



# District 3 Citizens Advisory Board Meeting Agenda

Sept. 9, 2024 | 7 p.m.  
Fire Station 35/EMS Post 7  
1535 S. 199th Street W., Goddard

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**Board Members in Attendance:** Sharon Ailslieger, Janice Manlove, Kevin McWhorter, Joe Brown, Michael Mitchell, Stephanie Wise

**County Representatives:** Commissioner David Dennis

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## **1. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

- a. Call to Order – Chair Kevin McWhorter
  - i. Chair Kevin McWhorter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

## **2. PUBLIC AGENDA**

- a. The public agenda allows members of the public to address the District 3 Citizens Advisory Board.
  - i. None.

## **3. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Tour of Station 35 and EMS Post 7

## **4. BOARD AGENDA**

- a. Members of the CAB had an opportunity to ask questions and/or share updates:
  - i. Kevin McWhorter asked, did anyone do any computation as to how many 15,000 acre farms could put in Sedgwick County under the current schedule?
    1. David Dennis responded, there are only three places you can hook into the grid in Sedgwick County. Colwich is one, another is Vulcan and northwest of Garden Plain is the third. They don't want to run lines to get to that connection point more than a few miles, because it costs about a million dollars a mile to get to it. I don't think there will be many solar power projects in Sedgwick County because the places you can connect into the grid are pretty sparse.
  - ii. Sharon Ailslieger asked, what was the BoCC reasoning for not giving you more funding?
    1. David Dennis responded, because both Lopez and Howell want to get reelected. I think my district is underfunded as well.
  - iii. Kevin McWhorter asked, is Celeste Racette your opponent Stephanie? Is she working hard?
    1. Janice Manlove responded, yes, we are working very hard. I'm her treasurer and we've raised a lot of money.
  - iv. Sharon Ailslieger asked, what do the finance people say about the sales tax stuff?
    1. David Dennis responded, they don't think it'll be a good idea because we don't know what our sales tax is going to be each year.
  - v. Kevin McWhorter asked, how do the other commissioners feel about it?
    1. David Dennis responded, they all agree with me to hold off on this as it doesn't make sense now.
  - vi. Janice Manlove asked, property taxes are what fund our schools, so when you start switching to sales tax does it defund the schools?
    1. David Dennis replied, no it won't affect the schools.

- vii. Kevin McWhorter asked, what about the Northwest bypass?
  - 1. David Dennis responded, the study for the northwest expressway is about 25 years old and Howell motioned to get another study done, which I agreed with. We have more than doubled a lot of the estimates from the 25 year study and show that we are in a good position to move forward.
- viii. Kevin McWhorter asked, did you see the new study for population growth and what the school district is going to be looking at?
  - 1. David Dennis responded, no.
  - 2. Kevin McWhorter responded, 2,000 new kids in Goddard, we'll go from 6,000 to 8,000.
- ix. Joe Brown asked, what is the issue regarding quality of life?
  - 1. David Dennis responded, there are two things, you have to have quality of life to recruit people to come to Wichita or Sedgwick County and we aren't getting stories out about our economic development like from Sedgwick County Zoo.
- x. Joe Brown asked where did USD 259 get the idea that they are entitled to as much of the tax payer dollars as they can get?
  - 1. Janice Manlove responded, it's because the State doesn't give them up enough money to keep their buildings up.
- xi. Sharon Ailslieger asked, what are the new FEMA maps for?
  - 1. David Dennis responded, they are new maps on flood plains. If you weren't in these flood plains before and they approve these maps and they become affective, all the people in there with loans have to get flood insurance. This costs a lot of money.
- xii. Sharon Ailslieger asked, have they flooded a lot?
  - 1. David Dennis answered, they have flooded in the past.
- ii. Sharon Ailslieger asked, how do they dictate if it wasn't a flood plain years ago, why is it now a flood plain?
  - 1. David Dennis answered, they don't do complete studies, they look at general maps and make decisions and now they are using Lydar. They say it's much more accurate to redesign the maps.
- iii. Sharon Ailslieger asked, what is Lydar?
  - 1. David Dennis answered, it's a drone or airplane that takes a radar image of the ground so they can get a good idea of where the water will run.
- iv. Kevin McWhorter asked, is this a county-wide FEMA change?
  - 1. David Dennis responded, the FEMA change map is only through that area, it takes too much to study the whole county.

## **5. ADJOURNMENT**

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

*The next Citizens Advisory Board Meeting will be **Monday, Oct. 7, 2024, 7 p.m.**  
at 315 S Main, Goddard, KS.*