

Now on this 22nd day of March, 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 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 presented information for baling wire. After discussion, Mader made a motion to approve purchasing 40 bundles of baling wire at a cost of \$3,280. Wes Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Herskowitz discussed the KDOT funding for bridge #56 located at 40E and 30-40S. Herskowitz feels everything should be contracted to repair this bridge. Bridge #58 located at 140S and 45-60E off the Park road is a bridge the county can do. The Elk Ranch bridge has been pushed back to an April 25 start date. Herskowitz was contacted by Bruce Ewers and Scott Foote regarding drilling grass seed on the feedlot road. Hoxie Feedyard obtained a drill and purchased grass seed and drilled it. Cost for seed was \$23,533.80. Wes Bainter made a motion to reimburse Hoxie Feedyard \$25,000 for seed and labor. Mader seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Road and bridge have done a little bit of shoulder work and elevation in the Angelus area. Will continue when it dries up a little bit. Adam Teeter will finish the six mile project in April. He had to stop late last year due to the ground freezing. The new cell at the landfill is being expanded 100' to the north. Evan Turley tested last week for noxious weed certification. Should know results by the end of the week.

Joe Pratt, County Attorney stated the Resolution pertaining to the Opioid Settlement needed to be revised. Bracht had done it and it was in the board's packets for review. Mader made a motion to approve and sign Resolution No. 22-54 pertaining to opioid settlements. Wes Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. The board had received revised copies of the original Contract for Sale with Britton Sealock pertaining to the land owned on Oak next to the Historical Society. This had already been approved, the legal description was cleaned up after the survey. The other phase of the project is purchasing the house, garage and area east of what the county just purchased. Pratt had a Contract of Sale for this as well as a Lease Agreement in which Sealock maintains the home and pays for all utilities for a period of up to 18 months. Sealock was contact and the board will go and review the home at 10:30. Pratt stated two applications have been submitted to the Hansen Foundation for potential funding for the childcare projects.

Three Treasurer Abatements were presented to the board for approval and signature. By consensus, they were approved. The board signed the letter of support for DSNWK. The membership dues for the Kansas County Commissioners Association in the amount of \$209 were approved to pay. These dues are based on population. The county will continue being a part of the Northwest Local Environmental Protection Group (NWLEPG). Joe Bainter made a motion to continue with Northwest Kansas Planning and Development. 2022 dues for the county are \$4,843.00. Mader seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

The meeting moved to the commissioners room to have a phone conference call with Walt Hill, Executive Director of High Plains mental Health. Hill had submitted paperwork for the boards review which showed Sheridan County's data for High Plains Mental Health usage in 2021. Hill went through the reports and thanked the county for the funding they give. High Plains Mental Health is requesting funding of \$17,491.42 for 2023. Wes Bainter stated they appreciate everything High Plains Mental Health does for Sheridan County.

Mader made a motion to approve the March 11, 2022 payroll as presented. Wes Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0.

The March 8, 2022 minutes were approved as presented on a motion by Joe Bainter and second by Wes Bainter. Carried 3-0.

Mader made a motion, seconded by Joe Bainter, to approve the March 22, 2022 warrants as presented. Carried 3-0.

Deb Kaufman, EMS Director and Brandon Carver, Sheriff came to the table. Luke Bracht, Quality Plumbing was also in attendance. Bracht was there to discuss the leaking pipes in the sheriff's office. Sheriff Carver distributed photos of the leaking area. Bracht explained what was happening and the estimate of the repair. The pipes are in the ceiling and are dripping steadily. By consensus, the board said get it done. Replace the line to the meter and keep the jail connected. Carver presented bids from Motorola in Great Bend and VLS Communications out of Collyer for four radios for law enforcement and vehicles as well as eight radios for EMS and four ambulances. Joe Bainter made a motion to approve purchasing radios from VLS seconded by Mader. Carried 3-0. ARPA funds will be used to pay for these. Total cost is \$64,685.12.

Chad Koster, CEO from Sheridan County Health Complex and Dominic Eck from Gilmore & Bell P.C. entered the meeting. The purpose of them being present was to complete the final paperwork for the permanent financing of the hospital's \$2,250,000 remodel project. Eck stated this would be financed for 30 years at 2 1/8% interest. Estimated annual payment is \$100,000. Eck continued by stating this is a revenue bond, solely paid by revenue from the hospital. Koster stated the final walk through would be the end of the week with touch-ups the next week. The plan is to have access to the rooms by the first week of April. Resolution No. 22-80 providing for issuance of hospital revenue refunding bonds was approved and signed on a motion by Mader and second by Wes Bainter. Carried 3-0. All the appropriate documents were signed by the board and Bracht.

At 10:30 the board, Pratt and Bracht convened the meeting to 1241 Pine to view the home the county is purchasing. The board, Pratt and Bracht walked through the home. There was discussion about new windows, heating and air and water leaking in the basement. At 10:40 the board, Pratt and Bracht reconvened in the courthouse foyer. There was discussion about the house condition. The board would like Pratt to clarify whether the county would have access to the garage right away. Wes Bainter a made a motion to purchase the house and garage located at 1241 Pine for \$140,000 and to approve the Lease Agreement allowing Sealock to remain in the house for up to 18 months. Joe Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

The following warrants and payroll were reviewed and approved by the board:

General	\$ 58,936.39	Road & Bridge	\$ 15,188.02
ARPA	\$ 80,000.00	Spec Amb	\$ 87,995.00
Public Transp	\$ 1,183.00		

At 10:54 a.m. 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, March 29, 2022 at 8:00 in the commissioner's room.

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman