

Now on this 19th day of January, 2021, the Board of Commissioners, Sheridan County, Kansas met in regular session with Chairman Wes Bainter presiding. Others present were Joe Bainter, Buck Mader, Joe Pratt County Attorney and County Clerk Heather Bracht. Guests were Doyle Kauk, Renee Wagoner, Carolyn Meyer and The Sheridan Sentinel.

Wes Bainter called the meeting to order.

Renee Wagoner, Public Health Nurse/Administrator, entered the meeting. Wagoner stated that she and Miranda Mosier have a lot of ideas, things they want to start up. They plan to start going back to places and doing blood pressure checks which had been stopped due to COVID as well as go out and visit with the public, let them know public health is here for them. Public Health will be getting the COVID vaccine and have a list started of individuals wanting the vaccine.

Pratt discussed the Neighborhood Revitalization Program for the computer. Pratt stated there needed to be a 10 year tickler so that the program does not expire but stays in place. Pratt discussed with the board the land at Bridge #57 they are trying to get permission to use when they do the bridge replacement. He is waiting for information from Jerol DeBoer at Penco Engineering. Pratt received the Lease Agreement from First State Bank for the new grader purchased. The board discussed how to pay for the grader. Wes Bainter stated he would like to pay \$100,000 down and then proceed with the Lease Agreement for the remaining amount. Wes Bainter feels it makes more sense to lease the grader instead of depleting the fund. Mader stated he would like to see it paid for now in full. Mader made a motion to pay for the grader in full out of the equipment fund. Joe Bainter seconded. Motion carried 2-1 with Wes Bainter opposing. Pratt discussed the social media policy. Pratt had contacted Jay Hall, Attorney with KAC, who said employees have the right to free speech. Pratt distributed examples of how it could be changed in our employee handbook for the board to review. Wes Bainter stated bottom line is you don't trash talk your employer. Pratt stated that Wes Bainter had contacted him about the AS400. Pratt contacted Corbin Kuntzsch with CK Technologies Inc. who is the company Eland & Pratt use. Kuntzsch stated that no matter who the county uses, there will be a fee. Kuntzsch went on to say that there are a lot of counties who still use the AS400. Bracht stated this is not something that the county attorney needs involved in. Wes Bainter should have contacted her. Bracht then presented bid information from NexTech and GH Computer Services for IT support for the county. Wes Bainter made a motion to go with NexTech for IT support for the county, seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor, came to the table. Herskowitz had tire bids for a single loader tire and grader tires. Joe Bainter made a motion to purchase the Firestone single loader tire from Weis Tire at a cost of \$1,893.03. Wes Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Weis Tire had the low bid. The grader tire bids were opened and Allie Repair had low bid of \$1,550/per tire. Six will be purchased and they are Bridgestone. Wes Bainter made a motion to go with Allie Repair for the six grader tires. Mader seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Herskowitz stated that Penco Engineering will get back with him on the county line bridge as well as the bridge by Rogers. The bridge at Rogers appears to be in worse shape than the one on the county line. Mader asked if he could get a dry erase map that would show where things are they are discussing. Herskowitz stated yes. Joe Bainter distributed information prepared for mowing the county. There was a discussion on the mowing. Herskowitz stated the mowing is based on the weather. If we go with Agreements, they need cleaned up a bit. Wes Bainter stated that the only time the county has been mowed is when we have had the contractors doing it. The discussion will continue. At 90E and 150N there is a spur to the west that used to be maintained annually. It hasn't been done for several years. Herskowitz will check it out.

Mindy Harting, Sheridan County Appraiser entered the meeting. Harting discussed the McGraw church and the exempt status. Someone had come in to file an application for the Neighborhood

Revitalization Program who is not the owner of the property. Harting clarified with the board that it has to be the owner of the property, not the person buying contract for deed, etc. Harting then discussed the paragraph in the Neighborhood Revitalization Program document which stated that garages, storage buildings and workshops are not eligible. This will be amended to reflect as long as the "appraised" value increases by at least \$10,000, garages, storage buildings and workshops are eligible. Wes Bainter made a motion to approve this change, seconded by Mader. Carried 3-0. This change will be published in The Sheridan Sentinel for two weeks and a public hearing date set. Harting stated they will be interviewing three individuals for the appraisal clerk job next week.

Bracht presented the annual billing for Western Prairie RC & D in the amount of \$500. Joe Bainter made a motion to remain in the group and pay the annual dues, seconded by Wes Bainter. Carried 3-0. All elected officials signed the Secretary of State document. Additional Resolutions which had been approved the previous week were signed by the board.

Wes Bainter made a motion to approve the January 12, 2021 minutes as presented. Mader seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

Joe Bainter moved to approve the January 15, 2021 payroll as presented, seconded by Mader. Carried 3-0.

The following payroll and warrants were approved:

General	\$ 51,466.01	Road & Bridge	\$ 715.18
Tech Fund	\$ 472.40	SPARKS	\$ 4,210.85
Nox Weed	\$ 202.99	Public Health	\$ 1,031.79
Publ Trnsp	\$ 442.83		

No further business, Wes Bainter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 8:00 in the courthouse foyer.

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman