

Now on this 11th day of May 2021, the Board of Commissioners, Sheridan County, Kansas met in regular session with Chairman Wes Bainter presiding. Others present were Joe Bainter, Buck Mader and County Clerk Heather Bracht. Guests were Carolyn Meyer, Renee Wagoner, Agnes Winter 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 to the treasurer's tax roll for Christ Community Church of Hoxie. Wes Bainter made a motion to approve and sign the abatement seconded by Mader. Carried 3-0. A Kansas Pride Program 2021 Entry Government Resolution No. 21-41 was presented to the board for approval. Wes Bainter made a motion to approve and sign the Resolution seconded by Mader. Carried 3-0. There will be no meeting on Tuesday, May 25. Warrants will be signed by Wes Bainter on Friday, May 21. City of Selden received a bill in the amount of \$200 for dumping at the landfill during the citywide clean-up. This is an error and the City of Selden will be credited. There was discussion last week about having a county website that would involve the county, City of Hoxie, City of Selden and the Chamber of Commerce. Wes Bainter made a motion to approve GovBuilt's bid for a website seconded by Mader. Carried 3-0. The initial cost is \$7,500 which the county will cover. Starting the 2nd year, the annual fee is \$2,500 which the board hopes can be shared by the county, cities and chamber.

Joe Bainter made a motion to approve the May 7, 2021 payroll as presented. Mader seconded. Carried 3-0.

The May 4, 2021 minutes were approved as presented on a motion by Mader and second by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor, came to the table. Herskowitz stated that the recycling employee has given his two weeks notice. They are hopeful someone in town will apply for the job. Wages and benefits at the road & bridge department were discussed. There was discussion about graders and "drag" equipment. If county residents are able to "drag" roads then the road and bridge department would be able to build the roads. Information on drag equipment was passed around from Roadrunner and RoadGroom. Herskowitz will talk with both companies and determine which is better. The county discussed purchasing one to have. Herskowitz thinks there might be one in Quinter he could look at or watch being used. Permission was given to purchase baling wire. A bundle of 10 is \$750 and the board agreed that Herskowitz should purchase two bundles. Wes Bainter also advised Herskowitz he should look at blades.

Mary Ellen Welshhon and Jim Howard came to the table to discuss the public health nurse coming to the school one day a week. That would be one day in Hoxie and one day in Selden. Wagoner currently goes to the Hoxie school one day a week through her contract with the Service Center. Welshhon will check with Thomas Co. Public Health and see if they would allow the Sheridan County Public Health Nurse to come to the high school in Rexford. There was discussion about the responsibility cutting the nurse thin if she is only in the office three days a week but since there is now an LPN in the office, services would still be covered. Welshhon and Howard agreed that if the public health nurse was busy the LPN could cover at the school.

Dana Hess, Sheridan County Dispatch, entered the meeting. Hess presented a quote from VLS Communications inc for a radio console. Total estimate was \$16,634. Hess received word that a grant she completed for this project in 2019 had been approved so she will receive \$9,980.40 in grant funding. The balance of \$6,653.60 can be paid out of the 911 funds. Mader made a motion to approve purchasing the radio console from VLC Communications inc. Joe Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Hess stated we may have to pay for the item up front but then will be reimbursed.

Don Koerperich, Emergency Manager, came to the table. Koerperich gave the board an update on what's been happening:

- COVID has slowed down but there are still daily calls with updates
- Koerperich does not get as many requests for supplies from the hospital, EMS, etc so there are currently plenty
- There has been training with the National Weather Service
- June 23 is the next LEPC meeting and Southern Star Pipeline will be there to give a talk
- The Hazardous Mitigation Plan is almost ready to be sent to the state
- There have been Homeland Security meetings held via zoom. Portable metal detectors are being purchased for courthouses, they are working on cyber security and trying to get a side-by-side for each county, to be shared with the different entities.
- There have been storm spotter meetings all using zoom. Also there are weekly 15 minute conference call updates from Goodland

The board thanked Koerperich for coming in and asked that he stay in touch and let them know when things are going on.

Leroy Reitcheck came to the table to discuss "dragging" county roads. Reitcheck was advised the board is currently reviewing a Road Drag Agreement. Reitcheck is interested in dragging the same roads that he will be mowing.

The board will sign letters next meeting regarding the 30x30 plan and the National Heritage Area.

Some of the warrants were discussed. Wes Bainter made a motion, seconded by Joe Bainter, to approve the warrants as presented. Carried 3-0.

The following payroll and warrants were approved and signed by the board:

General	\$ 60,161.82	Road & Bridge	\$ 16,045.10
Nox Weed	\$ 1,853.86	Spec Hwy	\$ 20,000.00
VIN	\$ 94.98	Public Health	\$ 6,854.82
Public Transp	\$ 1,158.05	Landfill	\$ 1,486.40

No further business, Wes Bainter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 8:00 in the courthouse foyer.

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman