

Now on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November 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 and Reba White.

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

Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Curtis Higby, Noxious Weed Director, came to the table. A bid was opened from Nutrien Ag Solutions for Kaput Prairie Dog bait. The bid was for 2000 lbs and the cost was \$2.25/lb or \$4,500. There is no expiration on the chemical. Mader made a motion to approve the bid from Nutrien Ag for the Kaput Prairie Dog bait. Wes Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Higby stated he has treated several prairie dog towns and that is what he is currently concentrating on. Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor, came to the table. Herskowitz stated he had reached out to Ken Weber and there is a chip that can be plugged in and used with an app to be able to open and close the garage door at the recycling building. Herskowitz distributed pictures of the bridge north of Selden. The board discussed the bridge and agreed putting a culvert in is the best option. It would be 30"-36" wide and 40' long. The board discussed the Sheridan/Graham county line bridge which Erwin Construction has completed. Bracht was given the bill from Erwin Construction for the bridge work in the amount of \$17,535. It will be paid this week. The board and Herskowitz discussed the bridge report received from Penco Engineering which lists the bridges in order of needing the most work. The board reviewed a bid from Teeter Oilfield Service for re-elevating seven miles of road on 60N/Hwy 23 to 70W. The bid is in the amount of \$17,087.50. Wes Bainter made a motion to approve the bid seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0. There was discussion about individuals coming to help farmers with harvest being able to work for the county as seasonal employees. Herskowitz stated he feels they are sitting ok now with the four additional individuals who are helping grade plus the individuals dragging and mowing.

Pratt briefly brought up the Opiate Settlement document. Bracht will complete the paperwork to opt in. Pratt stated he sent letters to landowners about prairie dogs being on their land and that they can either take care of them or contact the noxious weed department to take care of.

Resolution No. 21-39 Sale of Equipment was approved and signed by the board on a motion by Mader and second by Wes Bainter. Carried 3-0. This Resolution pertained specifically to selling of extra drag equipment. It will be placed in the paper.

Joe Bainter made a motion to approve the November 9, 2021 minutes as amended seconded by Mader. Carried 3-0.

There was a short discussion about the "Y" east of Selden and the condition it is in.

Wes Bainter made a motion to approve the November 16, 2021 warrants as presented. Mader seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

The board accepted the bid from Tri-Central Office Supply for a new LexMark MS823dn printer in the amount of \$2,700 on a motion from Joe Bainter and second from Mader. Carried 3-0.

Pratt distributed paperwork to Carolyn Meyer regarding 501c3 designation and non-profit information.

Wes Bainter made a motion to amend the agenda to include Carolyn Meyer. Joe Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. Meyer presented a rough draft business plan for Pregnancy Pathways and We Care Shelter and reviewed the document with the board. Reba White posed questions about statistics for our county and bordering counties as it pertained to teen pregnancy and abortion and also if birth control options were going to be made available. Pratt discussed with the board the Sheridan County Community Foundation and the "donor advise funds". Pratt stated this is where you donate to the Community Foundation for a specific project. It goes in the big pool and is then disbursed when needed. There is a fee associated with this process but it allows people to give to an entity and use it as a tax deduction. Pratt stated the Pregnancy Pathway organization needed to gather and get a meeting going.

At 9:48, Joe Bainter made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of five minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Mader seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Present were the board, Bracht and Pratt. The door opened at 10:00 with no decision being made.

The following warrants were audited and approved:

General	\$	8,320.21	Road & Bridge	\$	255.30
Offender Reg	\$	75.00	Public Transp	\$	38.05
MV	\$	11.46			

At 10:05 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, November 23, 2021, at 8:00 in the first-floor foyer.

Attest: *Reba White*  
County Clerk



*Wesley Bainter*  
Chairman