

Now on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022, the Board of Commissioners, Sheridan County, Kansas met in regular session with Chairman Wes Bainter presiding. Others present were Mike "Buck" Mader, Joe Bainter, Joe Pratt County Attorney and County Clerk Heather Bracht. Guest was Carolyn Meyer.

At 8:00 a.m. Wes Bainter called the meeting to order.

Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor, came to the table. Herskowitz advised the board of the February 2, 2022 meeting at Midwest Energy with KDOT. The purpose of the "field check" meeting is to discuss design details for the project which includes reconstructing and adding shoulders along K-23 from .25 mile south of County Road 70S to Hoxie, including replacement of the South Fork Solomon River Bridge and the Sand Creek Bridge. Herskowitz has been contacted by three businesses in Selden who would like recycling trailers. Herskowitz checked prices for trailers, and they have gone from \$3,100 to \$4,800. There was discussion about the hospital having two trailers they got from the county and whether they still needed them. The board will check with Mike O'Dell when he comes later in the meeting. Herskowitz stated the landfill will be inspected this week, so they are getting ready for it. Herskowitz distributed mowing maps. He will be numbering the sections and will bring them back next week. There was discussion about planting cedar trees along the west side of the landfill to block the view. The board liked the idea but stated it takes a lot of time and work. Herskowitz will check with the state to see if there is a limit on the number of tires that the landfill can take. No tires will be allowed during the city-wide cleanup that takes place annually. Once the grading has been done on the bridge at 20E it will be turned out for bid. There was discussion about the Y east of Selden and the fact that it turned out nice after the road & bridge employees worked on it.

County Attorney Pratt came to the table. Pratt discussed the work he was going to do for the Pregnancy Pathway organization and that he would like permission to have someone from Wichita do the paperwork for the non-profit entity. Carolyn Meyer stated she has already spoke with an attorney and has the ball rolling so will proceed on her own.

At 8:37, Wes Bainter made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 15 minutes for the purpose of discussing ongoing negotiations. Joe Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Present were the board, Pratt and Bracht. The door opened at 8:55. Wes Bainter made a motion to purchase a vacant lot (100'x50') in Block 57, Original City owned by Britton Sealock in the amount of \$40,000. Joe Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. The contract will include verbiage stating the county will be responsible for any expense associated with disconnecting the underground sprinkler system located on the tract and that the work will be performed by Tom Feldt. The county will also be responsible for any work associated with gas and/or power lines that would need to be relocated. The county will have the First Right of Refusal for the tract east of the tract currently being purchased which has a garage located on it.

At 9:00 Wes Bainter opened the public hearing for the purpose of hearing questions/comments on the revised Sheridan County Environmental Sanitary Code. Pratt stated that letters were sent out to real estate agents and title companies from the Northwest Kansas Local Environmental Protection Agency discussing the changes. A potential problem Pratt sees is that you must own a three (3) acre tract (minimum) for a home in the county to put a septic system on it. For land where someone is adding a house to a property with a house already on it, will there be three (3) acres there? NWLEPG will be contacted and invited to the next board meeting to discuss further. The decision to approve the Environmental Sanitary Code was tabled till next week.

Bracht presented the ROZ Resolution which needed resigned. The wrong statute year was on the previous Resolution signed. Mader made a motion to approve and sign the corrected ROZ Resolution seconded by Wes Bainter. Carried 3-0.

Mike O'Dell, CFO and Paul Davis, Interim CEO from the Sheridan County Health Complex entered the meeting. O'Dell presented the health complex's financial statement for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2021. O'Dell stated they are in audit now so this financial statement has not been approved by the hospital board. O'Dell discussed the income and expenses for the hospital. O'Dell stated they are currently paying \$2.00 an hour extra for COVID pay. In 2022 the hospital will no longer be receiving COVID funds so will be operating on their own revenue/tax dollars. There was discussion about inflation, wage pressures and supply chain problems. All these things affect budgets. Davis stated staffing could be in real trouble if staff quit. Individuals are finding higher paying jobs with sign-on bonuses of up to \$10,000. O'Dell presented the Application for Federal Assistance for funding in the amount of \$4,950,000 to remodel and expand the Sheridan County Health Complex including adding space for Public Health. Total estimated funding is \$6,500,000. O'Dell stated this would be a revenue bond. Bracht found a couple of errors on the application that needed to be corrected so O'Dell will go back and make the corrections and come back for signature. The board asked O'Dell if the hospital/clinic were finished using the two recycling trailers as the county needed a few more. O'Dell stated that he thought the hospital/clinic was finished with them but he would check with maintenance to be sure. O'Dell said the trailers had been modified with air-conditioners though so might need to redo the roof.

Mader made a motion to approve the January 18, 2022 minutes as presented. Joe Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0.

Joe Bainter made a motion, seconded by Wes Bainter, to approve the warrants of January 18, 2022 and January 25, 2022. Carried 3-0.

Mike O'Dell came back to the table and presented the revised Application for Federal Assistance for the Sheridan County Hospital. Chairman Wes Bainter signed the application.

Joe Bainter stated he had read in the minutes from the previous week that there had been discussion about contractors not paying their outstanding bills to vendors timely and Wes Bainter requesting something be put in the Mowing Agreements addressing this. Joe Pratt and Mader both feel this is not really the county's business. This discussion will continue.

The following warrants were reviewed and approved by the board:

General	\$ 119,762.70	Road & Bridge	\$ 129,463.84
VIN	\$ 179.00	Nox. Weed	\$ 1,513.44
Public Transp.	\$ 1,483.28	Landfill	\$ 255.00
E911	\$ 3,319.68	Spec Tech	\$ 286.24

At 10:05 a.m. with no further business, Joe Bainter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mader. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at 8:00 in the courthouse foyer.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk

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Chairman