

Now on this 26th day of October 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 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. Mader made a motion to have Bainter Oil fill the propane tank at the landfill, to purchase winter diesel and have Herskowitz combine the diesel that is left and treat it so it can be used up before it gets too cold. Joe Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. The east bay garage door at the shop is broke. One bid has been received and Herskowitz will bring in another bid for the next meeting along with a bid for a snowplow for the pickup. Millings have been put down at the Sheridan/Graham County line bridge because the ground is so soft. Erwin Construction is ready to begin construction of the bridge. Road & bridge department has been working on the first two hills on the Studley road that got washed out. When it has been foggy, employees are going out to the landfill and continuing to dig on the new cell. Wes Bainter advised Herskowitz to ask Penco Engineering if the cell can be wider. Herskowitz stated that a few more mowing bills will be coming in next month. Two individuals have used the drags and feel they have worked well. Herskowitz was asked about a few warrants. The board advised Herskowitz to pull the recycling ad as help is no longer needed. There was discussion about monitoring our contractors. The county does not need criticism for work the contractors are doing. Herskowitz is continuing to work on the map for mowing/dragging. There are a few miles in the NW corner and SE corner that he needs to look at to determine if the roads are primary or secondary. Lance Coburn in the SE corner has started blading. There was discussion about the bridge on the feedlot road. As far as the board and Foote go, the bridge is fine. Penco Engineering will get with Herskowitz about posting weight signs. There is still ditch work that needs to be completed.

Pratt distributed a rough draft of a Resolution to sell equipment. Bracht will make necessary changes and will have at the next meeting for approval and signature.

Wes Bainter advised Carolyn Meyer that she needs to be on the agenda in three weeks with Karl Pratt and present/discuss the plans for the two community projects that benefit the community that the American Relief Act funds can possibly be used for.

Bracht discussed a bill received from the City of Hoxie for dumpster rental at the Historical Society in the amount of \$75. The board stated the county will pay it.

Mindy Harting, Appraiser, came to the table. Harting stated that she spoke with Legal Counsel for the Department of Revenue pertaining to the exemption at Living Word Fellowship. Based on the Deeds and statute, the exemption stands. Pratt stated he would like a copy of the Deeds and will do some further research.

Wes Bainter made a motion to approve the October 19, 2021 minutes as presented. Mader seconded. Carried 3-0.

Mader made a motion to approve the October 22, 2021 payroll seconded by Wes Bainter. Carried 3-0.

At 9:00 a.m. Wes Bainter opened the public hearing for the 2021 Amended Budget for Hospital Maintenance. The reason for amending the hospital maintenance budget is due to more sales tax dollars being received than budgeted and in order to give the additional revenue to the hospital, the budget needed amended. There being no discussion the budget hearing was closed. Wes Bainter made a motion to accept the 2021 Amended Budget, seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0.

Michael O'Dell, Trisha Hageman and Kyle Ahlenstorf from the Sheridan County Health Complex entered the meeting. O'Dell distributed and discussed the 3rd quarter financial statement. O'Dell stated it has been a good year and they should close at a positive \$1 million dollars. The FQHC has also received grant dollars and will have good seed money to start the annex. O'Dell advised effective January 1, 2022, he will only be the Chief Financial Officer, which is his passion. He will step down as CEO at that time. They are currently seeking applicants for that position. Hageman advised the board that there are some finishing touches on the acute care remodel project but that it should be ready to be turned over to the hospital on November 9 and will be open for patients on November 12. Hageman talked about public health and how busy they have gotten. The staff is still trying to come up with some type of plan for the public health office to be open so that some of the services the public health provided could continue in the public health office. They are currently talking about the long-term plan for staffing public health. As of today, Hageman stated there were 22 active COVID cases in the county and two businesses had outbreaks. Kyle Ahlenstorf stated he started with the Hoxie Medical Clinic on Monday, October 25 as the Program Director. Wes Bainter thanked the hospital staff for the work they are doing.

Joe Bainter made a motion to approve the October 26, 2021 warrants as presented. Mader seconded. Carried 3-0.

Bracht reminded the board that there will be no meeting on Tuesday November 2, 2021 due to the election.

The following warrants and payroll were audited and approved:

General	\$ 136,342.29	Road & Bridge	\$ 301,932.72
Nox Weed	\$ 4,439.84	ROD Tech Fund	\$ 200.00
E911	\$ 1,978.05	Public Health	\$ 20,846.77
MV	\$ 1,564.14	Public Transp	\$ 3,093.04
Landfill	\$ 154.28		

At 9:45 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, November 9, 2021, at 8:00 in the first-floor foyer.

Attest:


County Clerk




Chairman