

Now on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022, the Board of Commissioners, Sheridan County, Kansas met in regular session with Chairman Wes Bainter presiding. Others present were Mike "Buck" Mader, Joe Pratt County Attorney and County Clerk Heather Bracht. Guests were Carolyn Meyer and The Sheridan Sentinel.

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 passed around a bid from LyCox Enterprises Inc. for disc scrapers for the retriever in the amount of \$1,225. Wes Bainter made a motion to approve purchasing the disc scrapers seconded by Mader. Carried 2-0. Roads, culverts and the spur east of Selden were discussed. Herskowitz will contact McCormick and find out where the guardrails are for the bridge north of the feedlot. KDHE has a new inspector who will be coming mid-month. The paperwork should be completed at that time allowing the landfill to take tires.

Joe Pratt discussed statute and the county selling equipment, etc. Pratt feels the county doesn't need to be in the business of selling equipment, see if a local business could stock the items needed. There was discussion on whether the county was in a burn ban or not. Bracht will check.

Bracht presented a letter of support to the Kansas Department of Commerce for the Sheridan County Health Complex emergency department renovation and expansion project. The board approved and signed the letter. Bracht will send the letter to Niceta Farber. Bracht advised KCAMP is planning an appraisal of our buildings and content values of \$100,000 or more. This was last done in 2018. Mader made a motion, seconded by Wes Bainter to approve the Employee Handbook change allowing employees to use their personal vehicles for travel to meetings, etc. Employees will be reimbursed the state rate for mileage. Motion carried 2-0. Correspondence was received from KAC asking member counties to allow the Kansas County Human Resource Association (KCHRA) to be admitted to the KAC as an affiliate member. The purpose of KCHRA is to create opportunity for the exchange of ideas on issues challenging human resource professionals with the different counties. Wes Bainter feels very strongly "no" they should not be allowed in to KAC. The board will revisit next week.

Lucretia Holterman, Development Director for Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center came to the table. Holterman discussed what they do in our community. The organization covers 34 counties in Western Kansas and they work closely with law enforcement, county attorneys and DCFS. In 2021, seven kids were interviewed for assault claims and one was checked by a nurse. They were in attendance for 11 court proceedings. They request to keep the budget amount at \$5,000 for 2023 but would also like to request \$10,000 of the ARPA funds to help offset some funding that is no longer available to them. The board thanked her for coming.

Mader made a motion to approve the March 29, 2022 minutes as amended. Wes Bainter seconded. Carried 2-0.

Wes Bainter made a motion seconded by Mader to amend the Agenda to include Carolyn Meyer. Carried 2-0. Meyer discussed Pregnancy Pathways. The organization officially has a 501(c)(3) designation. Meyer stated they had been given a generous donation so she is not asking the board for any money. On April 18<sup>th</sup> she will speak at the Catholic Church on how they can help. They (Pregnancy Pathways) is currently looking for a place to rent. They need an office space and bathroom. Suggestions were Carol Farber, Presbyterian Church and the hospital. Bracht asked about training and Meyer stated everyone would have training prior to talking with any

clients. The board asked Meyer to come back next week after talking with people about potential places to meet.

At 9:10 a.m. with no further business, Wes Bainter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mader. Carried 2-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 8:00 in the courthouse main floor foyer.

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

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Chairman