

District 5 CAB Bread of Life, 1301 E. Galena St.

November 5, 2021 Meeting Minutes

**Board Members in Attendance:** David Sowden, Fred Pinaire, Liz Loera, Amanda Amerine, Tanya Jacobucci, John Nicholas, Brad Smith, Olivia Hayse, Joseph Elmore

**County Representatives:** Commissioner Jim Howell, Strategic Communications Director Akeam Ashford

1. **Call to Order:**
   1. David Sowden called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm
2. **Invocation:**
   1. Fred Pinaire led the invocation
3. **Flag Salute:**
4. **Roll Call:**
   1. David Sowden, Fred Pinaire, Liz Loera, Amanda Amerine, Tanya Jacobucci, John Nicholas, Brad Smith, Olivia Hayse, Joseph Elmore
   2. Quorum was present
5. **Approval of Minutes:**
   1. David Sowden moved to approve the October 1st and October 29th, 2021 meeting minutes. Brad Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
6. **Public Agenda:**
7. **New Business:**
   1. **Update on Next Meeting**
      1. No scheduled meeting in December. The next meeting will be January 14, 2022.
   2. **Legislative Agenda for 2022**
      1. Strategic Communications Director Akeam Ashford provides an update on the proposed 2022 Legislative Agenda
      2. Department of Corrections
         1. Asking for $14.3 million in funding for salaries and programming
      3. Division of Finance
         1. Asking for a Fund Creation Balance
         2. Ability to create funds at discretion of County Commission without explicit approval by State statute. Flexibility as to how much fund balance may be carried from year-to-year.
      4. Information Technology Services
         1. Asking for establishment of an IT Infrastructure fund with dedicated funding that can carry over from one year to the next
      5. Emergency Management
         1. Asking to amend the KS Emergency Management Act – SB 40
      6. Exploration Place
         1. Asking for sales tax exemption on purchase of memberships
      7. Sedgwick County health Department
         1. Increase funding for public health post COVID-19
      8. COMCARE
         1. Asking to fully fund 988 Suicide Prevention Lifeline
         2. Strengthen Medicaid Safety Net model in Kansas
         3. Address needs of uninsured and underinsured
         4. Enhance funding for existing Community Crisis Centers
         5. Enhancement of Medicaid rates for behavioral health
         6. Tuition reimbursement for COMCARE social workers
         7. Accelerated Licensing for COMARE workers
      9. CDDO
         1. Develop a plan for the elimination of the HCBS IDD Waiver Waiting List
         2. Address the Direct Support Professional Workforce Crisis
         3. Stabilize current IDD Service System
      10. Sedgwick County Fire Department
          1. Kansas Board of EMS is proposing licensing and regulation of First Responder agencies. Fire District 1 is opposed to this change as it would incur extra workload.
      11. District Court
          1. Asking for added judge positions to courts
      12. Chairman Meitzner
          1. Push for a mental health hospital
      13. Vice Chair Cruse
          1. Push for a mental health hospital
      14. Commissioner Lopez
          1. Push for a mental health hospital
          2. Wants Medicaid expansion
      15. Commissioner Dennis
          1. Focus on behavioral health
          2. Broadband access in rural communities
          3. Look at Charter Commission
          4. Look at time it takes to get college credit for EMS licensing
          5. Push for a mental health hospital
      16. Commissioner Howell
          1. Shorten length of driver “lookback” laws to 10 years
          2. Mandatory minimum sentencing
          3. Look at storm water mitigation sales tax
          4. Push for a mental health hospital
   3. **Commissioner Report** 
      1. Commissioner Jim Howell provided a report to the Board
      2. Storm Water Mitigation
         1. There is a Storm Water Mitigation Advisory Board
            1. The board has no funding
         2. Johnson County has 1/10 sales tax that generates $22 million
         3. 1/10 sales tax in Sedgwick County would generate around $11 million
            1. Could be used to address storm water mitigation
      3. Suspended Driver Licenses
         1. The state has a large number of drivers with suspended licenses. Half are in Sedgwick County.
         2. There is currently lifetime lookback. Shorten this to 10 years.
      4. Mandatory Minimum Sentencing
         1. Minimum sentencing guidelines need to be adjusted
      5. Meetings with Commissioner Howell
         1. Range 54 on 11/08/21 and 12/13/21
