

Now on this 22<sup>nd</sup> 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, The Sheridan Sentinel and Ty Stewart, Intern at Eland & Pratt.

Wes Bainter called the meeting to order.

Everyone in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bracht advised the board that the Register of Deeds would be purchasing a new LexMark printer as well as a new computer for the public to use. These will be paid for out of the Register of Deeds Tech Fund. Correspondence was received from DSNWK asking their budget to remain the same for 2022 in the amount of \$48,000. Wes Bainter asked that Pratt research information on the Truth in Taxation bill that passed.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor, came to the table. Herskowitz presented bids from Teeter Oilfield Service LLC for roads in the Southwest part of the county. Mader made a motion to approve the proposal from Teeter Oilfield Service LLC in the amount of \$8,000 for road work on S Rd 130W from W Rd 160S-4 miles North to South side of Angelus. Wes Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. This work will entail disking the shoulders, pulling the east and west shoulders and then pack the shoulders extensively. A bid from Spreser Excavation LLC was received for a 4 mile stretch East from the intersection of Hwy 23 and 120S in the amount of \$5,350. Wes Bainter made a motion to approve the bid, seconded by Mader. Carried 3-0. The work included pulling up shoulders and general grader work. The Commitment of County Funds from the Kansas department of Transportation for the bridge replacement 11.5 miles North and 4.3 miles East of Hoxie was signed by the board, Herskowitz and attested by the Clerk. The matching fund amount of \$127,000 will be paid with the July warrants and will be paid out of Special Highway. Herskowitz stated Cass is doing some culverts and road work. Wes Bainter stated the city would be using all the remaining millings at the fairgrounds so there should be none for the county to remove. Road conditions and mowing were discussed. There was discussion on how tall the grass should be before it is mowed again.

Wes Bainter made a motion to amend the agenda to include public health nurse Renee Wagoner. Joe Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Wagoner introduced the new public health office clerk Ashtynn Bainter to Mader, Pratt, Wes Bainter and Joe Bainter. Wagoner presented another bid from NexTech for new phone system for public health in the amount of \$5,211. There was discussion about the phone system and the expense. Wagoner reminded the board that the COVID money received in the amount of \$112,000 will pay for phone system. The board, by consensus, agreed to wait until public health moves to the hospital. Wagoner asked when there would be another meeting with the hospital to iron out details such as rent, supplies, etc. Wes Bainter stated it is being worked on currently. Wagoner advised the board that they had applied for a \$15,000 Patterson grant but she has not heard back whether it was granted or not. A donation in the amount of \$5,000 - \$10,000 has been received from an individual who does not live in Sheridan County but received their COVIC vaccine here. Wagoner stated she needed to be vision and hearing certified so that these checks can be done in her office and at the schools. Permission was given to become certified. Wagoner will also talk with both school board superintendent's and start working on the agreement between the County Public Health and each school district.

Wes Bainter made a motion to approve Resolution No. 21-02a appointing Melinda (Mindy) Harting as the Sheridan County Appraiser for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025. Joe Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

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

The June 15, 2021 minutes were approved on a motion by Joe Bainter and second by Mader. Carried 3-0.

Wes Bainter made a motion to approve and sign the Disaster Declaration Resolution No. 21-57 pertaining to the storm that passed through Sheridan County on June 19, 2021. Joe Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

Bracht asked the board if a raise was going to be given to an employee as requested last week by an elected official. The board stated no, raises are given the first of the year.

Mader made a motion to amend the agenda to include Carolyn Meyer. Meyer discussed the 22<sup>nd</sup> Amendment that will be on the August 2022 primary "Value Them Both". Meyer distributed information to the board about the "Value Them Both" constitutional amendment. Meyer wants to be sure the voters are educated and encouraged to support the amendment. In the cover letter, Meyer is requesting Bracht be designated as "director" and that she start looking into what is available in Sheridan County and to contact other services to find out how they started. A board would be formed and resources put together to help in whatever way possible. The goal is to support mothers and their babies in practical ways throughout any "crisis" pregnancy situation, that there are options available.

Wes Bainter stated he would be proposing another \$500,000 decrease in the budget.

No further business, Joe Bainter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mader. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, June 29, 2021, at 8:00 in the courthouse foyer.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk

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Chairman