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District 3 Citizens Advisory Board Meeting
Minutes

Monday, May 3, 2021
7 p.m.

Zoom

Board members: Sharon Ailsieger, Pat Gaughan, Sherry Livingston, Carl Losey, Janice Manlove, Kevin McWhorter, David Wright, Nancy Hintin, Janet Frederico, Luke Sponsel,

County representatives: Commissioner David Dennis, Sheriff Jeff Easter, Aneesa Redd

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
Chair Kevin McWhorter called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.
2. Approval of Minutes – April 5, 2021
Janice Manlove moved to approve the April minutes; Carl Losey seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

PUBLIC AGENDA

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Overview of Sheriff's Office Compensation Plan – Sheriff Jeff Easter
Sheriff Jeff Easter gave a detailed background of the compensation history of Sedgwick County and competitor police departments in surrounding cities. Sheriff Easter also describes in great detail the newly adopted compensation plan that is now in place. The Sheriff furthermore shares with the District 3 Advisory Board current and future plans that the Sheriff's Office has.

Janet Federico asked Sheriff Easter, what the difference is between the Sheriff's Office and the Wichita Police Department. Sheriff Easter states that the Wichita Police Department is a municipality and they only have jurisdiction within the City of Wichita. Sheriff Easter adds that the Sheriff's Department is responsible for the unincorporated areas within Sedgwick County. The Sheriff's Office also has a lot of state statutes that they are responsible for that the City of Wichita is not responsible for.

Pat Gaughan asked the Sheriff is his staff is responsible for staffing the Juvenile Detention Facility? The Sheriff stated that his staff are not responsible for staffing that facility, but Sedgwick County Probation is responsible for staffing Juvenile Detention Facility.

Pat Gaughan also asked what the exact numbers of job openings are between the Sheriff Deputy's and the Detention Deputy's. Sheriff Easter stated that in the Jail there are 86 openings and on the Commission side there are 10 openings.

Kevin McWhorter asked the Sheriff if his department was fully staffed, how many hours would his staff work within a year. The Sheriff states that currently his department is spending a lot of money overtime, but he has no other options because areas need to be staffed.

Janice Manlove asked how is staffing determined if the jail is only half full. Sheriff Easter stated they don't determine staffing based off of the capacity of the jail, there are areas that have to be staffed with x amount of detention deputy's.

Sharon Ailslieger asked the Sheriff if the Deputies have to have a college education? Sheriff Easter stated that to apply applicants do not have to have a college degree, but he mentioned that deputy's will not go far in their career if they do not have a college education.

There are no further questions for the Sheriff. This portion of the meeting has concluded.

2. Discussion of ZON2021-00012 – Kathy Morgan, Senior Planner, MAPD
Senior Planner, Kathy Morgan from the Metropolitan Area Planning Department gives a brief history of the zoning case and explains that this case is a rural residential and is requesting to be changed to a single family residential. Ms. Morgan explains the case and issues at hand in great detail.

There are also some protest emails that were presented during the meeting, the emails were sent by neighbors in the area.

Sharon Ailslieger asked if the issue is that the road cannot accommodate the traffic in the area? Kathy Morgan stated that in the context, platting there are multiple things being looked at, traffic is included.

The board members have discussion about the zone issue and report.

Kevin McWhorter asked the board if there is a motion to accept or deny the staff report recommendation.

Pat Gaughan made a motion to deny the application as long as the potential for platted lots could be up to 35. Kevin McWhorter seconded the motion. The motion carries, this is not a unanimous vote. One person voted no. The total vote is 8-1.

That concludes the presentation from Kathy Morgan.

BOARD AGENDA

1. Citizens Advisory Board Members

Sharon Ailslieger asked Commissioner Dennis if he was going to talk about the issue with the EMS Director.

Commissioner Dennis stated that he will touch on it briefly, but will not go into detail because it is a personnel issue. Commissioner Dennis speaks on the challenges that EMS has and their issue with staff numbers being down.

Commissioner Dennis also adds that there is a lot of misinformation out in the community, and the County is currently conducting an independent audit of EMS and that will take 60 days. At the end of the audit, the Board of County Commissioners will make a decision on how to move forward with the Emergency Management Services Department.

Janice Manlove states that she would like to learn about how the new requirements of the 9-8-8 hotline will affect the ICT-1 program.

Janice Manlove also states that some of her questions were not answered in an email sent by an elected official about a specific sign located in the Register of Deeds Office.

Pat Gaughan states that he thought the email from the Register of Deeds did a good job of explaining why the sign was acceptable in a Government building.

2. Commissioner Dennis

Commissioner Dennis shared that the County is getting ready to start the 2022 Budget Process. For the next two weeks the Board of County Commissioners will be listening to the wants and needs of each department.

Commissioner Dennis also mentioned that the Secretary of State opened up the job application for the new Elections Commissioner. Chairman Pete Meitzner and Sheena Schmutz, the Director of Human Resources will be on the selection committee.

Commissioner Dennis gave a quick update on a potential solar project that may take place in Western Sedgwick County.

Commissioner Dennis shares the Health Department has given over 100,000 vaccines, and encourages the board to get vaccinated if they have not done so.

Commissioner Dennis gave a reminder that there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new entry way at the Zoo, May 27th.

Commissioner Dennis also shares that the new Fire Station in Andale is almost finished. There is an issue with the internet connection in the building and that Cox Communications is working to address this issue.

Commissioner Dennis gave an update on the County's foreign trade zone management.

Commissioner Dennis asked the advisory board if they would be interested in touring the Sedgwick County Jail.

Commissioner Dennis mentions that he went to Lake Afton to check on the current conditions and the biggest issue that he saw was the bathrooms and that they need renovations. Commissioner Dennis also mentioned that he spoke with Lake Afton staff to address the issue about handicapped parking.

Lastly Commissioner Dennis shares with the board that the former Public Information Officer, Kate Flavin is no longer with the County.

Sharon Ailsieger makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Carl Losey the seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The next Citizens Advisory Board Meeting will be Monday, June 7, 2021.