         2. Coffees on 11/19/21 and 12/17/21
      6. Shooting Resolution
         1. The shooting resolution was passed for a $500 fine
         2. Commissioner Howell will push for a change to $1000 fine
      7. Redistricting
         1. A new map, #9, was created and is on the website
         2. The process may be finished within the next month
         3. There will be a Redistricting Town Hall on November 15th at MCAT
      8. Codes
         1. Updates to the plumbing and mechanical codes are likely to pass and will take effect a week after they are passed
      9. County Building
         1. There is pressure to move out of current building
         2. Properties are being viewed and a move may happen in a few months
      10. David Sowden mentioned that most drivers with suspended licenses aren’t due to DUI’s, but due to not paying tickets or not showing up to court
          1. Drivers can get insurance with suspended licenses, but they incur higher costs
      11. Senate Bill 367
          1. Criminal justice reform for youth that was passed in 2016
          2. Consequence of SB 367 is that foster care systems have become full
          3. Non-juvenile offenders have been placed into juvenile detention
      12. Legislation
          1. Palm cards are effective in introducing legislative platforms
          2. Sedgwick County is often successful in passing legislation
          3. Try and focus on key legislative issues
   4. **Questions to Commissioner Howell**
      1. Amanda Amerine asks about flooding and storm water in District 5
         1. Shutting water wells off in Derby and Haysville pushed the water table above the bottom of basements
         2. Water pumps were used to pump water from water table into river
      2. David Sowden asks if the 1/10 sales tax were passed, would the money only be used for storm water
         1. Leveraging money should be reserved for certain usage and include a sunset
      3. Olivia Hayse asks about the Legislative issue of mental health hospitals
         1. Receiving funding from the state is hard for things the state is not already doing
         2. Mental health beds are at capacity in Kansas
         3. Should use County money rather than State money for funding
      4. John Nicholas asks about the Legislative issue of broadband internet
         1. State put broadband into rural parts of state for educators, but this technology is now antiquated
         2. Satellite technology for internet will be widespread in a couple years
   5. **Public Works Board Discussion and Debate/Intersections** 
      1. David Sowden mentions that there are multiple intersections in District 5 that have potential for improvement
         1. The County is reactive rather than proactive in addressing these risks. Should not take the loss of life to address issues.
         2. There are multiple issues that need addressed including gravel roads, unpaved roads, bridge inspections, and lack of turn lanes
         3. Flashing signs should be installed at one way stops
      2. Mulvane Cross Walk
         1. Foundations are sitting and waiting for equipment to arrive
         2. Olivia Hayse nervous about crosswalk solution as people tend to not push crosswalk buttons. Some drivers do not know what blinking crosswalk lights mean.
      3. K15
         1. Road to K15 is a narrow road with a lack of lighting
         2. Commissioner Howell can order streetlight installation
      4. Trains on 63rd or Market create traffic
         1. The trains block roads for extended durations of time
         2. Extended train length may block EMS and Public Safety
         3. Brad Smith explains how public safety may deal with trains. Multiple parties are involved and can come from various directions or places. Radio communication increases coordination, but blocked tracks still hinder movement. Trains can be ordered to split if necessary, but this takes some time.
      5. David Sowden explains the Commissioners used to be able to pick one mile of road a year to pave
         1. Olivia Hayse asks if the program could be brought back
         2. Commissioner Howell explains that politics is why it doesn’t happen and that Public Works is not for anything they do not think is warranted
         3. Olivia Hayse makes a motion to recommend the allocation of $750,000 annually to the County divided by each Commissioner for improvement projects each year in their district determined by the Commissioner through their CAB. John Nicholas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
8. **Adjournment**
   1. Meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.