



District 1 Citizens Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, Jan. 23, 2023 | 5:30 p.m.
Bel Aire City Hall
7651 E. Central Park Ave, Bel Aire, KS 67226

Board Members in Attendance: Steven Burt, Judah Craig, Amy Cox, Tex Dozier, Jacqueline Kelly, Natalie Phan, Jim Reid

County Representatives: Commissioner Pete Meitzner

1. Call to Order

- a. Chair Judah Craig called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a. A motion was made by Amy Cox to approve the minutes. Steve Burt seconded this motion. **The CAB approved the motion with a vote of 7-0.**

3. Public Agenda

- a. No Public Comments

4. New Business

- a. Discussion of future meeting dates
- i. Cancel March Meeting
- b. Discussion of topic ideas for future meetings
- i. Topics not already on the list
 1. HOT – Homeless Outreach Team
 - ii. Would like to hear from Appraiser and HOT sooner than later. Other topics can be slated in as people are available.

5. Board Agenda

- a. Commissioner Meitzner spoke to current items the Board of County Commissioners is working on.
- i. Election of the new Chair and Chair Pro Tem
 - ii. Budget Workshops starting soon
 1. More revenue items for this budget year because home valuations and other things are up.
 2. Lots of discussion regarding compensation, normalness adjustments
 - iii. Focusing a lot of supporting the State to get a State Mental Health Hospital in this region.
 - iv. KU and WSU are teaming together to put a Biomedical Campus in downtown Wichita.
 - v. NOFO – Notice of Funding Opportunity is due back March 27th regarding Passenger Rail Service. To expand rail service between Wichita, OKC, and Texas. Award announced in May.
- b. Tex Dozier asked does Sedgwick County work on zero based budgeting every year and is there a rainy day fund?
- i. Commissioner Meitzner responded that there is a minimum requirement for reserves. Currently well over the minimum. Not sure if Sedgwick County used zero based or not.
- c. Tex Dozier asked about plans for the New Administration Building.
- i. Commissioner Meitzner replied that County offices have completely left the Courthouse and are all moved into the Ruffin Building Downtown occupying the 1st and 6th floors.
 1. 3 Year lease using ARPA funds.
 2. Courthouse is now 100% Courts.

3. Able to use ARPA to do expansion and move.
 4. Decision on future building will be a healthy discussion. Direction will come this year.
 - d. Tex Dozier stated it might be good to have the option to meet with all the County elected outside of the Commissioners and see where they work.
 - e. Jacqueline Kelly stated that she would like to have the Fire District speak to the CAB regarding the Advisory Board.
 - i. Commissioner Meitzner stated that Wichita and Derby have their own Fire Departments, but other than volunteer departments, the County is the only other full time Department. The Fire District Advisory Board to help make decisions since none of the Commissioners live outside city limits.
 - f. Tex Dozier asked if there would be an opportunity for an update from the DA & Sheriff on Marijuana and Fentanyl. How is the City Court doing now that they are not prosecuting simple marijuana charges?
 - g. Natalie Phan would like to have some discussion on mental health for young people.
 - h. Steven Burt stated that COMCARE is under the County. Do they publicly talk about Strategic Plan?
 - i. Commissioner Meitzner responded that COMCARE is currently reviewing a lot of things, but not sure if that includes a strategic plan.
 - i. Suggestions on Meeting Order
 - i. Tex Dozier suggested that if there is a Zoning case to have the Board Agenda on the agenda prior to the zoning case.
 - j. Nicole Gibbs introduced Sarah Harper, Communications Coordinator for Sedgwick County. She is in charge of Social Media and event planning. Will be taking on a CAB in the future.
 - k. Commissioner Meitzner mentioned that the monthly newsletters will be coming back.
- 6. Adjournment**
- a. The District 1 Citizen's Advisory Board adjourned at 6:25pm.

*The next Citizens Advisory Board Meeting will be **Monday, Feb. 27, 2023, 5:30 p.m.**
at Bel Aire City Hall, 7651 E. Central Park Ave., Bel Aire, KS*