

Now on this 31st 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 and County Clerk Heather Bracht. Guests were Carolyn Meyer and Doyle Kauk.

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

Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Doyle Kauk had attended the NWKS Library System budget hearing in Oakley and had given the information to Bracht to relay to the board. Bracht advised the board that the local Twin Creeks Extension board will come to the September 7 meeting. Wes Bainter was given the letter for .Gov Domain Registration to sign. This pertains to the Sheridan County website that is being created. The board was advised that several surrounding counties had sent out a message asking if money had been budgeted for High Point Advocacy. Sheridan County did not budget any dollars and many surrounding counties did not as well. Pratt stated he had not heard anything as far as how they are doing, etc.

Dana Hess, Director of Communications for Dispatch, entered the meeting. Hess discussed with the board two employees who had recently quit after working only a short period of time and the possibility of having insurance be offered after their 60 day probation. The board unanimously agreed that it would not be wise to change policy for one department. There was discussion about "regional" dispatch servicing. The board thanked Hess for coming and told her they appreciate the work that is done in dispatch.

Several warrants were discussed and Bracht will discuss further with Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor.

Mader made a motion to approve the August 31, 2021 warrants as presented. Joe Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0.

The August 27, 2021 payroll was approved on a motion by Mader and second by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0.

Bracht advised the board that there was an informational meeting held at the EMS building on Monday, August 30 for persons interested in potentially taking the EMS class. There were four individuals present. No decision was made that night.

Jim Myers, CPA, entered the meeting. Wade Tremblay, Sheridan County Fire Chief, entered the meeting. Myers distributed the 2020 Sheridan County Audit. Myers reviewed the various pages and answered questions. Wes Bainter stated he would like to see the various entities that Sheridan County collects money for shown on the appropriate page (example: Twin Creeks, NWKS Library, etc). The approval of the audit was tabled until after the public hearing for approval of the 2022 budget.

At 9:32, Wes Bainter opened the Public Hearing for the 2022 Budget. There were no comments or discussion from the guests. At 9:45, Wes Bainter made a motion to close the budget hearing, seconded by Mader. Carried 3-0. Wes Bainter made a motion to reduce the ad valorem budgeted amount by \$500,000 based on the information heard previously from auditor instead of \$247,000. There was no second. Mader moved to approve the 2022 Budget as presented, reducing the ad valorem tax by \$247,000 from 2021 budget. Joe Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 2-1.

Joe Bainter made a motion to approve the August 24, 2021 minutes as presented. Wes Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0.

Wade Tremblay, Sheridan County Fire Chief, came to the table. Wes Bainter opened the Rural Fire District #1 2022 budget hearing. Tremblay discussed things happening within the fire department. They have recently purchased a 1997 ladder truck and were able to pay for it outright. A grant was awarded to the fire department and new bunker gear will be purchased. Current bunker gear is approximately 20 years old. 11,760 cans of water were delivered to the fire department from Anheuser Busch. The fire department shared the water with other entities. Tremblay feels they have a good department with good personnel and that the emergency services in Sheridan County are top notch. Wes Bainter stated it is good work the fire department does. Wes Bainter made a motion to approve the 2022 Rural Fire District #1 budget as presented. Joe Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0.

The board discussed the 2020 audit further, specifically the information provided by Penco Engineering concerning the costs of closing the landfill. Wes Bainter does not feel these are accurate numbers. Wes Bainter made a motion to accept the audit for the year ending December 31, 2020 for Sheridan County. Mader seconded. Carried 3-0.

The following warrants and payroll were audited and approved:

General	\$ 154,733.30	Road & Bridge	\$ 162,756.45
Cap Impr	\$ 575.00	Spec Hwy	\$ 72.00
Nox Weed	\$ 3,058.34	E911	\$ 1,943.96
Public Hlth	\$ 2,572.39	PublicTransp	\$ 2,258.31
Landfill	\$ 1,645.04	MV	\$ 1,486.28
Payroll Clg	\$ 41,543.04		

At 10:32 with no further business, Wes Bainter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mader. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, September 7, 2021, at 8:00 in the courthouse foyer.

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman