consent to conflict of interest with the county's relationship between Sedgwick County and Highline Electric. Tobin second, carried.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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The participants in the executive session were: Ronald Berges, John Fryar, Darrin Tobin, Matthew Mendisco and Kathryn Schroeder, Special Counsel. 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...

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Submitted by:

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Sedgwick County Clerk & Recorder

Approved: September 16, 2025

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SEDGWICK COUNTY, COLORADO

(seal)

By:\_\_\_\_\_  
John Fryar, Pro-Tem Chairman

Attest:

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Sedgwick County Clerk & Recorder