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District 5 CAB

Oaklawn Sunview Senior Center, 2907 E. Oaklawn Dr.

February 3, 2023

Meeting Minutes

Board Members in Attendance: David Sowden(President), John Nicholas(VP), Liz Loera(Secretary), Olivia Hayse, Christopher Wyant, Amanda Amerine, Andrew Le

County Representatives: Commissioner Howell, Lindsay Poe-Rousseau SC-CFO

Speakers: N/A

Attendees: Cassandra Linnebier, Jake Linnebier, Natalie Marten, Denise Meirowsky

1. Call to Order:

- a. David Sowden called the meeting to order at 4:07 pm

2. Invocation:

- a. Amanda Amerine

3. Flag Salute:

- a. All members stood for pledge of allegiance

4. Roll Call:

- a. David Sowden, Liz Loera, Amanda Amerine, John Nicholas, Olivia Hayse, Christopher Wyant, Andrew Le
- b. Quorum was present

5. Approval of Minutes:

- a. Motion to approve by David Sowden, 2nd Liz Loera.
- b. Minutes from 1/6/23 approved (unanimous)

6. Public Agenda:

- a. Faith Marten – public forums that have operating hours after 5 pm are better attended and have more civic engagement; I would request that as the CAB looks to amend the bylaws they would take this into consideration.

7. New Business:

- a. Commissioner's report:
 - i. County sent out legislative platform
 - ii. County has engaged with South Central Delegation
 - iii. Commissioner did spend two full days in Topeka, testifying on the suspended driver's license bill.
 - iv. Testified on HB-2082 (tracks reserve fund for tech, equipment, addiction, and reserve funds)
 - v. Commissioner Howell testified on HB-2021
 - vi. Commissioner Howell testified on SB-367
 - vii. Two weeks from now the turnaround will happen and allow bill to go from senate to house and vice-versa.
 - viii. There was a zoning issue voted down 5-0 in the last BoCC meeting, commissioner would like the CAB to look into that issue, as well as a cell tower being built in Derby.

- b. Financial report CFO:
- i. Since the Great Recession the County has experienced a 10% cut in recurring reduction in services offered.

Sedgwick County Since the Great Recession

- From 2008 to 2022 -
 - Actual expenses in property-tax-supported funds are up 21%, much less than CPI growth of 34%
 - Property insurance costs are up 752%
 - Software/hardware maintenance costs are 239%
 - KPERS contributions have doubled, up 106%
 - Inmate medical costs are up 77%; inmate food costs are up 53%
 - Employer health insurance premiums are up 66%
 - Adopted FTEs in those funds are nearly flat (3% growth)
 - Overtime costs are up 62%
 - Property tax reliance in 2022 was 57% vs. 51% in 2008

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Sedgwick County Since the Great Recession

- From 2008 to 2022 -
 - Sedgwick County's assessed value has increased 47%
 - Personal income in Sedgwick County has increased 44%
 - CPI (inflation) has increased 34%
 - Sedgwick County employees have seen take-home pay increase about 20% on average

 - Sedgwick County's property tax levy has increased 38%
 - The mill levy rate has decreased from 31.3 mills to 29.4 mills, a 6% decrease

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Sedgwick County Since the Great Recession

- From 2008 to 2022 -
 - Sedgwick County has operated 16 programs on behalf of the State – everything from Aging to Tax Administration
 - Expenditures to support these programs have increased 9%, up to \$210 million
 - State aid for these programs decreased 31%, down to \$27 million
 - Medicaid revenue in these programs decreased 19% to \$19 million
 - Sedgwick County has spent an additional \$12 million in County ARPA funds since 2021 to support these programs, with much more to come
- So....
 - Sedgwick County taxpayers' support of these programs has increased 35%

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Sedgwick County Since the Great Recession

- From 2008 to 2022 -
 - The State has not funded Local Ad Valorem Tax Reduction (LAVTR), a 3.6% share of State sales tax to offset other local shares the State assumed (\$64.5 million est.)
 - The State has not funded the City/County Revenue Sharing program (CCRSF), a 2.8% share of State sales tax to offset other local shares the State assumed (\$40.5 million est.)
 - The State's commercial M&E exemption reduced personal property tax revenues (\$56.0 million est.)
 - The State eliminated the mortgage registration fee but increased per page fees (\$371 million est. since 2015)

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- ii. The State currently has a \$2 billion surplus that the county is looking into to relieve the financial burden to the county in services provided.
- iii. The purpose of the Ad Valorem tax was to balance and ease the housing tax across the state.
- iv. Question: are there options to opt out of state taxes that don't come back to the County?

1. We are required to provide services such as CDDO, District Court, Elections, Emergency Management are all examples. The state sees Sedgwick County as having resources that could benefit smaller counties. We also have to keep relationships with state and county on a positive track. The best way to address the taxation issue is to create a bill to amend LAVTR.
- v. Question: regarding LAVTR can the county not just sue the state?
 1. We are advocating to have them return some of the money they receive for LAVTR to help address problems like corrections, or mental health. We want to keep relations positive and create a good working relationship with the state.
- vi. Question: why has property insurance increased over 700%?
 1. Insurance is increasing cost of services due to an increase in natural disasters. One example is the bird enclosure at the zoo and the cost of insurance to cover the damage to the roof.
 2. The county is also investing in new types of insurance like cyber security and active shooter insurance.
- c. Bylaws review/amendment:
 - i. Olivia Hayse – state clear and specific guidelines for recruiting and removing members from the CAB
 - ii. Olivia Hayse – add zoning and property rights to CAB duties.
 - iii. John Nicholas – we have clear understanding of what we are looking for in regards to recruiting, we could address guidelines for removing people from the CAB.
 - iv. John Nicholas – CAB should not address zoning/property rights. The CAB doesn't have the authority and it is very time consuming.
 - v. Comm. Howell – DABs are very different in function than CABS. DAB's have charters that allow them to hear and vote on property rights case before it goes to the City Council (not a public meeting). County Commissioners play a different roll and are expected to be neutral in property rights cases. People who have concerns about property rights and zoning should appear before the BoCC not the CAB.
- d. Areas of Interest:
 - i. Bylaws
 - ii. Zoning
 - iii. Holding meetings in public locations
 - iv. Work with Communications to add bylaws
 - v. Sedgwick County 911
 - vi. Sedgwick County fines
 - vii. Talk with Sedgwick County HR
 - viii. High School meetings to allow youth to see how local government works
- e. Two CAB vacancies:
 - i. Please continue to look out for possible CAB members and make invitations to apply.

8. Board Action Items for Future Meetings

- a. Review and amend bylaws

9. Adjournment:

- a. Adjourn 6:20 pm

- Sedgwick County Elections Office Tour/Election Security
- Lobbying Opportunities with coordinating jurisdictions
- \$17M Mental Health Facility – ARPA Funding?
- ICT-1 Follow Up
- County fines versus State Allowance Resolutions
- County Ethics Policy
- K15/95th St S Railroad Overpass
- Fire Dist. 1
- Derby/SGCO EMS
- Education of CAB to youth in local schools.

The next Citizens Advisory Board Meeting will be Friday, March 3, 2023 at 4:00pm

DOCUMENTS:

CFO power point



State Funding



County stats



State Program

Actions Jan 2023.pdf updated through 202 Expenditures and Rev

County Upcoming Events:

- None

County Closed:

- Presidents Day – 2/20/2023

Commissioner Howell Events:

- 2nd Monday of each Month – Bullet Points @ Range 54 (5725 E Kellogg Dr S., Wichita) 4p-5:30p
- Last Friday of each Month – Cuppa Jo with Jim @ Calvary Baptist Church Gymnasium (1636 E. Patriot, Derby – enter through the glass doors on the East side of the Building) 7a-9a.