

Now on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 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 and The Sheridan Sentinel.

Wes Bainter called the meeting to order.

Everyone in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bids were presented for a 20 Cu. Ft. refrigerator. The bid from Heim TV came in at \$899. The bid received from H & S Repair was \$863. Mader made a motion to approve purchasing the Whirlpool refrigerator at a cost of \$863. Wes Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. The bid from Quality Plumbing for relocating and installing a new water heater for the Sheriff's office was opened. There was a bid for a regular water heater, a Power Vent water heater and tankless. After discussion, Mader made a motion to approve the bid for a tankless water heater in the amount of \$2,100.00. Joe Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Bracht advised the board that Northwest Kansas Planning & Development would be coming to the March 16 meeting and Karl Pratt would also be in attendance.

Wes Bainter made a motion to approve the February 23, 2021 minutes as presented. Joe Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

The February 26, 2021 payroll was approved on a motion by Joe Bainter and second by Mader. Carried 3-0.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor and Curtis Higby, Noxious Weed Director, came to the table. Higby had a bid from Better Built Trailer for a 72" blade, winch and plow frame and a windshield wiper kit, all for the Ranger. Mader made a motion to approve the bid for the windshield wiper kit in the amount of \$563.00, seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0. The snow plow blade kit was approved in the amount of \$1,800.00 on a motion by Mader and second by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0. Chemical bids were distributed from Van Diest Supply Company, Nutrien Ag Solutions and Sims Fertilizer. The board discussed chemicals and that by statute the county has to have chemical on hand. Joe Bainter made a motion to purchase Tordon, Dicamba, Freelexx and Panoramic from Nutrien Ag Solutions and Sims Sulfate, Surfac 910 and Buccaneer Plus from Sims Fertilizer. Mader seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Herskowitz stated the BoMag is holding up ok at the landfill. The cell will be fine until mid-next year. Mader made a motion to amend the agenda to include Brad Gourley. Joe Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Gourley stated that he and Dustin Shaw had done some section swapping on the Mowing Agreements. The agreed bid amount will still be paid for the specific section but a few were changed. There was discussion about this being the right way to do it. Mader stated that if Shaw was not interested in three of the sections, the fair thing to do would be to go back to the next low bidder. The alternative would be for Gourley to be paid as a sub-contractor under Shaw and Shaw would be a sub-contractor under Gourley. Gourley was not interested in being a sub-contractor under Shaw. It was left with if Shaw won't sign the Mowing Agreement for the sections he was low bid on, there will be a rebid process for Sections 9, 10 and 11. The board and Herskowitz briefly discussed the bridge repair on the Graham/Sheridan County line.

Twin Creek Extension Agents Jenilee Godsey, Youth Agriculture Agent; Keith VanSlike, Ag & Natural Resources; Patsy Maddy, 4H Youth Development Agent; Karen Shepard, Nutrition, Health and Food Safety and Alyssa Rippe-May, Interim Director, Livestock & Farm Management came to the table. Each agent distributed information on what they had done in 2020 and planning for 2021. There was discussion on whether there had been programs done within the school and the agents report that they have to adhere to KSU mandates and so no, not much

had been done with the school. Wes Bainter stated that in Sheridan County we do not mandate masks. The county is open, our pool was open and summer recreation continued and it is unfortunate that Twin Creeks did not operate under the Sheridan County guidelines. Wes Bainter stated he will contact Dr. Hadley and there will be a discussion. There was a lot of discussion that there is never anything in the newspaper, the community is not aware of the programs that are available. The Sheridan Sentinel stated that with so much in tax dollars going to Twin Creeks, it would be great to see more in the paper and The Sheridan Sentinel is willing to put as much information in as they have to submit. There was a lot of discussion about the money Twin Creeks Extension receives in tax dollars from Sheridan County, almost doubled in 10 years and inflation has only increased 17-18%. The board thanked the agents for coming. Doyle Kauk was recognized and stated when the commissioners initially entered into the agreement many years ago with Twin Creeks Extension, the commissioners were promised more services for the same or less tax dollars. Twin Creeks Extension totally misrepresented to the board. Kauk asked if Sheridan County gets as much service as other counties for the tax dollars they receive?

Renee Wagoner, Public Health RN/Administrator, came to the table. Wagoner stated they have given approximately 500 – 1<sup>st</sup> doses of the COVID vaccine and 200 – 2<sup>nd</sup> doses of the COVID vaccine. They are going to start scheduling for a specific day only for COVID vaccines so that other public health services can continue. Wagoner stated the hospital has been helping with sending nurses to assist in giving the vaccine. The ad for the secretary should be in the paper this week. Wagoner stated that public health is receiving a grant in the amount of just over \$100,000. Wagoner stated that every county public health office will receive his amount. Wagoner advised the board the money will mostly be used for salaries, updating equipment, cleaning supplies, PPE, etc. Expenses have to be COVID related. Bracht asked if this money could be shared with EMS or the hospital and Wagoner stated “no”. Wagoner said she has cancelled the QuickBooks subscription and will be using an excel document she created for billing.

Mindy Harting, Sheridan County Appraiser, came to the table. Central Publishing who took care of the rural directories and wall maps has gone out of business. Clint Offutt who handles the GIS system has this service as well. Wes Bainter made a motion to use Offutt for printing of the rural directories and wall maps. Joe Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

The board discussed the church at the Historical Society. Karen Lewis, Director, has stated that the handicap ramp does not seem right. Mader will be the liaison between the Historical Society and the Commissioners and will go and see what she is talking about. Pratt stated Mader should contact Ellen Pratt who is on the board.

There was a little more discussion on Twin Creeks Extension.

The following payroll was approved:

General	\$ 87,159.25	Road & Bridge	\$ 36,522.37
Nox Weed	\$ 1,549.19	Public Health	\$ 4,151.70
Publ Trnsp	\$ 752.75	Landfill	\$ 1,468.61

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

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk

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Chairman