



District 3 Citizens Advisory Board Meeting Agenda

Nov. 4, 2024 | 7 p.m.
Sedgwick County Jail
141 W. Elm St., Wichita

Board Members in Attendance: Cameron Dawson, Patrick Gaughan, Kevin McWhorter, Michael Mitchell, Stephanie Wise

County Representatives: Commissioner David Dennis, Sheriff Jeff Easter

1. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- a. Call to Order – Chair Kevin McWhorter
 - i. Chair Kevin McWhorter called the meeting to order at 7:02 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. Adult Detention Facility – Sheriff Jeff Easter
 - i. Patrick Gaughan asked how many pods the Sedgwick County Adult Detention Facility has.
 1. Sheriff Easter shared there are 22.
 - ii. Kevin McWhorter asked for what is the biggest area of trouble at the state level in regards to the detention facility.
 1. Sheriff Easter discussed Mental Health and its affect on the judicial system.
 - iii. Kevin McWhorter asked what is needed to fix it.
 1. Sheriff Easter said we're getting a solution after nine years of advocating with the incoming South Central Regional Mental Health Hospital, Multi-Agency Center and the WSU/KU Biomed Center.
 - iv. Patrick Gaughan asked when the South Central Regional Mental Health Hospital had to be built.
 1. Sheriff Easter it must be completed by Dec. 31, 2026.
 - v. Patrick Gaughan asked why the current population is down at the Adult Detention Facility.
 1. Sheriff Easter shared it was several things: District Attorney Marc Bennett has established a functioning probation and parole violation docket with a Pro Tem judge that is working well. He has also been able to outsource prosecutors to help with homicide cases and created a resolution docket program.
 - vi. Patrick Gaughan asked if there was a contract in place for health care in the facility.
 1. Sheriff Easter shared that there is one and it goes up in cost each year. Legislation allows the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office/Adult Detention Facility to get the Medicaid rate for services.
 - vii. Kevin McWhorter asked for an update on the fentanyl crisis.
 1. Sheriff Easter shared that there has been progress. Overdoes deaths are down but overdose calls are not. Patrol Deputies are now carrying Narcan. The

Sheriff's Office has partnered with the Wichita Metro Crime Commission to focus on youth education, however prevention is hard to measure.
viii. Sheriff Easter conducted a tour of the Adult Detention Facility.

4. ADJOURNMENT

a. The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

*The next Citizens Advisory Board Meeting will be **Monday, Dec. 9, 2024, 7 p.m.**
at the Goddard School Conference Center, 315 S. Main, Goddard, KS.*