

Now on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 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 Doyle Kauk, 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.

Wes Bainter made a motion to amend the agenda to include Mindy Harting, Sheridan County Appraiser. Joe Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. Harting presented information on a computer program for sketching buildings. Cost is \$1,785 for three licenses. Mader made a motion to allow Harting to purchase the computer program, seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0. Harting advised the board she would be placing an ad in the paper for office help as one of her employees is leaving.

Pratt gave a report on work that is being done with regards to public health, hospital and other entities. There will be more discussion when Mike O'Dell meets with the board later this meeting.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor, Curtis Higby, Noxious Weed Director and Evan Turley entered the meeting. Adam Teeter had returned the signed road Repair Agreement for work to be done from the Angelus Road 130W South four miles to the county line. Cost is \$8,000. Bracht will find out a completion date and put it on the Agreement. Herskowitz was contacted by Penco Engineering and advised that approximately the 1<sup>st</sup> of August work would start on the feedlot road. Penco will get with road and bridge around the 20<sup>th</sup> of July to review what they need to do on the road. Joe Bainter made a motion to amend the agenda to include Don Albers. Mader seconded. Carried 3-0. Albers discussed the property around the Albers Farm and the noxious weeds that are present. Higby stated that correspondence has been sent to the landowner and he has five days to comply. Higby stated that he will treat with Tordon in the fall. A notice will be placed in the paper that if you have prairie dogs to contact Higby so they can be plotted and treated. At 8:35, Joe Bainter made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 15 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Mader seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Present were the board, Pratt, Bracht, Herskowitz, Higby and Turley. The door opened at 8:50 with no decision being made. Bracht will contact everyone who has submitted a Road Drag Agreement and have them come in and sign and determine the section they are interested in. If more than one person wants a section, it will be the first one in to sign the Agreement that gets it. Road conditions were discussed.

Jeff Stewart, District Engineer for KDOT, came to the table to talk about the construction that will happen on Hwy. 23 South. There is no firm letting date yet but probably May, 2024. The road will be closed from Hoxie to the redline and once construction starts will be closed through early 2025. There was discussion about millings that will be available from the road work that will be done in Dresden next summer that can be used for making the detour road(s) better. Stewart stated that there will be a public meeting this fall, probably September or October and individuals should plan on attending. The Hwy. 23 project came to be because of the local push.

Kelly Robbins, Executive Director of Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center and Sophia Henrickson entered the meeting. Robbins explained what services they provide in our

community and throughout the area. The board currently budgets \$3,000 and they are happy with this amount but more would be great. The board thanked them for the work they do.

Shirley Niermeier, Treasurer entered the meeting. Niermeier introduced Morgan Ritter to the board. Ritter is the new employee in the Treasurer's office. Niermeier presented the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter financial report. New signature card was signed by the board and Bracht due to the new employee. At 9:55, Joe Bainter made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 15 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Mader seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Present were the board, Pratt and Niermeier. The door opened at 10:10 with no decision being made.

Joe Bainter made a motion to approve the July 13, 2021 warrants as presented. Wes Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0.

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

The board discussed the NWLEPG Sanitary Code book and potential changes. There was discussion about the Historical Society and the need for space, a place to expand, store things, etc.

Mike O'Dell, CFO/CEO from Sheridan County Health Complex entered the meeting. O'Dell was there to continue the discussion about the feasibility of public health moving to the hospital with hospital management. O'Dell stated he had talked with three public health entities who have hospitals manage them and they are very happy with the results. O'Dell is continuing with obtaining information on the WIC program and the various state grants that need remitted. A Memorandum of Understanding will be created between the hospital and Sheridan County which would include financial support for the staff and space. The hospital would have the management and oversight of the public health employees/department. O'Dell will come to the next commissioner's meeting so that the Memorandum of Understanding can be approved and signed before he meets with his board on the 26<sup>th</sup>. August 1, 2021 would be the official date the hospital would be taking over public health.

The following warrants were reviewed and approved by the board:

General	\$	1,506.42	Road & Bridge	\$	228.23
Public Hlth	\$	401.51	Public Transp	\$	38.11

No further business, Joe Bainter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Wes Bainter. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, July 20, 2021, at 8:00 in the courthouse foyer.

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

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Chairman