



District 4 Citizens Advisory Board Meeting Agenda

July 25, 2023 | 5:30 p.m.
Sedgwick County 6th Floor Large Conference Room
100 N. Broadway, Ste. 630, Wichita

Board Members in Attendance: Alison Despard, Donald Gering, Jr., Susanne Hayes, Krister Johnson, Jacob LaMunyon, Ariel Rodriguez, Helen Rolfe, Chris Stingo, Jordan Walker

County Representatives: Commissioner Ryan Baty, County Manager Tom Stolz, County Counselor Justin Waggoner, Assistant County Manager Tania Cole.

1. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- a. Call to Order – Commissioner Ryan Baty
 - i. Commissioner Ryan Baty called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.
 - ii. Members introduced themselves
- b. Swearing in Ceremony – Karen Bailey, Chief Deputy Clerk

2. PUBLIC AGENDA

- a. The public agenda allows members of the public to address the District 4 Citizens Advisory Board.
 - i. None

3. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Meeting Business Discussion
 - i. Overview and Purpose of Citizens Advisory Board – Ryan Baty, County Commissioner
 1. 3 Goals
 - a. Bigger/Broader voice to District 4. Most diverse district. Wants everyone to be represented and have a voice.
 - b. Reinforce the role of an Advisory Board. Wants this board to be a true advisory board that considers the issues and serve its purpose.
 - c. Influence future direction of community. Wants insight of the board on community issues.
 - ii. Review and Discuss Bylaws, KOMA and KORA – Justin Waggoner, County Counselor
 1. KOMA – Kansas Open Meetings Act
 - a. Meeting has to be open to the public, public has to be able to view and hear the meeting. Public has a right to notice about upcoming meetings
 - b. What is a meeting? – When a majority of the members meet either, in-person, social media, phone, video conference, etc.
 - i. 7 or more for this board
 - ii. Serial meetings violate KOMA – example: polling members
 - iii. An exception is setting a time to meet.
 - c. Sub-committees are subject to KOMA as well
 - d. Things Not to do
 - i. Do not Reply All
 - ii. Do not Vote by Email – Considered a secret ballot

- iii. Be careful about commenting on Social Media – if 7 or more are talking on social it could violate KOMA
 - iv. OK for 7 or more to be at the same public gathering as long as no discussion of CAB business
 - 2. KORA – Kansas Open Records Act
 - a. Be aware that any email communication you send to County Staff or other Board members is subject to KORA
 - 3. By-Laws
 - a. Quorum is 7 members
 - b. 2/3 to add additional items to the agenda
 - c. Conflict of Interest – abstain on issues relevant to you.
- iii. Order of Meeting Agenda – Commissioner Ryan Baty / Citizens Advisory Board
 - 1. This agenda item and the next were discussed together.
- iv. Meeting Frequency, Meeting Topics – Commissioner Ryan Baty / Citizens Advisory Board
 - 1. Commissioner Baty will run the meeting
 - a. For Zoning cases, board will appoint a chair to run the discussion that day
 - 2. Meeting Frequency – Tentatively meeting every other month
 - a. Can call additional meetings if needed
 - b. Might coordinate tours on off months
 - c. Day of month may change, right now, last Tuesday of month @5:30pm
 - d. Venue may change
 - e. 75-90 minutes
 - 3. Topics
 - a. Presentations from County Elected Officials, Appointed Officials, Staff, Task Force representatives, etc.
 - i. Presentation, Q&A, Discussion
 - b. Appropriate Role of County Government
 - i. 82% of population lives in the cities
- b. Overview of County Government – County Manager Tom Stolz
 - i. Tom Stolz gave an overview of the difference between County Government and City Government.
 - ii. Reviewed County Organizational Chart
 - 1. 7 Divisions with 46 Departments, 9 other organizational functions
 - iii. Home rule – cities can lay their own rules, counties not so much
 - iv. Reviewed what the County provides – State services, County only services
 - v. Reviewed how the County Pays for Services – Taxes, Grants, other revenue sources
 - vi. Reviewed County Budget Process
 - vii. Reviewed fiscal state of Sedgwick County
 - viii. Recommended Budget
 - 1. No increase in Mill Levy
 - ix. Questions/Priorities
 - 1. Chris Stingo asked about the Budget Public Hearing on August 2
 - a. Tom Stolz explained how the public hearing works, invited people to attend
 - 2. Krister Johnson asked, how many people are on Sedgwick County payroll
 - a. Tom Stolz replied, fluctuates between 2600-3000
 - 3. Alison Despard asked, with the grant funding coming for mental health, is Sedgwick County getting updates on how that money is being spent?
 - a. Tom Stolz responded, yes. Recommended bringing in Joan Tammany from COMCARE to speak to all the services that are provided. A better question is, is the State funding this enough?
 - b. Commissioner Baty added, COMCARE is \$55 million budget and only \$5 million is property tax funded

- c. Tom Stolz added, EMS is 3-1 revenue with tax payers propping up
 - d. Commissioner Baty added, 46 departments, 16 are on behalf of the state. Over the last 10 years the expenses are up 30% while funding from State is down over 20%. Legislative agenda to get State to fund their part.
 - e. Tom Stolz included, the State has a history of taking funding away forcing counties to increase property taxes.
4. Donald Gering Jr. asked, how can you speak so positive about mental health issues
 - a. Tom Stolz responded, many reasons, we have a Bio-Med Health Center coming in, COMCARE Crisis has a new building, City is looking to create a social service effort for homeless, building a Mental Health Hospital, all of these pieces add up and there is actual money being funding towards it.
 - b. Commissioner Baty included, there are 5 things, we have the capacity to build the gold standard
 - i. Mental Health Hospital
 - ii. COMCARE Crisis Expansion with medical detox
 - iii. Bio-Med Health Center – 3,000 med students in downtown Wichita
 - iv. MAC – Multi-Agency Campus – City of Wichita program, wrap around services for homelessness
 - v. Mental Health Court
5. Jordan Walker asked, what is the benefit of moving from Paramedic/EMT model to double Paramedic?
 - a. Tom Stolz responded, better customer service, less burn out, internal training
6. Commissioner Baty covered his priorities for the 2024 Budget
 - a. Staffing Stability
 - b. Hold line on Property Taxes
7. Jordan Walker asked about County Facilities
 - a. Tania Cole replied, we are always looking for efficiencies in our leases. Part of the process with looking for a new Administration Building is how to house County Departments in an efficient and cost effective way.

4. BOARD AGENDA

- a. Commissioner Baty mentioned he sits on the Homeless Taskforce and discussed when they meet
- b. Commissioner Baty said he will ask Sheriff Easter to come speak to the board.
- c. Helen Rolfe commented that she is happy to be a part of this board.

5. ADJOURNMENT

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

*The next Citizens Advisory Board Meeting will be **Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2023, 5:30 p.m.,**
at TBD*