

District 5 CAB Oaklawn Sunview Senior Center, 2907 E. Oaklawn Dr.

March 4, 2022 Meeting Minutes

**Board Members in Attendance:** David Sowden, Liz Loera, Tanya Jacobucci, John Nicholas, Brad Smith, Janet Theoharis, Olivia Hayse, Joseph Elmore, Christopher Wyant

**County Representatives:** Commissioner Jim Howell

1. **Call to Order:**
   1. David Sowden called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm
2. **Invocation:**
   1. Brad Smith led the invocation
3. **Flag Salute:**
4. **Roll Call:**
   1. David Sowden, Liz Loera, Tanya Jacobucci, John Nicholas, Brad Smith, Janet Theoharis, Olivia Hayse, Joseph Elmore, Christopher Wyant
   2. Quorum was present
5. **Approval of Minutes:**
   1. David Sowden moved to approve the February 11th, 2021 meeting minutes. Brad Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
6. **Public Agenda:**
7. **New Business:**
   1. **Commissioner Report**
      1. CMS Mandate Update
         1. The CMS vaccine mandate applies to all employees of any organization that receives Medicaid/Medicare grant funds
         2. The CMS Mandate was presented off-agenda at a BOCC meeting
         3. The County had until the end of February to be compliant
         4. The CMS Mandate was presented off-agenda at a BOCC meeting
         5. $11.8 million will be lost if the County is not compliant
         6. SB 40 allows for religious or medical exemption to the mandate
         7. Commissioner Howell voted for the mandate, but regrets his vote
            1. Believes it was rushed and there was a lack of clarity
         8. Around 550 employees fall under the mandate
            1. There were around 60 exemptions
            2. Only 1 non-compliant employee
         9. US Senate voted to rescind the CMS Mandate
      2. Traffic Count Update
         1. The Board needs community input
         2. A lot of people have weighed in on Facebook
         3. There are concerning traffic counts at certain intersections
         4. There are eight warrants in the MUTCD manual
            1. A warrant is a condition that must be met for signal installation
      3. Assessed Value Discussion
         1. Property value notices went out
         2. Many people have seen property value increases
         3. The appraiser does not work for the County
         4. Tax bills will be sent in October
         5. Commissioner Howell testified in favor of SB 13
            1. The bill demands a notification to be sent to property tax owners if property tax collection is raised
            2. This would be for local government
         6. Most property tax comes from residential properties
            1. 88% of residential properties have an average increase of 7%
            2. 3% of properties have an average decrease of 4%
            3. 9% have no change
         7. Sales ratio for this year was 84.7%
         8. .84 cents per dollar on income taxes in Sedgwick County
            1. 2nd lowest tax rate in the State for County tax rates
         9. There was a 32.2% growth in assessed value for the past 10 years
            1. Mill levy has gone down 6.2%, but collected taxes have gone up
         10. Inflation is outpacing tax collection
         11. The County held a budget retreat
             1. Commissioner Howell has asked staff to compile a list of discretionary vs non-discretionary items
   2. **K15 Corridor Subcommittee Report and Q&A**
      1. The subcommittee was created in response to accidents on k15
      2. A survey was created to capture the public’s attention on K15
         1. 95 people took the survey and 36 made comments
         2. Some of the comments mentioned putting traffic lights at the intersection
         3. Some of the comments felt the intersection was unsafe
         4. The survey will be kept open until the end of the month
         5. There were minimal first responder responses
      3. Recommendations were created
         1. Installation of flashing stop signs
         2. Increase the size of stop signs
         3. Increase the visibility of caution signs
         4. Recommend a feasibility study
         5. Continue to collect data after recommendations are implemented
      4. Traffic counts are being finalized and will be disseminated to the subcommittee
      5. Priorities of the subcommittee were distributed
      6. Commissioner Howell explains the Haysville elevated bridge project
         1. The project was funded by a federal grant
         2. More likely for vehicle overpasses than elevated rails to be constructed
      7. Commissioner Howell explains that feasibility studies drive conversation
         1. Parkway system was a part of a past feasibility study
         2. Feasibility studies cost around $100,000 and are contracted out
      8. Motion by Brad Smith to request Commissioner Howell ask about feasibility study of an overpass for K15 & 47th and 47th & Clifton. Liz Loera seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
   3. **Budget for Survey/Search Opinion (Random Sampling)**
      1. Discussion was held on if the County should have a budget for community sampling
      2. Commissioner Howell explains Facebook has its flaws for community sampling
      3. A survey budget could allow for random sampling
      4. A higher acceptable margin of error could lead to cheaper, but less accurate results
      5. The County can send out low-cost mailings
      6. There will be survey attrition as not all who receive a survey will complete it
   4. **Determine List of Action Items and Subcommittees as Necessary** 
      1. Sheriff Jeff Easter will speak at the next D5 CAB Meeting
         1. Questions will be submitted to the Sheriff prior to the meeting
         2. Commissioner Howell mentions around 25% of Sheriff’s calls are from Oaklawn
      2. Commissioner Howell explains the public should be a part of these meetings
      3. DA Mark bennet will attend the May D5 CAB meeting
      4. Discussion was held on the location of future meetings
         1. There needs to be consistency in meeting locations
8. **Adjournment**
   1. Next meeting will be April 1st, 2022
   2. Meeting was adjourned at 5:48 p.m.