District 5 CAB Bread of Life, 1301 E. Galena

September 3, 2021 Meeting Minutes

**Board Members in Attendance:** Amanda Amerine, Joseph Elmore, Olivia Hayse, Fred Pinaire, Brad Smith, David Sowden

**County Representatives:** Commissioner Jim Howell

1. **Call to Order:**
   1. David Sowden called the meeting to order at 4:26 pm
   2. No quorum was present until 4:58 pm
2. **Invocation:**
   1. Fred Pinaire led the invocation
3. **Flag Salute:**
4. **Approval of Minutes:**
   1. Approval of minutes tabled until a quorum was present
   2. Once a quorum was present, David Sowden made a motion to approve the August 6th minutes. Joseph Elmore seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously at 4:59 pm.
5. **Public Agenda:**
   1. No public agenda
6. **Commissioner Report:**
   1. Commissioner Howell spoke about Sedgwick County’s 2022 Budget
      1. Explained the Sedgwick County 2022 budget was adopted
         1. $462 million budget. Includes $21 million for the Fire Department, $44 Million for Capital Improvement, and $15 million for Community Crisis Expansion.
         2. ARPA Premium Pay for on-site County employees
   2. Commissioner Howell spoke about Senate Bill 13
      1. Explained what a 1.01 mill increase means to taxpayers in Sedgwick County
   3. Commissioner Howell spoke about elections
      1. Wants to find a way for the public to better understand how elections work
   4. Commissioner Howell spoke about COVID
      1. Explained bed capacity and number of beds filled at hospitals within the county
      2. Most hospitalized patients are unvaccinated
   5. Commissioner Howell spoke about a crosswalk accident in Mulvane
      1. $10,000 will be spent to update the crosswalk with solar powered signs
   6. Commissioner Howell spoke about County inmate population
      1. Explained facilities to hold inmates within the County
      2. Explained different courts and believes we need a larger annex
   7. Commissioner Howell spoke about paramedic and firefighter pay
      1. Explained the sign-on bonus
      2. Explained the EMT training program
      3. Wants to understand firefighter pay difference between County fire department and municipal fire departments.
7. **New Business:**
   1. Public Works Board Discussion and Debate
      1. Public Works should be more proactive rather than reactive
      2. There needs to be better ways to deliver information to Public works
         1. County should create an application to deliver information to Public Works
      3. District 5 has the most intersection fatalities
      4. Infrastructure problems
         1. Discussion included pot holes, bridges, and rural roads
      5. Increasing population density
         1. Concern that growing populations impact intersection safety
      6. David Sowden asked how the Board can work to further this conversation
         1. Board Members will bring examples of dangerous intersections to the October 1st meeting
      7. Questions on if the CAB can create a Facebook page
         1. The CAB can create a public Facebook page, however, Kansas Open Records and Open Meeting Acts apply to the page
   2. Discussion Regarding Next Meeting Business
      1. David Sowden mentioned topics that can be discussed at the next meeting
         1. Topics include code of ethics, tax abatement, economic development, debt status, consolidation opportunities, and an ICT-1 Follow-up
      2. Ethics policy discussion
         1. Sedgwick County does not have an ethics policy for elected officials
         2. Discussion over Mayflower Clinic funding request at BOCC meeting
         3. Discussion over proposed County ethics policy
            1. Commissioner Howell has suggested changes to the proposed ethics policy
         4. Discussion on gifts under an ethics policy
         5. Discussion over ethics advisory board
            1. There is no ethics advisory board for the Commissioners
            2. No ethics advisor for the Commissioners
         6. David Sowden asked the Board to look at other ethics policies
8. **Adjournment:**
   1. The meeting of the District 5 Citizens Advisory Board was adjourned at 6:22 pm.