

Now on this 24th 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 and County Clerk Heather Bracht. Guests were Carolyn Meyer and The Sheridan Sentinel.

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

Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor, entered the meeting. Herskowitz stated they have started putting the 2' shoulders on with 3-4" millings on the feedlot road. The bridge work will be done by McCormick after harvest. Jim McCormick was contacted via phone and stated they had some equipment break down but have it working now. Should be two full days of work before the road can be opened. Information was distributed to the board pertaining to the two low water crossing bridges. Because of the funding, contractors will have to remove the bridges. Bids were opened for tires. Herskowitz was reminded that all bids need to be delivered to the clerk's office by the entity submitting the bid in a sealed envelope. The bids were for IronMan tires and Bainter Oil had a bid of \$275/ea.; Town & Country \$295/ea. and Weis Tire \$305/ea. Mader made a motion to purchase four (4) tires from Bainter Oil at a cost of \$275/ea. Wes Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. The grader repair was discussed. Joe Bainter made a motion to accept the repair estimate for the Cat Grader, Model 2M2, Unit #255 in the amount of \$35,672.89. Mader seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. This is for a new engine with new injectors. Bracht clarified with the board that the new part-time employees helping to grade roads are subject to the initial new-employee drug test and then random drug testing. The board agreed they were.

Bracht submitted documents for Wes Bainter and Bracht to sign from Jim Myers, CPA confirming that we had given all necessary information for the audit, etc. Bracht advised the board that Karen Lewis, Director at the Historical Society had contacted her and advised that the toilet in the church needed repaired and also the sink. Evan White, Custodian, will be sent up to see if it is something he can do. The board discussed the water issue at the schoolhouse. They all agree that the schoolhouse needs raised up but there is potentially already too much damage.

Joe Bainter made a motion to approve the August 17, 2021 minutes as presented. Mader seconded. Carried 3-0.

Wes Bainter contacted the dealership on the road drags. He will check and call back. Mader will contact Harold Charles about removing the stumps in the courthouse lawn.

Peggy Pratt, Director at NWKS Juvenile Services entered the meeting. Pratt distributed some information sheets and then discussed the services they provide. They are an agency that works with juvenile offenders. Pratt stated they receive their funding from the state.

Mike O'Dell, CEO/CFO and Trisha Hageman, Director of Nursing from the Sheridan County Health Complex entered the meeting. O'Dell advised the board that the Hospital Board of Trustees approved and signed the Memorandum of Agreement between the Sheridan County Commissioners and the Sheridan County Hospital Board of Trustees. Mader made a motion to sign the Memorandum of Agreement seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0. This officially transfers the overseeing of the day-to-day operations of the

Public Health Office to the hospital. Bracht will have the calls transferred to the Hoxie Medical Clinic. O'Dell will give a quarterly update on the public health office when he comes in for the health complex. O'Dell stated something will be put in the newspaper. Hageman stated there are currently eight (8) active COVID cases in Sheridan County. Some are vaccinated and some not vaccinated. Hageman stated there are some clinical reports that need to be completed for public health so she is working on those. Also, some emergency preparedness things that need to be done. O'Dell stated that once public health staff is hired, they will utilize the public health building.

Jim Myers, CPA, entered the meeting. Myers discussed the Twin Creeks Extension and Rural Fire Department's budgets.

At 10:15 Wes Bainter made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 10 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Joe Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. Present were the board and Bracht. The door opened at 10:29. Bracht will contact the local Twin Creeks Extension board and have them come to the next meeting.

At 10:33 with no further business, Wes Bainter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, August 31, 2021, at 8:00 in the courthouse foyer.

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman