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District 3 Citizens Advisory Board Meeting
Minutes

Monday, March 1, 2021
7 p.m.

Zoom

Board members: Lamont Anderson, Pat Gaughan, Nancy Hinten, Sherry Livingston, Carl Losey, Janice Manlove, Kevin McWhorter, Glen Shafer, Luke Sponsel, David Wright

County representatives: Commissioner David Dennis, Adrienne Byrne, Mark Clark

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
Chair Lamont Anderson called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.
2. Approval of Minutes – February 1, 2021
Nancy Hinten moved to approve the February minutes; Sherry Livingston seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

PUBLIC AGENDA

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Review Real Property Value Trends – Mark Clark, Appraiser
County Appraiser Mark Clark would like everyone to understand that the appraisal process is controlled by PVD. Appraisals are updated every year to ensure that properties are appraised at fair market value. January 1 is the official appraisal date. March 1 is when the Real Property Value Notices are mailed. June 1 is the date that the Appraiser certifies the value.

Residential inventory in Sedgwick County is low. In January we started just below two months' supply and in December we were just above a one month supply. This tells a story of the shortage in the supply of available homes. This is a statewide and nationwide issue.

Commercial property represents 31% of appraised value in Sedgwick County. Two major impacts: COVID-19 and the Boeing 737 Max. Building permits decreased by 11.5% from 2019 to 2020.

Agricultural property comprises 68% of the land in Sedgwick County, but only 1% of the total assessed value in Sedgwick County.

Approximately 166,100 real property values were mailed—this is approximately 74% of all properties in Sedgwick County. An appeal of valuation can be filed within 30 days of the date on the value notice. Appeals meetings begin March 16, 2021. Personal property represents 4% of the Total Assessed Value of Sedgwick County.

There were no questions from the Board.

2. COVID-19 Vaccine Update – Adrienne Byrne, Health Director

Today Sedgwick County expanded vaccine eligibility to people aged 65 and older. That will take some time to get through. We have 6,600 first dose appointments and they filled up quickly. So far, we have given almost 47,000 doses and are getting close to 16,000 fully vaccinated people.

There were eight additional cases of the UK variant found in County residents. They were all in the same household. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines stand up very well against the variants—the Johnson and Johnson vaccine was tested against the variants. The Johnson and Johnson is very effective—as effective as Pfizer and Moderna in terms of keeping people from dying and out of the hospital.

Jan Manlove wanted to know who many doses would we have to get to expand our partnership program with Dillon's?

Byrne answered that they are helping and we have MOU's in place. Kroger is one of the pharmacies that will be receiving vaccine from the federal level. We are partnering with pharmacies that willing to stay within Phase 2. Hopefully, in the next week or two we will be getting vaccines out to partners. We will likely be one of the Counties receiving the Johnson and Johnson.

David Wright asked how many people fall into the 65 to 70--age range?

Commissioner Dennis answered that it was about 25,000. It is a large group.

Nancy Hinten asked about the categorization of the next phase.

Byrne answered that the discussion will be occurring with Dr. Minns— it has not happened yet.

BOARD AGENDA

1. Citizens Advisory Board Members

Pat Gaughan has been following ICT-1; he is very enthusiastic about the program and would like to see the days of service expanded to cover the weekend.

Jan Manlove asked about House bills regarding drug treatment as opposed to prisons.

Commissioner Dennis did not know the specifics of that bill. Manlove expressed support for supporting treatment instead of prison.

Manlove also encouraged everyone to look at the unclaimed property section of the Kansas State Treasurer.

2. Commissioner Dennis

A lot of work has been done on the Riverside hospital location. It was too expensive to renovate. The Board of County Commissioners passed on the building.

Legislative agenda—nuisance abatement and urban area designation plans are moving forward and have a good chance of being passed.

A bill protecting Century II was opposed by Commissioner Dennis. He opposed it because it would take away local control. He did not take a stand on Century II per say.

There is a version of a bill that would require the County's general fund to pay back property taxes owed by business that were shut down. If this bill were to pass it would cost the County a huge amount of money because we would pay back the property taxes from every taxing entity. Would lead to layoffs and service reductions. None of the bills have made it very far.

High cost of gas for some communities. Cheney was impacted by this. A declaration of emergency was passed. Dennis has been speaking with our federal representatives. We need some type of aid for communities that are experiencing an impact from gas prices. This is a work in progress.

The Zoo entrance is coming along very well. There is a new baby Rhinoceros that was born this week.

The budget process is starting. If things go the way they are projected we will be running a deficit. Dennis appreciated that there was a rainy day fund when he arrived and he wants to ensure a rainy day fund exists when he leaves.

Dennis announced that he was elected chair of WAMPO. He looks forward to serving as chair.

The vaccinations are moving well at the old library. Things are moving forward and the only glitch was a parking issue caused by the Home Show. Tell people not to show up more than 15 minutes early.

Dr. Minns changed the health order to end the curfews at bars and eased restrictions on sporting events. The community's positivity rate is 4.3%. This indicates we are doing the right things.

Jan Manlove had a question about survey makers along property lines that stopped at Hoover. Does that ring a bell?

Dennis had not heard anything but he could check. Dennis answered that it might be for fiber optic lines.

Pat Gaughan asked about the sizable increase in appraisal values would result in the tax base for the County. This seems like it should help the budget.

Dennis answered that the mil-levy cap would effect this. He would support taking this to the community for a vote to eliminate the mill levy cap.

David Wright asked if anything at the Federal level in terms of stimulus that would affect us.

If the current legislation passed, the County would get over \$100 million. We would have two years to spend the money but we are not sure of what the restrictions are. We might need to expand the Division of Finance because they are working a lot on this issue.

Lamont Anderson announced that he would be leaving the District 3 CAB after next month's meeting to take a new position.

ADJOURNMENT

The next Citizens Advisory Board Meeting will be Monday, April 5, 2020.