

Now on this 13th day of April 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 Carolyn Meyer and The Sheridan Sentinel.

Wes Bainter called the meeting to order.

Everyone in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Letters of support for the hospital were presented to the board for approval and signature. Wes Bainter made a motion to approve the letters seconded by Mader. Carried 3-0. These letters were in support of the grant application the hospital completed for the Sheridan County Community Foundation for the acute wing remodel project as well as the Hanson Foundation for Pyxis Medstation upgrade. The 2nd Amendment Resolution was distributed in the commissioners packets and will be discussed when Joe Pratt arrives. Bracht discussed the water leak that occurred on the main floor of the courthouse from an overhead pipe. By consensus, Quality Plumbing will replace the approximate 10' area of pipe.

Pratt discussed SB149 which is aimed at aiding businesses affected during the pandemic. Pratt indicated he does not know where the bill is now but in reading the bill it is for businesses in county's that shutdown.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor, came to the table. Herskowitz had reached out to Jerol DeBoer at Penco Engineering asking for a design to replace the current bridge at the Sheridan/Graham County line with a cement slab bridge. Simple plan, what size culverts, etc. Wes Bainter distributed photographs he had taken of the side and underside of the bridge currently there. Once the information is received from Penco Engineering it will be turned out for bids. Herskowitz stated that they have started pulling up shoulders and hauling gravel. Herskowitz and Don Rowilson came up with a plan for the fencing around the Pioneer Cemetery and should have it done by the end of the week. Drew Schoendaler from Hoxie Implement and Dustin Bell from Taylor Implement presented bids for skid steers. Bids were opened and copied for the board from Farm Implement & Supply and BTI. Wes Bainter made a motion to purchase the low bid for a new S740 T4 Bobcat Skid-Steer Loader from Hoxie Implement seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0. With the trade-in of the 1999 Bobcat 863 Skid Steer, the Yale Forklift and the 2015 Rhino 4155 Mower, trade difference amount due is \$1,585.70. Joe Bainter stated Bernie Koerperich, Mayor of City of Selden, had contacted him during the City's meeting and stated they wanted one of the mowers. Joe Bainter stated he is against getting rid of the equipment. Wes Bainter stated the mowers have been paid for with taxpayer dollars and should just be given to them. The board briefly discussed selling of county equipment.

Fred Washburn, City Superintendent, entered the meeting. Washburn presented a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Hoxie and Sheridan County as it pertains to inspection, complaints and enforcement of sanitary standards within the city limits through the Northwest Kansas Local Environment Protection Group (NWLEPG) which Sheridan County is a member of. NWLEPG will have jurisdiction as far as KDHE but the City of Hoxie has home rule. Wes Bainter made a motion to approve and sign the Memorandum of Understanding and work in partnership with the City of Hoxie and NWLEPG. Mader seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Washburn stated they are going to place leftover millings used at the airport on all the streets they had previously done. He will contact Herskowitz when they are finished so that any remaining millings can be removed from the property.

Terry Grace with GH Computer Services came to the table. Grace discussed services that could be provided for IT service. No decision was made.

Renee Wagoner, Public Health Administrator/RN entered the meeting. Wes Bainter made a motion to approve and sign the Business Associate Agreement with NexTech. Mader seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Wagoner stated that the COVID grant is still under review. Wagoner budgeted for computers, IT and wages. The money might not come till June. Wagoner stated that they are finishing the 2nd doses of the COVID vaccine this Monday then it should be behind them for now. She will work with the hospital and clinic to see what it looks like for the future as far as giving them. Wagoner distributed information pertaining to SB40. Wagoner stated that COVID funding guidelines state they can go back to January 5 for wages, supplies, etc and will go through July 2023. Allowable expenditures include salaries, support, vaccines, overtime, fees for electronic health records and IT support/upgrades. Wagoner asked about attending future meetings and the board stated that if there is something to report, she should be on the agenda.

Resolution No. 21-12, A Resolution to Preserve and Defend the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution was approved and signed on a motion by Mader and second by Wes Bainter. Carried 3-0.

Warrants of April 13, 2021 were approved on a motion by Mader and second by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0.

Joe Bainter made a motion to approve the April 9, 2021 payroll as presented. Mader seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

Wes Bainter made a motion, seconded by Joe Bainter, to approve the April 6, 2021 minutes as presented. Carried 3-0.

At 10:18 Wes Bainter made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 10 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel and to interview applicants for the public health clerk position. Mader seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Present were the board, Wagoner, Bracht and first applicant. The door opened at 10:30, the applicant exited, and no decision was made. At 10:31, Joe Bainter made a motion to extend the executive session for a period of 10 minutes. Wes Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. At 10:42, the door opened, and Joe Bainter made a motion to extend the executive session for a period of 10 minutes to interview another applicant. Mader seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. At 10:52, the door opened, and the interview ended. No decision was made. At 10:53, Wes Bainter made a motion to extend the executive session for a period of 10 minutes. Joe Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. The door opened at 11:01. Wes Bainter stated they will wait a week before a decision is made concerning hiring at public health.

Wes Bainter distributed an example of a Resolution Opposing 49-County National Heritage Area. The board reviewed the Resolution which will be Sheridan County Resolution No. 21-29. Wes Bainter made a motion to approve Resolution No. 21-29, A Resolution Opposing 49-County National Heritage Area. Joe Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

The following warrants and payroll were approved by the board:

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| General | \$ 62,112.87 | Road & Bridge | \$ 16,492.44 |
| Conceal Carry | \$ 212.67 | Noxious Weed | \$ 2,311.04 |
| Public Health | \$ 4,200.10 | Public Transp. | \$ 1,080.11 |
| Landfill | \$ 1,520.80 | | |

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 20, 2021 at 8:00 in the courthouse foyer.

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman