

District 3 Citizens Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 01, 2021 7 p.m. Zoom

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

County representatives: Commissioner David Dennis, Kate Flavin, Aneesa Redd, Adrienne Byrne, Jim Weber

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chair Lamont Anderson called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes – December and January

Pat Gaughan made a motion to approve the December and January minutes. Luke Sponsel seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

PUBLIC AGENDA

No one from the public chose to make comments.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Adrienne Byrne, Health Department Director gave a presentation on the current status of the COVID-19 vaccination plan. She explained how the State of Kansas has only received 35,000 vaccines and that is divided amongst the state. Byrne also explained the different organizations that are administering COVID-19 vaccinations in Sedgwick County and how many vials they received.

She answered a common question, "how many vaccines are being wasted and what is the Health Department doing with extra vaccines?" Byrne stated that they are not wasting vaccines and clarified that there is call down list in place. Those on the call down list are currently employees that work in public safety.

Janice Manlove asked, "If someone lives in a different County, but works in Sedgwick County, will they be able to receive their shot in Sedgwick County?" Byrne answered

that the top priority is to vaccinate the residents of Sedgwick County –it may take a while before there is ample amount of vaccines to give to residents of outside counties.

Sherry Livingston asked, "Is there a different number to call when the main number to call is not rolling to voice mail?" Byrne answered that when there are no appointments available – the voicemail is inactive. She also added that family members are able to schedule appointments for those residents who are available to receive the vaccine.

2. Review Public Works Plans – Jim Weber, Public Works Director

Jim Weber, Public Works Director prefaces his discussion by sharing what the Public Works Department is responsible for and what is included in their capital improvement plan. While presenting, Weber shared a map of the 2021 contract and in-house construction projects.

He highlighted the projects that the Public Works Department has planned for District 3.

Commissioner Dennis asked Weber to explain what is going on with the North Junction project. Weber shared that Federal Transportation Administration awarded the County \$21 million, which was not the full amount that the County originally applied for. For the North Junction project the County was \$4 million dollars short – after exhausting all resources, just last week the State of Kansas would award Sedgwick County \$4 million dollars.

BOARD AGENDA

1. Citizens Advisory Board Members

Sharon Aislieger stated that she and her acquaintances/friends are not happy with what happened with the Election Commissioner, and is wondering why the County did not share their support for the Election Commissioner towards the State Secretary.

Commissioner Dennis explained that has talked with the Secretary and there is no need to be concerned if the Election Commissioner losing her health care while having cancer.

He expressed how he would like the County to have control of selecting the Election Commissioner for Sedgwick County and he provided an explanation of the process for selecting the replacement for the current Election Commissioner.

2. Commissioner Dennis

Commissioner Dennis stated that there will now be five Citizens Advisory Boards. All five Commissioners will have Citizens Advisory Boards.

At the next BOCC Staff Meeting, there will be a discussion regarding the next health order with Dr. Minns.

He shared a video update of the construction progress at the Sedgwick County Zoo. This summer will be the 50th anniversary of the Sedgwick County Zoo.

Commissioner Dennis stated that he toured the old Riverside Hospital. He did like it and thought it was a big building, but did not see a space for a large boardroom or meeting room for the BOCC.

The Budget Retreat will be starting in the middle of February. Commissioner Dennis asked the advisory board members to let him know if they have any ideas for the budget.

The Commissioner gave a brief update on the status of the legislative agenda.

He added that the he has a seat open on the Solid Waste Committee and Intellectual & Development Disabilities Advisory Board and is asking the board to help him fill those seats. If they know anyone that would be a good fit – he will take them into consideration.

ADJOURNMENT

Anderson asked if there was a motion for adjournment. Gaughan moved to adjourn the meeting. Ailslieger seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The next Citizens Advisory Board Meeting will be Monday, March. 1, 2021.