

Now on this 10th day of August 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 and The Sheridan Sentinel.

Wes Bainter called the meeting to order at 8:00 am.

Everyone in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pratt stated there were some changes to the Memorandum of Agreement the Hospital Board of Trustees would like made as it pertains to public health. These will be discussed more when Mike O'Dell comes. The Agreement between KDOT and Sheridan County for the bridge in the Northeast part of the county was approved and signed on a motion by Wes Bainter and second by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0.

Bracht clarified with the board who Dr. Doug Gruenbacher, County Health Officer, reports to in this time of transition. He will report to the board of commissioners.

Mader made a motion to approve the August 10, 2021 warrants as presented. Joe Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0.

The August 3, 2021 minutes were approved on a motion by Mader and second by Wes Bainter. Carried 3-0.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor, came to the table. Herskowitz advised the board that the graders that were damaged in the Selden tornado are being repaired. The two farmers who are helping with working roads are doing a decent job. Herskowitz will get inventory together for culverts. Cass has been putting some culverts in. Cass will present a bid for doing some touchup work on a mail/school bus route in the Northwest part of the county. The feedlot road work was discussed. The board agreed that the work will continue until the job is complete. They believe it will be another 10-12 days. Speed limit signs will be put up. Complaints have been heard about the "Y" East of Selden. There are potholes again. Wes Bainter stated he had driven it and it is a good road. Herskowitz said that Teeter is working on the Angelus road. There have been a lot of positive comments on the mowing with a few problems. These will be discussed with the person mowing. An individual wants the secondary roads North and West of the feedlot mowed. This will be a decision Herskowitz makes. Pigweed was discussed. At 8:50, Joe Bainter made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 10 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Mader seconded. Carried 3-0. Present were the board, Pratt, Bracht and Herskowitz. The door opened at 9:00 with no decision being made.

Mike O'Dell, CEO/CFO Sheridan County Health Complex, came to the table. O'Dell reviewed the changes the hospital board would like to see made on the Memorandum of Agreement. Once the changes have been made, another special meeting will be held and O'Dell will be back to meet with the commissioners. At the health complex, all visitors and guests will now wear masks. All unvaccinated employees will wear masks. The school nurse has been put on the back burner until the public health situation has been finished. O'Dell exited the meeting.

Pratt reviewed with the board the changes he was making to the Memorandum of Agreement with the hospital.

Jim Myers, CPA, Deb Kaufman, EMS Director, Sheriff Carver, Undersheriff Diercks and Dana Hess entered the meeting. Kaufman and Carver discussed their budget requirements, the fact that last year some of the expense line items were paid out of COVID money which will not always be available. Wes Bainter stated the general fund has the money, if EMS needs it, it will be covered. Mader questioned why we would steal from what is there. Carver discussed the expectations from the community and law enforcement and the reasoning behind his budget request. There was much discussion about the budget, the carryover cash and expenses. Wes Bainter made a motion to decrease the budget by \$500,000 from the previous year. There was no second. Joe Bainter stated he would like to sit idle this year and re-evaluate next year for the 2023 budget. Mader made a motion to lower the 2022 budget by \$247,000, seconded by Joe Bainter. Motion carried 2-1. The budget hearing will be August 31, 2021 at 9:30 am followed by Rural Fire District #1 budget hearing.

The following warrants were reviewed and approved by the board:

General	\$	1,874.09	Road & Bridge	\$	4,915.70
VIN	\$	188.75	Nox Weed	\$	333.78
Public Hlth	\$	99.50	Public Transp	\$	38.05

At 11:27 with no further business, Joe Bainter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Wes Bainter. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, August 17, 2021, at 8:00 in the courthouse foyer.

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman