



## District 3 Citizens Advisory Board Meeting Agenda

July 24, 2023 | 7 p.m.  
Goddard District Conference Center  
315 S. Main, Goddard

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**Board Members in Attendance:** Sharon Ailslieger, Joe Brown, Cameron Dawson, Patrick Gaughan, Janice Manlove, Kevin McWhorter, Michael Mitchell, Stephanie Wise, David Wright

**County Representatives:** Commissioner David Dennis, County Manager Tom Stolz, Christina Reith - MAPC

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### **1. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

- a. Call to Order – Chair Kevin McWhorter
  - i. Chair Kevin McWhorter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- b. Approval of Meeting Minutes – Chair Kevin McWhorter
  - i. Joe Brown motioned to approve meeting minutes from June 5, 2023, and Michael Mitchell seconded. **The D3 CAB approved the meeting minutes with a vote of 7-0.**

### **2. PUBLIC AGENDA**

- a. The public agenda allows members of the public to address the District 3 Citizens Advisory Board.
  - i. None

### **3. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. 2024 Proposed Budget – Tom Stolz, County Manager
  - i. Tom Stolz reviewed the County Organizational Chart. There are 46 departments under 9 functions
  - ii. 2 Components
    1. Commissioners control budget
    2. County bared services
  - iii. Of Sedgwick County's \$540 million budget, only half comes from local tax dollars.
  - iv. Joe Brown mentioned that from 2008-2011, the County started subsidizing programs for State and asked if this was still the same situation.
    1. Tom Stolz answered that he hopes the State will pay for their services, but that doesn't always happen. Unfortunately, County taxpayers typically shore up programs. Sedgwick County is still having challenges to get State funds. He mentioned the Department of Corrections is an example.
    2. Commissioner Dennis stated that the State has handicapped counties. A prime example of this is the Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR). On July 11, Commissioners had to establish the RNR for the 2024 budget.
    3. Tom Stolz noted that the State of Kansas doesn't have an RNR for its budget.
    4. Commissioner Dennis also shared that each property tax bill shows you where your property taxes go. Sedgwick County has the 3<sup>rd</sup> lowest mill levy in the state.
    5. Tom Stolz shared that the State hasn't paid local Ad Velorum taxes since 2004. Property and sales are the only taxes left the State has cities and counties to generate revenue for.
  - v. Joe Brown asked how much should Sedgwick County be getting in Ad Velorum taxes.

1. Tom Stolz answered approximately \$8-10 million. He also shared that County government is more complex than city government because County government pays for things municipalities don't have to.
  - vi. Kevin McWhorter asked if Ad Velorum items were a state statute to pay.
    1. Tom Stolz answered that yes there is a state statute requiring them to pay.
  - vii. Sharon Ailslieger asked if it's required if there is any legal recourse, similar to what school districts recently did.
    1. Commissioner Dennis shared that it was possible to take legal action, but the Legislature could statutorily change things and remove laws like this.
    2. Tom Stolz shared that our goal/job is to try to keep the government as lean and efficient as possible.
  - viii. Patrick Gaughan asked about IT capital expenditures.
    1. Tom Stolz shared that there are a lot of significant decisions coming to this Commission.
  - ix. David Wright asked about the 70 Sheriff Officers that we are down and wanted to know what happens if they are not filled.
    1. Tom Stolz shared that the Sheriff will buy some technology to assist with the coverage, but most of those will roll back into the budget. He also shared that with those 70 openings, there is a lot of overtime being paid.
  - x. Kevin McWhorter asked what the pros/cons of why EMS should be a government department and how much the 28% funded by the government.
    1. Tom Stolz shared that EMS models are different everywhere. A pro of subcontracting is that there could be better service and the government can prop it up with tax dollars. The biggest con of subcontracting EMS is that the people lose control of quality service.
      - a. Commissioner Dennis shared that a business can choose to pull its services overnight.
  - xi. Patrick Gaughan asked if the County Counselor, Public Works and Appraiser work for the Manager.
    1. Tom Stolz answered that County Counselor & Public Works work directly for the Commission. The Appraiser is appointed by Commissioners, but answers to the State.
- b. CON2023-00027 – Christina Reith - MAPC
- i. APPLICANT: Kristin Webb (Applicant)
  - ii. REQUEST: Conditional Use to permit an Accessory Apartment, waive Supplementary Use Regulation D-6.a(4)
  - iii. CURRENT ZONING: RR Rural Residential
  - iv. LOCATION: Generally located on the south side of West 69<sup>th</sup> Street North, within one-quarter mile west of North 183<sup>rd</sup> Street West (18801 West 69<sup>th</sup> Street North)
  - v. PROPOSED USE: Accessory Apartment with separate water well
  - vi. RECOMMENDATION: Approval with conditions.
  - vii. Sharon Ailslieger asked, garage with apartment above?
  - viii. Sharon Ailslieger asked, how many acres?
    1. Christina Reith replied, almost 4.
  - ix. Patrick Gaughan asked if there will be a propane pipe to the new building.
    1. Christina Reith didn't know.
  - x. Sharon Ailslieger motioned to approve. David Wright seconded the motion. **The motion was approved by a vote of 9-0.**
- c. CON2023-00031 – Christina Reith – MAPC
- i. APPLICANT: Jake and Emily Martin (Applicant)
  - ii. REQUEST: Conditional Use to permit an Accessory Apartment
  - iii. CURRENT ZONING: RR Rural Residential District
  - iv. LOCATION: Generally located near the southwest corner of West 61<sup>st</sup> Street North and North 231<sup>st</sup> Street West (5847 North 231<sup>st</sup> Street West)

- v. PROPOSED USE: Accessory Apartment
  - vi. RECOMMENDATION: Approval with conditions.
  - vii. Kevin McWhorter asked what they are requesting to take out.
    - 1. Christina Reith identified water services. This request will go to MAPC July 27.
  - viii. David Wright asked if the existing house is being lived in now.
    - 1. The Applicant responded that they are constructing another house since the original was built in 1884.
  - ix. Kevin McWhorter asked if there were any comments.
    - 1. Christina Reith shared there were no comments.
  - x. Sharon Ailslieger commented about building the house.
  - xi. Patrick Gaughan motioned to approve with changes. Cameron Dawson seconded. **The motion was approved by a vote of 9-0.**
- d. Discussion of future meeting agenda items
- i. Joe Brown asked for a follow-up on the budget discussion regarding programs that County Tax Payers have to subsidize.
  - ii. Patrick Gaughan asked about a previous electric vehicle group.
    - 1. Commissioner Dennis responded that the electric vehicle process is managed by WAMPO. A 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting had a contractor and Evergy (infrastructure, knowledge)
  - iii. Janice Manlove commented on the transit station.
    - 1. Sharon Ailslieger commented about its potential move.
  - iv. Joe Brown asked for a solid waste update.
  - v. Janice Manlove asked about having the DA return.
  - vi. Patrick Gaughan commented about the Wichita Business Journal Health Care Heroes Dinner/Ceremony.

#### **4. BOARD AGENDA**

- a. Commissioner Dennis gave updates on County current events:
  - i. Pilot program for an intersection conflict warning system (ICWS) at 167<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.
  - ii. City-to-City Trip
  - iii. Special Meeting on June 16 regarding purchasing land for a potential new Emergency Preparedness Center
  - iv. 911 Update on CAD
  - v. Mike Pepoon retired as County Counselor, and Justin Waggoner is the new County Counselor
  - vi. Exploration Place was given additional CIP funding of \$2.5 million at July 19 meeting
  - vii. DAM Jam at Lake Afton July 21-22
  - viii. Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) proposal
  - ix. 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Veteran's Expo on Aug. 5
  - x. Aug. 7 will have a Special Meeting for Purple Heart County Celebration
- b. Janice Manlove discussed the application for ABM funding.

#### **5. ADJOURNMENT**

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

*The next Citizens Advisory Board Meeting will be **Monday, Sept. 11, 2023, 7 p.m.,** at Goddard School Conference Center, 315 S. Main, Goddard, KS.*