

Now on this 28th 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 and County Clerk Heather Bracht. Guest was 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 and Evan Turley, Noxious Weed Director, came to the table. Turley presented the KDOT/County Agreement to treat noxious weeds along state and federal highways in 2022. Wes Bainter made a motion to approve and sign the Agreement seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0. There was discussion about prairie dogs. Pratt and Turley will get together later this week to review correspondence that will go out about prairie dogs and musk thistle. The board discussed with Herskowitz Bridge 56 and Bridge 58 and the money the county will be reimbursed for doing the projects. The board and Herskowitz discussed bridges, mowing, dragging and roads.

Pratt stated he will let the saltwater hearing correspondence ride for the time being. The hearing is not until September. Pratt presented a Warranty Deed for land owned by Sheridan County east of the hospital. This land is being donated to the Sheridan County Community Foundation (SCCF) Properties, LLC to be used to erect the daycare facility on. Wes Bainter made a motion, seconded by Mader to approve and sign the Warranty Deed. Carried 3-0.

Dana Hess, Dana Knudsen, Sheriff Carver, Undersheriff Diercks and Deputy Babcock entered the meeting. Hess asked the commissioners if they had decided about moving her back to an hourly wage instead of salary. The board discussed with Hess that they understand how short-staffed dispatch is and that no one is applying for the jobs. The board stated they have started discussions with other counties about sharing dispatch duties for a 48-hr. period over the weekends. There was discussion about ideas to get individuals to apply, sign on bonus, anything because just hiring someone isn't working at this point. The board will keep dispatch and law enforcement aware of agreement verbiage to ensure everything necessary is included and the helping county is aware of expectations.

There was discussion about sick pay for a dispatcher who is no longer employed. The board advised Bracht to not pay the sick leave. Bracht was given permission to order the 2nd battery backup (replacing the 2nd one that went bad) at a cost of \$930. Deputy Sheriff David Wachendorfer has completed his testing and will receive a \$1.00/hr. pay increase effective June 11. Wages were discussed. RNR was briefly discussed.

Joe Bainter made a motion, seconded by Mader, to approve the June 21, 2022 minutes as presented. Carried 3-0.

The June 28, 2022 warrants were approved on a motion by Mader and second by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0.

At 9:30, Wes Bainter made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 10 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Joe Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. Present were the board, Pratt and Bracht. The door opened at 9:40 with no decision being made.

The following warrants were approved by the board as presented:

General	\$ 29,634.01	Road & Bridge	\$ 37,510.51
Spec Hwy	\$ 9,208.00	ROD Tech Fund	\$ 3,535.00
Treas Tech Fund	\$ 75.19	Clerk Tech Fund	\$ 2,197.00
Nox Weed	\$ 50,111.29	E911	\$ 1,943.05
Public Transp	\$ 982.66	Landfill	\$ 1,321.72
Conceal Carry	\$ 39.00		

At 9:50 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, July 5, 2022 at 8:00 in the courthouse main floor foyer.

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman