

Now on this 14th day of June, 2022, the Board of Commissioners, Sheridan County, Kansas met in regular session with Chairman Wes Bainter presiding. Others present were Joe Bainter, Mike "Buck" Mader, County Attorney Joe Pratt, Walt Nelson, Intern at Eland & Pratt and County Clerk Heather Bracht.

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

Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Wes Bainter made a motion to amend the agenda to include Darrick Zerr, City of Hoxie Mayor. Joe Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. There was discussion about the west end of Sheridan Ave heading past the golf course and Elks Lodge. Zerr stated there is grant money available to do some of the road. The discussion will continue. Herskowitz stated they lost the clutch on the dump truck. Herskowitz presented bids from Doonan Peterbilt of Hays in the amount of \$4,109.65 and from Foley Equipment in the amount of \$4,719.68. Joe Bainter made a motion to accept the low bid from Doonan Peterbilt of Hays in the amount of \$4,109.65 seconded by Wes Bainter. Carried 3-0. A quote was received from JT Grader Service in the amount of \$6,000 for road work from 100S to 160S at 40W. Wes Bainter made a motion to approve the estimate for work, seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0. Herskowitz stated L & M would be working at the bridge this week. The board and Herskowitz discussed tires being taken to the landfill. They will be put at the top by the office where there is already drainage. Mader made a motion to approve Resolution No. 22-27 Solid Waste Disposal which had been revised to include the new tire disposal rates. Joe Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. Having tires on hand for equipment was discussed. There was discussion about the county line west of Selden to the northwest corner. There are weeds and a rick that needs taken care of. Herskowitz advised the board he had hired two new individuals. Mowing was discussed. The slab is being poured at the bridge 10E.

Wes Bainter made a motion to approve the Appellate Agreement with the Office of the Kansas Attorney General in the amount of \$1,000. Mader seconded. Carried 3-0.

Mader made a motion to approve the Road Drag Agreement with Emigh Brothers LLP for Section #5. Joe Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Bracht and the board discussed the current reimbursement mileage rate and the need to possibly raise it due to the cost of fuel. It will be discussed further. Bracht distributed correspondence from DSNWK requesting their budget amount for 2023 remain at \$48,000.

Mader made a motion to approve the mid-month warrants dated June 14, 2022. Joe Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0.

The June 7, 2022 minutes were approved on a motion by Joe Bainter and second by Mader. Carried 3-0.

DeeAnn Schamberger, Rick Johnson and Daniel Schultz representing the Sheridan County Conservation District came to the table to discuss their 2023 budget request. Schamberger gave a report of activities that were done and things they sell, etc. They currently receive tax dollars in the amount of \$20,000 from the county. They are requesting an increase to \$25,000 for the 2023 year. Schultz stated the conservation district does good things in the county and they try to be frugal with the money they receive. There was discussion about cover crops, machines and water/irrigation. The board stated they appreciate the work they do.

Kaylene Oelke from the Sheridan County Library came to the table. Oelke presented the budget request for 2023 and discussed what has been happening at the library. The Library is requesting the budget amount for 2023 remain at \$20,000.

Sherry White from High Point Advocacy & Resource Center came to the table. High Point Advocacy is an outpatient substance abuse/misuse treatment center in Colby, KS that serves nine counties in northwest Kansas. White is requesting \$10,000 from the Sheridan County Special Alcohol Fund to continue serving individuals through High Point Advocacy & Resource Center.

Mindy Harting, Sheridan County Appraiser came to the table to discuss her budget. Harting stated the increase of \$6,150 is for insurance reimbursement to Norton County and wages. The commissioners had no questions.

Dana Hess, Communications in the Sheriff's Office stated the dispatch budget is remaining the same. Currently in the works is a training program for first time dispatchers. More information will be shared when the program is in place.

Brandon Carver, Sheriff and Brian Diercks, Undersheriff, came to the table and presented the Sheriff's budget and some stats. The Sheriff is asking for a \$25,000 increase in budget, some for wages and some for expenses.

Deb Kaufman, EMS Director came to the table and discussed the 2023 budget for EMS. There was discussion about the need for EMS and the difficulty in finding individuals willing to commit their time to volunteering as an EMT. The community wants and needs the service, but individuals are not coming forward to volunteer. The board and Kaufman discussed full-time EMS service, volunteers and ambulances. Kaufman stated there is a computer that needs to be replaced that is used to run the projector. Kaufman will get a bid from NexTech. There was discussion about using ARPA funds to pay for the Verizon and NexTech IT service. Kaufman advised the board that the 2004 ambulance sold on Purple Wave for \$10,500. There was discussion about HRSA money Kaufman received and some ideas on how to spend it. No decision was made. The EMS budget is up by \$109,000 to cover the cost of fuel, radio equipment, a full-time position and increase in the hourly stipend paid.

At 11:30, Wes Bainter made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 15 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Joe Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. Present were the board and Bracht. The door opened at 11:48 with no decision being made.

Dana Hess and Dana Knudsen were present. Hess advised the board she had 160 hours worked in the last two weeks. She is asking to be placed on an hourly wage instead of salary so she can be compensated for all the hours worked. The board advised they have not made a decision at this time. Hess stated a part time person should be starting at the end of the week.

The following warrants were approved by the board as presented:

General	\$ 3,360.41	Road & Bridge	\$ 38,871.71
Public Transp	\$ 88.15	VIN	\$ 322.80

At 11:52 a.m. 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, June 21, 2022 at 8:00 in the courthouse main floor foyer.

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman