

Now on this 9<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 and County Clerk Heather Bracht. Guests were Joe Broeckelman, 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, came to the table. Herskowitz stated they had a shipment of cardboard loaded and out this week. Herskowitz is going to follow up with Meyer Electric about having the recycling garage door on a timer so that someone does not have to always physically go up and close doors in the evening. The county line (Sheridan/Graham) bridge is coming along well. Herskowitz distributed photos of the work completed. Erwin Construction is hoping to have the north and south sides poured this week. The center slab is poured and 24' across. Herskowitz distributed rough draft of how he would like the mowing and dragging maps to look. There was discussion about having the line not be the county road but split on the half-mile and about main and secondary roads. Broeckelman asked about the small piles of dirt on the side of the roads and whether they would be removed or not. These are ricks and yes, they will be removed. Herskowitz is still waiting on the shop garage door bid. There was discussion about road 60N. Bids will be obtained to fix it. Bids were distributed for snow plow blade. Mader made a motion to approve the low bid from Hoxie Implement in the amount of \$6,175 for an 8' snow plow blade. Wes Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. Herskowitz stated he will amend the written policy for the landfill and what can be disposed of there and have the state approve it. The Studley road work has been completed and they are working 50E/K9-380 road. They will be moving the machines to the feedlot road to work on the ditches. Wes Bainter talked with Penco Engineering and advised that the new cell being dug at the landfill needs to be larger. Permission was given to do this. Herskowitz stated the mowing is complete as far as he knows. By consensus, millings will be taken to the Catholic Cemetery to be used on the roads inside the fence.

Deb Kaufman, EMS Director, entered the meeting. Kaufman stated she had been approached by hospital staff about purchasing the 2004 Ford E450 ambulance so that it could be converted into a mobile health unit. Kaufman stated that if sold all the lights and sirens would be disabled and the lettering would be removed as well as the cot and cot mount. After discussion, the board agreed that the ambulance would not be sold at this time. Kaufman advised the board that ambulance manufacturers are becoming swamped with orders. Osage, who Sheridan County usually purchases the ambulance from, has a demo that is coming up next year for delivery otherwise the county would be looking at 2023 delivery dates for a new ambulance. There was discussion about 4WD. The demo that would be available is a 2022 Ford E450, gas 7.3 liter engine. There was no decision made.

At 9:00 am the board canvassed the provisional votes cast at the November 2, 2021 General Election. Shirley Niermeier, Treasurer and Jennifer Fenner, Deputy Treasurer, were present to tally votes. Bracht stated to the board why each ballot was provisional and the validity of the ballot per Kansas Statute. The board of canvassers reviewed 10 provisional ballots and all 10 were considered valid ballots. Chairman Wes Bainter read the ballots aloud. Final results will be posted on the Sheridan County Clerk's Facebook page. Canvassing ceased. Wes Bainter moved to accept the ballots as canvassed, seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0. There were seven write-ins for the position of Twin Creeks Extension Board Member and those names were placed on paper and Carolyn Meyer, guest at the meeting, pulled the name. Commissioner

Mader read the name chosen, Harry Joe Pratt, so he will be notified that he was elected to the Twin Creeks Extension District Board.

Mader made a motion to amend the agenda to include Joe Broeckelman. Joe Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. Broeckelman asked the board to consider paving the "Y" east of Selden. Broeckelman stated it is rough and not getting any better. Broeckelman reminded the board that there would be a company in the area when they work on the road further east heading north. Broeckelman was asked where the money would come from and he stated from the reserves. Broeckelman believes that having this short road keeps people from going to the 4-way intersection where there have been multiple accidents. There was further discussion but no decision was made. Broeckelman commended Joe Herskowitz for the work he is doing. He continued by stating that every time he has contacted him about something it has been taken care of.

Joe Bainter made a motion to approve the November 5, 2021 payroll after brief discussion. Mader seconded. Carried 3-0.

The October 26, 2021 minutes were approved as presented on a motion by Joe Bainter and second by Wes Bainter. Carried 3-0.

Mader stated the new roof on the schoolhouse located next to the Historical Society looks nice. Bracht advised the board that the Public Hearing for the Environmental Sanitary Code revisions would be held December 7. The notice is placed in the paper for three consecutive weeks. Chamber scrip was approved for county employees for Christmas.

The following payroll was audited and approved:

General	\$ 53,412.35	Road & Bridge	\$ 15,561.08
Nox Weed	\$ 1,729.70	MV	\$ 1,225.65
Public Transp	\$ 1,111.00		

At 9:37 with no further business, Joe Bainter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mader. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at 8:00 in the first-floor foyer.

Attest:   
County Clerk

  
Chairman

