

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

May 6, 2022 Meeting Minutes

**Board Members in Attendance:** Fred Pinaire, Tanya Jacobucci, John Nicholas, Janet Theoharis, Olivia Hayse, Joseph Elmore

**County Representatives:** Commissioner Jim Howell

1. **Call to Order:**
   1. Fred Pinaire called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm
2. **Invocation:**
   1. Tanya Jacobucci led the invocation
3. **Flag Salute:**
4. **Roll Call:**
   1. Fred Pinaire, Tanya Jacobucci, John Nicholas, Janet Theoharis, Olivia Hayse, Joseph Elmore
   2. Quorum was present
5. **Approval of Minutes:**
   1. Janet Theoharis moved to approve the April 1st, 2022 meeting minutes. John Nicholas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously
6. **Public Agenda:**
7. **New Business:**
   1. **Commissioner Report**
      1. Andover Tornado
         1. Around 157 homes damaged on the Butler County Side**.** Not as many damaged in Sedgwick County, but there was a large impact on people
         2. A building code issue was brought to light
            1. Mobile homes were not anchored to the ground. One was lifted up and flipped upside down
         3. Language Barrier
            1. Lack of tornado educational material in Spanish
            2. Warnings were not in Spanish
         4. Warning Sirens
            1. This is an old system. It is deficient
            2. First home hit before alarms were sounded
            3. There are hundreds of sirens in the County, but many dead spots
            4. The County budgets $110,000 to maintain and update current sirens
            5. People can’t rely on only outdoor warning sirens. Have situational awareness by using many sources for warnings including television, internet and applications

Olivia Hayse recommended an emergency radio and the Tornado application by the American Red Cross

* + - 1. Monetary Assistance
         1. FEMA money only covers uninsured losses. May not hit the threshold for this federal assistance
         2. May hit the threshold for state assistance
      2. United Way and Red Cross are providing volunteer support
      3. Looters
         1. There were instances of looters. Some neighborhoods are blocking entrance to non-residents and requiring credentials to enter
    1. Mental Health and Substance Abuse Coalition
       1. The Mental Health and Substance Abuse Coalition started in 2018**.** Not much progress has been made since then
       2. There is a workforce problem
          1. COMCARE down 200 people
       3. Proposed Health Science Education Center
          1. Collaborative effort to create a pipeline for health professionals
       4. New COMCARE facility
          1. $70 million earmarked for new facility
          2. Conflict among Coalition on where this facility should be located
       5. Commissioner Howell advocating for a Mental Health Advisory Board
    2. Bombardier announced they are relocating their headquarters to Wichita
    3. Budget hearings are taking place
       1. The budget is challenging this year
       2. There is a large issue in retaining employees. Pay is a large issue
    4. Racist Text Message Incident
       1. City of Wichita is investigating. The County is not involved in the ongoing investigation
       2. There is a new interim Police Chief: Lemuel Moore
    5. Ruffin Building Move
       1. Beginning to move in June. Should be done sometime in July
       2. BoCC meetings will still be held at the Courthouse for some time
       3. There is no discussion on this being a permanent building
       4. The County is moving because the Courts and DA need more space. There is a backlog of cases due to COVID. As a result, ARPA money will be used to catch up on the backlog
    6. Food Sales Tax
       1. House Bill 2106 passed
       2. Will gradually reduce sales tax for Kansans to 0% by 2025
    7. Cedric Lofton Case
       1. Have not heard back from the DOJ
          1. They were asked to come in from the beginning and did not show any interest
       2. Commissioner Howell recommends a citizen’s grand jury
          1. Signatures are required for a petition
       3. There will be 90-day update around August 1. This will provide an update on the progress of the Taskforce’s recommendations
  1. **Budget for Survey/Search Opinion (Random Sampling)**
     1. N/A
  2. **Determine List of Action Items and Subcommittees as Necessary** 
     1. There are many County elected officials who can speak to the CAB
        1. Register of Deeds, Treasurer, Clerk and Elections Commissioner provide educational presentations
     2. Fred Pinaire made a motion to invite the Elections Commissioner to present at the next meeting. Olivia Hayse seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

1. **Adjournment**
   1. Next meeting will be June 3rd, 2022
   2. Meeting was adjourned at 5:31 p.m.