

Now on this 27th 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, Renee Wagener, Jim Howard, MaryEllen Welshon and The Sheridan Sentinel.

Wes Bainter called the meeting to order.

Everyone in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pratt presented a Mower Use Agreement between the City of Selden and Sheridan County. The Agreement will be for a period of two years and states that this fee can be swapped for water the county may need, gravel hauling, labor, etc. The City of Selden will receive the newest Rhino. Wes Bainter made a motion to approve the Mower Use Agreement between the City of Selden and Sheridan County. Mader seconded the motion. Carried 2-1. Pratt got addresses of where to send correspondence advising to take Sheridan County off the maps as they pertain to the National Heritage Area and the 30x30 Program. Bracht had distributed Resolution No. 21-33, Resolution Opposing the Federal Government's 30x30 Preservation Goal. Mader made a motion to approve this Resolution seconded by Wes Bainter. Carried 3-0. The revised Service Agreements for IT support with NexTech were reviewed and approved on a motion by Wes Bainter and second by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0. Six pieces of correspondence were received from Sheridan County residents opposing the 49-County National Heritage Area plan. Bracht distributed the Lucerne Cemetery Mowing Agreement between Travis & Lindsey Brewster and Sheridan County. Joe Bainter made a motion to approve and sign the Mowing Agreement. Mader seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Joe Bainter reported that Tim Hansen, NWLEPG Director, had contacted him and briefly explained how the NWLEPG could fund the health insurance for a new employee. The thinking is to add extra on the fees to cover the cost. The interview for Hansen's replacement went well. NWLEPG is coming to the May 4 commissioner's meeting and this will be discussed further.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor, came to the table. Wes Bainter stated he and Scott Foote had spoke with McCormick who is doing the feedlot road and right now the plan is to work the road right after wheat harvest. Herskowitz has not received anything from Penco on the Sheridan/Graham County line bridge. Some of the warrants were reviewed.

Wes Bainter made a motion seconded by Joe Bainter to amend the Agenda to include Larry Cressler. Carried 3-0. Cressler had Bracht read aloud a letter the Cressler's had written to the Board of Commissioners in 2017 requesting the minimum maintenance road at 80E heading North be maintained. Cressler stated there are cattle guards going across the road and equipment cannot go up the hill because of them. Cressler also had Bracht read aloud Statute 29-201 and 29-202 as it pertains to the boards responsibility for Fence Viewing. Herskowitz stated that the cattle guards are silted in the ground and the road & bridge department were going to pull up and reset. The board agrees that cattle cannot be roaming the county roads and a fence needs to be in place. Wes Bainter stated they would act on this matter as soon as Pratt has had time to research.

Mader made a motion to approve the minutes of April 20, 2021 as presented. Wes Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

The April 23, 2021 payroll was approved on a motion by Wes Bainter and second by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0.

At 9:00, Wes Bainter opened the Performance Public Hearing for the CDBG-CV funds distributed. Corinna Cox from Northwest Kansas Planning and Development came to the table.

Cox introduced herself and explained that by State requirement, a Public Hearing was required for the CDBG-CV funds received from the state and distributed. The county received \$132,000 of which \$120,000 was distributed as grant money to five businesses and \$12,000 was distributed to Northwest Kansas Planning & Development for administration. There were no public questions or comments. Mader made a motion to approve the CDBG-CV Grant Close-out Transmittal Form seconded by Wes Bainter. Carried 3-0. Wes Bainter closed the Public Hearing.

Mike O'Dell and Kevin Johnson from the Sheridan County Health Complex came to the table. Johnson stated that all patients now enter through the main lobby of the hospital and that there are no active COVID cases or positive COVID tests. Visitors and patients still wear masks. These rules could change if cases increase. The clinic is trying to recruit a physician who would partner with Dr. Walz. The Health Fair will be June 26 at the 4H building and the theme is Home Run for Health. Vaccines and anti-bodies were discussed, and Johnson encourages everyone to get the vaccine. O'Dell stated that at the Hospital Board of Trustees meeting on Monday, April 26, the board accepted Niceta Farber's resignation as CEO. This position was offered to O'Dell and he accepted. He will remain the CFO as well. O'Dell discussed the Community Public Health Needs Assessment. There were 96 responses from the county and 25 citizens attended the meeting. The board, O'Dell and Wagoner discussed plans to move public health to the hospital. Public Health would still operate under Sheridan County but would be housed at the hospital. Wagoner spoke and stated she felt moving to the hospital would be beneficial to the community. O'Dell asked the board if they had a problem with information going out to the community about using tax credits to help fund an extension to the hospital for public health. O'Dell discussed the bond that was coming due in June for the remodeling at the hospital. The bond has been extended until April 1, 2022 due to construction still going on. It had been delayed due to COVID. The participating local banks have all given verbal approval. O'Dell stated the project should be complete by December 15. Bracht had the original documents for the extension of the maturity of the revenue bond. Wes Bainter made a motion to approve and sign Resolution No. 21-34, A Resolution Authorizing and Approving the Extension of Maturity of the County's Hospital Revenue Anticipation Revenue Bonds, Series 2019-B; Making Certain Covenants and Agreements in Connection Therewith. Mader seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

At 10:27, Wes Bainter made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 10 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Mader seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Present were the board, Pratt and Bracht. The door opened at 10:37 with no decision being made.

Renee Wagoner, Public Health Nurse/Administrator came to the table. Wagoner asked if there was a decision about hiring someone to do the office work. Wes Bainter stated at this time no one will be hired at the Public Health office. Wagoner asked if it was ok to discuss with O'Dell ideas for Public Health and then she would come back to the board. There was discussion about Wagoner texting and having discussions with each of the commissioners separately about public health issues. Pratt stated it was but Bracht stated everyone needed to be careful. All the private discussions and texts begin to look bad. Why not just come to the meeting and discuss with all board members present then there is no question as to what is being said. Pratt reiterated that government is different than a regular business. There has to be transparency. Wagoner distributed a document to the board.

The board asked that Bracht request Don Koerperich, Emergency Manager, come to a meeting and give an update on what is happening.

Wes Bainter made a motion to approve the hospital adding Public Health to the tax credit initiative. Mader seconded. Carried 3-0.

The following warrants and payroll were audited and approved:

General	\$ 124,507.61	Road & Bridge	\$ 52,145.56
Conceal Carry	\$ 100.00	Spec Hwy	\$ 30,100.00
E911	\$ 1,514.88	Nox Weed	\$ 52,658.18
Public Hlth	\$ 6,244.93	Micro Loan	\$ 1,200.00
Public Transp	\$ 1,704.71	Landfill	\$ 1,484.00

No further business, Joe Bainter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Wes Bainter. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 8:00 in the courthouse foyer.

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman