

Now on this 30th 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.

Bracht presented an Abatement and Add to the Treasurer's tax roll. Wes Bainter made a motion to approve and sign the Changes seconded by Mader. Carried 3-0. Determination of Level of Review and the Request for Payment of CDBG funds were reviewed by the board from Northwest Kansas Planning & Development. This utilizes the remaining funds the county received for CDBG-CV. Karls Store in Selden will receive funds to be used for working capital expenses for the month of June 2020. NWKS Planning and Development will receive funding for the administration of the application. Mader made a motion to accept and approve the Request for Payment of CDBG Funds for Karls Store and to approve and sign the Determination of Level of Review for Karls Store. Joe Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Bracht clarified with the board that at this time they would not be doing background checks on new employees. The board agreed with this. The board stated that the reference checks need to be done by the department head interviewing the candidate. Bracht distributed information the clerk's office receives from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment pertaining to proposed Kansas Water Pollution Control Permits for Agricultural and Related Wastes and Authorization to Discharge under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System. These are public notices posted on the board outside the clerk's office pertaining to reissuing of permits for livestock or new permits for wastewater plants. Bracht had included the proposed Model County Sanitary Code handbook with the boards packets. The previous Sanitary Code Handbook has not changed in 29 years so this is just cleaning up some of the verbiage. Bracht will check to see if she has a copy of the original codes so it can be compared to the changes. Wes Bainter stated that contractors have said they are not in favor of more rules and regulations.

The Agreement – Construction Engineering Services between Sheridan County and Penco Engineering was reviewed, approved and signed by the board on a motion by Wes Bainter and second by Mader. Carried 3-0. This Agreement is for the services that will be performed by Penco Engineering once roadwork begins on the feedlot road.

Wes Bainter stated that the price of steel is going up. He has asked Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor, to do an inventory of culverts the county might need so they could be ordered now.

Misty Jimerson, Health Educator at Thomas County Public Health entered the meeting to talk about the Food Policy Council that she is part of. The Food Policy Council falls under the umbrella of the Western Prairie RC & D and the county budgets \$500 for them annually. Jimerson stated that there are nine counties working with the food policy council. The goal is keeping the food source in Kansas, having our local restaurants use locally grown food, etc. Jimerson thanked the board for supporting Western Prairie RC & D.

Wes Bainter touched on the National Heritage information. He would like a resolution done for Sheridan County opposing the National Heritage plan. There was discussion about the powers the government has and the powers they should have. The board discussed all the COVID money that the government is disbursing.

The board briefly discussed the bridge on the Sheridan/Graham County line and whether to replace with concrete bridge or planks. Mader stated the county has to trust the engineer. Wes Bainter stated he does not agree with the engineer and feels the board needs to select the best option for the county, the taxpayers are paying the bill.

Pratt stated that Joyce Kinderknecht who is the counselor he uses for drug and alcohol cases is affiliated with High Point Advocacy. Pratt said that Kinderknecht was going to reach out to the clerk to schedule a time to come and explain the plans High Point Advocacy has. Bracht stated she has not heard anything yet. Wes Bainter stated the commissioners need to be careful that they are not wasting money and need to be effective with the money distributed.

Mader made a motion to approve the warrants as presented. Joe Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. Herskowitz was contacted about a couple of the warrants via the phone. Herskowitz stated that he has checked the culverts and does not believe the county will need any until mid-2022.

The March 23, 2021 minutes were approved on a motion by Wes Bainter and second by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0.

Wes Bainter made a motion to approve the March 26, 2021 payroll, seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0.

Wes Bainter advised the board that the county did get KDOT approval on the feedlot road bid presented at the March 23, 2021 meeting. The board briefly discussed overtime at road & bridge. Wes Bainter asked Pratt to look in to zoning in the county, if this is a tool that can be used to have input on the land as it pertains to the National Heritage group.

The following warrant was approved:

General	\$ 124,474.25	Road & Bridge	\$ 110,148.69
Forfeiture	\$ 40.00	VIN	\$ 400.00
Nox Weed	\$ 7,625.85	Tech – ROD	\$ 925.07
E911	\$ 9,281.70	Public Health	\$ 5,170.46
Public Tranp	\$ 1,644.66	Landfill	\$ 1,424.72

No further business, Wes Bainter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 8:00 in the courthouse foyer.

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman