

Now on this 1st day of June 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.

Curtis Higby, Noxious Weed Director, came to the table. Mader made a motion to allow Higby to attend the Summer Training for continuing education in Manhattan July 20 – July 22. Joe Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. The board discussed prairie dogs with Higby. The board is committed to eradicating prairie dogs. They understood it was going to take a few years. If you have a prairie dog problem, please contact Higby. Higby stated he can follow-up with treating prairie dogs with the chemical Phostoxin. The board asked that he get prices and let them know.

Pratt distributed the revised Road Drag Repair Agreement.

Pat Haffner was recognized. Haffner thanked the board for the asphalt in Tasco. Stated they still don't have enough. Herskowitz stated they are not finished yet. Haffner stated he got stuck going to the catholic cemetery. Could that road be worked? Haffner continued by saying "you can't starve work out of a man. The cheapest solution is to pay men." The county needs to build up the work force. The board thanked him for coming in.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor, came to the table. Herskowitz stated "yes" the Six Toes and cemetery roads need worked and the plan is to work with the retriever but it is still too wet. At 8:15, Wes Bainter made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 20 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Joe Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Present were the board, Herskowitz, Pratt and Bracht. The door opened at 8:35 with no decision being made. Pratt discussed the Cressler road and a possible solution would be to move the cattleguard 100 yards south. Mark Olson was recognized. Olson wanted to make the commissioners aware of the problem on road 10W (Six Toes road) and also the road to the catholic cemetery. The suggestion is to contact Brendon Gourley and get a dollar amount to maintain this road. Herskowitz will contact him. By consensus, permission was given to fill all the fuel tanks. A bid was received from Cass Excavating for doing ditch work and road elevation at 10N-40N and 80E-90E in the amount of \$2,970. Wes Bainter made a motion to approve the bid seconded by Mader. Carried 3-0. Herskowitz stated that mowing has started. The board thanked Herskowitz and the road & bridge employees for coming to Selden after the storm.

Mindy Harting, Sheridan County Appraiser, came to the table and presented her Employment Agreement for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025. Bracht noted that the Agreement stated payroll is 24 equal installments and it is actually 26. The Agreement reflects the wage expected for the next four years and also states the county will reimburse Norton County one-half the cost of insurance which Harting thinks will be approximately \$1,200. Wes Bainter made a motion to approve the Agreement, seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0.

Brandon Carver, Sheridan County Sheriff and Don Koerperich, Emergency Manager, entered the meeting. Koerperich distributed documentation about the Selden tornado that struck May 24, 2021. Koerperich stated that everything went well, everyone worked together and this is what the county has prepared for. Koerperich went on to say that there were a lot of outside resources that showed up to help. Carver reported on damages reported by Midwest Energy.

There was discussion about FEMA. The board thanked Carver and Koerperich for the work done.

Leroy Spresser and Bernie Koerperich were recognized. They thanked the board and the road & bridge department for all the work they did. Spresser stated the road & bridge employee help was tremendous and they did a great job, working their tails off and did not bat an eyelash. Worked side by side in the mud, tin and debris. They appreciate all the help.

Herskowitz came back to the table. There was more discussion about the Road Drag Repair Agreement and that it should be the main roads worked with secondary roads being the least of our worries at this point. Wes Bainter stated money is not the breaker here. Spresser discussed employees doing it and Herskowitz stated he agreed until he received all the phone calls over the weekend and this morning. Bracht was given information on the chemical Phostoxin for the Noxious Weed Department. \$550/case which is 7,000 tablets and the chemical must be stored in a locking cabinet. Higby was contacted and put on speaker phone and there was discussion about the chemical. Wes Bainter made a motion to purchase the chemical and cabinet, seconded by Mader. Carried 3-0.

Joe Bainter stated he had talked with Tim Hansen from NWLEPG and Sheridan County needs to review the new sanitary codes that had been distributed and make any changes necessary. Wes Bainter stated he would like to wait until the new Director comes on, see what he thinks. Joe Bainter said a committee needs formed and Wes Bainter suggested several of the local contractors. Bracht will set up a time to come and meet with the board.

Mader made a motion, seconded by Wes Bainter, to approve the May 18, 2021 minutes as presented. Carried 3-0.

Joe Bainter made a motion to approve the May 23, 2021 payroll. Wes Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0.

The May 25, 2021 warrants were approved on a motion by Joe Bainter and second by Mader. Carried 3-0.

Bracht was advised to ask the Sheriff's office for the laptops that need destroyed.

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

General	\$ 120,427.02	Road & Bridge	\$ 41,313.77
Conc Carry	\$ 387.85	Spec Hwy	\$ 35,600.00
Tech Fund	\$ 1,139.00	Clerk Tech Fund	\$ 1,139.00
E911	\$ 4,400.84	Nox Weed	\$ 3,475.32
Publ Hlth	\$ 11,289.82	Alcohol	\$ 11,000.00
Publ Transp	\$ 2,744.06	Landfill	\$ 1,382.40
MV	\$ 115.10		

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

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman