

Now on this 5th of July, 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. 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 stated the striping is expected to be started this week on the feedlot road. There was discussion about the bridge at 100E/60N. After harvest, the bridge will be repaired with planking material until it can be fixed permanently. A bid was presented from JT Grader Service for road work on 60W/90-160S in the amount of \$6,000. Wes Bainter made a motion to approve the bid seconded by Mader. Carried 3-0. Herskowitz found a 2001 Ford F350 long bed service pickup for sale in Atwood for \$3,700. By consensus, permission was given to go look at the pickup. At 8:12, 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, Herskowitz, Bracht and Pratt. The door opened at 8:21 with no decision being made.

Pratt discussed the Dispatch Agreement with Logan County. He will make changes and will get the draft to Bracht for distribution to the board to review. Pratt discussed the Warranty Deed the board had approved and signed the previous week for property located in the SE4 of 15-8-28. Pratt discussed how the situation came about that the county donated the property to the Sheridan County Community Foundation (SCCF) Properties LLC. Pratt distributed information he compiled showing the different "county" entities who have received funds from the Sheridan County Community Foundation and the amount received. Wes Bainter stated he and Scott Foote had discussed donating a lot to SCCF for the daycare facility, but the specials made it a deal breaker. Bracht stated that she had reviewed the minutes and the board had not discussed donating county land to the foundation during any prior meeting. Wes Bainter made a motion to donate the property located in the SE4 of 15-8-28 (vacant lot east of the hospital) to SCCF Properties, LLC. Mader seconded. Carried 2-1. Wes Bainter stated he had been asked to build the duplex that will be used for the daycare facility. Wes Bainter continued by saying he would be glad to help but he doesn't need the work and if there is someone out there who wants to build a duplex to do so.

Mader made a motion to increase the mileage reimbursement rate to 62.5 cents which is the new IRS rate. Wes Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0.

Wes Bainter made a motion to approve the four Treasurer Abatements seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0.

Mader made a motion to approve the June 28, 2022 minutes as presented and the July 1, 2022 payroll. Wes Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0.

Guest Carolyn Meyer was recognized. Meyer stated that there are several clients with Pregnancy Pathways and asked if she would be able to get a key for the main office door and the "WIC" room at Public Health when they have clients they need to visit with. The board approved Meyer coming and getting the key from the clerk's office during normal business hours.

Chad Koster, Kyle Ahlenstorf and Rebecca Bird from the Sheridan County Health Complex and Monica Reuber from Public Health came to the table. Koster distributed and discussed the proposed new emergency room development. The hospital is hoping the bidding process can

begin in the fall. The existing space will be repurposed. Koster stated they will be looking at USDA funding in the amount of \$2,000,000 - \$3,000,000. Koster advised the board that the clinic has a mid-level practitioner leaving in August and they are trying to hire back another PA or APRN. The doctor who saw clients in the Selden clinic is also leaving. They don't have specific plans yet for the clinic but will try and staff short term. Ahlenstorf stated the clinic is moving forward with the mobile unit. This will allow clinic staff to go out and provide services to residents in the outlying county. Bird reviewed the financial report for the facility. She stated they are applying for revenue bonds in the amount of \$250,000 - \$300,000 for equipment. Reuber stated she has been staying busy in public health, finding services that can be provided without a nurse. Koster stated they are still actively trying to recruit a public health nurse, but they coordinate with the Hoxie Medical Clinic for a nurse to go to public health for footcare, medication box filling and baseline services. Immunizations are handled through the clinic. Koster advised the board that public health will stay where they are. There is no longer a plan to move public health up to a new area at the hospital. Bird reviewed the expenses and income for public health for 2021 and stated Sheridan County owed the hospital \$8,444.81. There was no discussion. Bracht advised Bird that she would need additional information for budget preparation.

Jason Weimer entered the meeting representing the Hoxie Golf Club. Weimer discussed the needs of the Hoxie Golf Club. The high school golf team uses the golf course and USD #412 pays the membership fees for the students. The Golf Club has tried to keep the green fees and membership fees low but membership is declining. Weimer stated it is a city owned golf course. There was discussion about county taxpayers paying taxes for a city golf course as people still talk about having to pay for the city swimming pool. The board asked Weimer to get Bracht their most recent financial report. Weimer is requesting \$10,000. The City of Hoxie gave \$20,000 the first year and has given \$10,000 to date this year. The board stated they have just started working on the budget so will discuss further once they start meeting with the auditor.

Wes Bainter made a motion to amend the Agenda to include Deb Kaufman, EMS Director. Joe Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. Kaufman presented the Education Incentive Grant for an individual wanting to take the EMT class in Colby. The amount of the grant is \$1,150. Joe Bainter made a motion, seconded by Wes Bainter to approve the Education incentive Grant. Carried 3-0. At 10:08, Joe Bainter made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 15 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Mader seconded. Carried 3-0. Present were the board, Kaufman, Bracht and Pratt. At 10:24 the door opened and Mader made a motion to extend the executive session for a period of 10 minutes. Joe Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. The door opened at 10:33. Joe Bainter made a motion to increase the EMS hourly weekday stipend to \$3.00/hr. and \$5.00/hr. stipend for weekend pay and to pay a flat rate of \$150.00 if an EMT carries pager for 24 consecutive hours on a weekend. Mader seconded. Carried 3-0. If EMT carries for 24 hours on a weekend, the hourly stipend ceases but the EMT will be paid run pay if there is a run or transfer to another facility.

The following payroll was approved by the board as presented:

General	\$ 59,937.01	Road & Bridge	\$ 18,372.35
Nox Weed	\$ 1,780.20	Public Transp	\$ 1,185.25

At 10:34 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, July 12, 2022 at 8:00 in the courthouse main floor foyer.

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman