

Now on this 2nd day of February, 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, Carolyn Meyer, Reba White and The Sheridan Sentinel.

Wes Bainter called the meeting to order.

Wes Bainter opened the public hearing to hear comments pertaining to the change in the Neighborhood Revitalization Program. Mindy Harting, Sheridan County Appraiser, was on hand for questions. There being no questions or discussion, Wes Bainter made a motion to approve the revised Neighborhood Revitalization Plan. Mader seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

Wes Bainter made a motion to amend the agenda to include Renee Wagoner, Public Health Nurse/Administrator. Mader seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. At 8:01, Wes Bainter made a motion to enter in to executive session for a period of 10 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Joe Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. Present were the board, Bracht, Pratt and Wagoner. The door opened at 8:11 with no decision being made.

Pratt presented changes for the handbook as it pertains to use of the credit card. Bracht had also created a change. The two will be incorporated for approval next week. There was discussion about drug/alcohol testing and physicals for new hires. Bracht and Pratt both stated that to do these tests prior to hiring could be discrimination. Pratt will do more research and let the board know next week. Pratt sent a letter to Mr. Hirdler about the easement and also tried to contact him by phone but did not get a response. The next step is to file an Eminent Domain Lawsuit. This will take a little bit of time and will incur some expenses that the county will be responsible for.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor, came to the table. Herskowitz stated that a couple graders had issues last week but they have been taken care of. Also, the 2008 red Chevy had an oil pump problem which the county is repairing themselves. Herskowitz talked with Vic Winter about the blade he is working on and it should be ready today. The board briefly discussed the mowing contracts. Sealed bids were opened for the pickups being sold from road & bridge. Travis Schaffer submitted the high bid for the 3/4T extended cab at \$800; Travis Schaffer submitted high bid for the 1988 Chevy regular cab at \$1,000 and Joe Herskowitz had high bid for the 1985 3/4T orange pickup at \$801.01. Wes Bainter made a motion to accept the high bids for these vehicles seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0. Wes Bainter contacted Jerol DeBoer at Penco Engineering via phone regarding the feedlot road. DeBoer stated that they have surveyed the road and are working on the plans now. They will hopefully be able to advertise for bids next week. DeBoer will be put on the agenda for the upcoming meeting to present the plan so the board has time to review and discuss. Curtis Higby, Noxious Weed Director, presented the year-end report for noxious weed as well as the 2021 Noxious Weed Plan. By consensus, the board approved and signed the plans. Higby stated that all prairie dog towns have been treated and he estimates 72% of the prairie dogs have been eliminated.

Mike O'Dell, Trisha Hageman and Kevin Johnson from the Sheridan County Health Complex entered the meeting. O'Dell presented the 2020 end-of-year report for the hospital as well as the 2021 budget which had been approved by the hospital board of trustees. Wes Bainter asks that the bond payment schedule be presented next time. Johnson discussed the COVID vaccine that has been received and given. Johnson stated the clinic has worked closely with Public Health on getting the vaccines given and he appreciates how hard Wagoner is working at Public Health. O'Dell stated he would let Bracht know when the groundbreaking was going to be at the hospital and she will let the board know.

Bracht distributed DSNWK information as well as the Agreement for Services. Mader made a motion, seconded by Joe Bainter, to approve and sign the Agreement for Services. Carried 3-0. Bracht advised the board that Shirley Niermeier, Treasurer, had reached out to Jim Myers about helping Public Health with financial stuff. The board will wait and see what comes in for Mowing Agreements before deciding whether or not to advertise for seasonal help or have the road and bridge employees take care of mowing. Wes Bainter suggested to Mader and Joe Bainter to get out and talk with individuals in the community about becoming an EMT. It is a big commitment but vital in our community.

Wes Bainter made a motion to approve the January 29, 2021 payroll as presented. Mader seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Mader stated that there were at least three individuals with overtime after Herskowitz had stated the overtime would end. Wes Bainter told him he should talk with Herskowitz about it.

Joe Bainter made a motion to approve the January 26, 2021 minutes as presented. Wes Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

The following payroll was approved:

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| General | \$ 86,896.30 | Road & Bridge | \$ 32,372.49 |
| Nox Weed | \$ 1,653.05 | Public Health | \$ 7,174.52 |
| Publ Trnsp | \$ 792.40 | Landfill | \$ 1,505.68 |

No further business, Wes Bainter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mader. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 8:00 in the courthouse foyer.

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman