

Now on this 7th day of September 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 Carolyn Meyer, The Sheridan Sentinel and Doyle Kauk.

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

Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bracht distributed information from the Kansas Department of Revenue, Division of Property Valuation pertaining to the 2020 Real Estate Appraisal/Sales Ratio Study. They report that the County Appraiser met the statistical performance standards established for both commercial and residential property. Bracht had prepared a letter of support for the City of Hoxie to secure Moderate Income Housing (MIH) funding to construct homes in the Sunrise Addition. This correspondence was addressed to the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation. This funding is used to pay the specials on the lots in Sunrise Addition. Mader made a motion to approve and sign the letter of support. Wes Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 2-1. There was discussion about housing.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor, came to the table. A Request for Reimbursement from the Kansas Department of Transportation was received for work on the feedlot road. Bracht will contact Penco Engineering to confirm what the estimate of the bridge work was to be so there is enough held back to pay for that work when it is done after harvest. This is tabled till next week. Herskowitz presented a Utility Construction Permit for Rural Telephone to bury telephone cable at 140E and 130S. By consensus it was approved and signed. Adam Teeter presented an estimate for road repairs south of 70S on 130W in the amount of \$3,850. Wes Bainter made a motion to approve the estimate, seconded by Mader. Carried 3-0. The county will use the retriever on this road. There was discussion about Teeter's offer for gravel. Wes Bainter made a motion the county use their own pit, our contractors and our spreaders. Joe Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Herskowitz distributed bids for culverts. The order would be enough to carry through the end of the year and in to 2022. Wes Bainter made a motion, seconded by Joe Bainter, to approve the low bid from J & J Drainage for culverts in the amount of \$65,734.40. Motion carried 3-0. Extended warranty quotes were distributed for the CAT loader and backhoe. The board will review for next weeks meeting. Wes Bainter briefly discussed the bridge North of Selden. It is not safe to drive on.

Representatives from Twin Creeks entered the meeting. Attendees were the Sheridan County board members consisting of Kyle Emigh, Rhonda Gaede, Darren Oelke and Roberta Shipley; Agents Patsy Maddy, Alysa Rippe-May and Keith VanSkike; Julie Davis, Chairman of the Executive Board and Dana Geisinger. Shelby Moss also entered the meeting. Oelke distributed a Twin Creeks District Impact Report. Wes Bainter started the discussion by stating that tax dollars levied for Twin Creeks have continued to increase. Twin Creeks never seems to get enough money and it has been going on for 15 years. Wes Bainter continued stating he had brought this up a few years ago and the board had let it go and here we are again. Wes Bainter stated he represents the people of Sheridan County and he does not feel Twin Creeks is cost effective and he does not want to continue as part of the Twin Creeks Extension District. Gaede stated that some of the increase this year was because they are trying to hire an agent for Sheridan County and K-State dictates how much the salary will be. They also increased the office staff wages. Gaede continued by discussing the various programs available to individuals.

Wes Bainter stated there is universal support for 4H. In Sheridan County 4H is held in high esteem and is important. That would not change. Wes Bainter would like Sheridan County to support the 4H program more directly with tax dollars, not Twin Creeks Extension District. The conversation will continue.

Janice Brown, Ellen Pratt and Roberta Shipley from the Historical Society Board and Karen Lewis, Director entered the meeting. The discussion was about the schoolhouse and the drainage problem on the west side. Lewis stated the schoolhouse was brought into its current location in 1983. There was discussion about whether due to water damage the schoolhouse should be left or torn down. Pratt stated the board would pay deeply if they tore it down. They believe with proper drainage and the roof repair would help everything immensely. Mader stated the damage is not on the floor of the schoolhouse, it is above grade. Bracht will put a notice in the paper asking for bids for a metal roof on the schoolhouse with bids due to the clerk's office by noon on Monday, September 27. The Historical Society board and Lewis are collecting information for the possibility of a new building. Mader will get with local contractors about fixing the draining problem on the west side of the schoolhouse located next to the Mickey Museum.

At 10:08, Wes Bainter made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 15 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Joe Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Present were the board, Pratt and Bracht. The door opened at 10:25 with no decision being made.

The August 31, 2021 minutes were approved as presented on a motion by Wes Bainter and second by Mader. Carried 3-0.

At 10:30 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, September 14, 2021, at 8:00 in the courthouse foyer.

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman