

Now on this 20<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, 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.

Mike O'Dell, CFO/CEO from Sheridan County Health Complex entered the meeting. O'Dell stated that Pratt had submitted the plan to State as it pertains to public health and the hospital. O'Dell has submitted some of the grants and has extensions on two of them. O'Dell advised the board that he had done a lot of required training. He had visited with the West Central Public Health Initiative group which involves six counties. KDHE was involved in that phone meeting and they agreed it was good to have public health in a hospital setting. Training will need to take place for WIC. O'Dell meets with the hospital board on Monday, July 26, 2021 and will lay out the plan, which he will present as bullet points and will come back to the Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, July 27<sup>th</sup> with the hospitals concerns or approval. O'Dell thinks that the public health office might be open a few hours a couple days a week to begin with.

Erwin Construction submitted a bid for the bridge on the Sheridan/Graham County lines. Wes Bainter made a motion to accept Erwin Construction's bid of \$12,180 for labor with the county providing the materials, demolition of the current bridge and site preparation. Mader seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

The board all received a copy of the Trego County Sanitary Code book. The board will review and discuss at the next meeting. Pratt will talk with the individual who received a violation notice from the NWLEPG for drilling a domestic water well without a permit and get his side of the story. Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor, is meeting with Penco Engineering at the Feedlot road to determine what work the road & bridge department needs to do. There was discussion about the individuals in the county who might possibly work part-time or when they are able and what their role would be. The Drag Agreement and how the different sections were allotted to the individuals was discussed. Bracht advised the board that the Northwest Kansas Library System is having a hearing as they are planning to increase their Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR). There was a brief discussion about the Northwest Kansas Library System and Twin Creeks Extension and the fact that these two organization have taxing authority for their budgets. The board agrees that the commissioners are the stewards of the taxpayer money, they should have the taxing authority of those organizations. The hearing for the Northwest Kansas Library System will be held on Wednesday, August 25, 2021 at 4:00 pm at the Buffalo Bill Culture Center in Oakley. Guest Doyle Kauk was recognized and he stated that people should be encouraged to attend this hearing. KCAMP decision was tabled until the next meeting. Bracht was given permission to remove at least three of the trees that suffered wind damage at the last big storm. Bracht will check with extension office as well as soil conservation department and see about recommendations for trees to plant. Pratt will talk with O'Dell about the USB account.

At 9:03, 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. Carried 3-0.

Present were the board, Pratt and Bracht. The door opened at 9:18 with no decision being made.

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

The July 16, 2021 payroll was approved on a motion by Wes Bainter and second by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0.

The following payroll was reviewed and approved by the board:

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| General       | \$ | 84,039.44 | Road & Bridge | \$ | 29,359.43 |
| Nox Weed      | \$ | 1,728.04  | Public Hlth   | \$ | 2,393.73  |
| Public Transp | \$ | 967.50    |               |    |           |

No further business, Wes Bainter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mader. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, July 27, 2021, at 8:00 in the courthouse foyer.

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

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Chairman