

Now on this 12th 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, Walt Nelson, Intern at Eland & Pratt and County Clerk Heather Bracht. Guests were Carolyn Meyer, Dana Hess 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 estimate for striping the feedlot road had been \$3,534. If double striping is added, it will be an additional \$1,500-\$1,800. Herskowitz will talk with Scott Foote and Western Pavement about a single line down the middle. There was discussion about the mowing guys mowing over/knocking down signs and culverts being pulled out. The individuals mowing will start having to be accountable for the damage. Herskowitz had a discussion with Jef Stewart at KDOT about the road construction planned and the millings the county will receive. There was a landfill inspection done last week and all went fine with no violations. Herskowitz distributed a quote from Doug Cass for ditch work, elevating roads and culverts for the area 40N – 150W. Wes Bainter made a motion to approve the quote in the amount of \$4,800. Joe Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. There was discussion about the two bridges that the county plans to work on and the funds that will be available from the state. Wes Bainter will work on a drawing for the low water crossing and will bring to the next meeting. Joe Bainter made a motion to amend the agenda to include Noxious Weed Director Evan Turley. Mader seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. By consensus the board approved Turley obtaining bids for 180 gallons of LV6 and purchasing the least expensive. Letters have gone out from the County Attorney to individuals about prairie dog infestations.

Pratt distributed the revised Dispatch Agreement using the initial Agreement as an example. Wes Bainter made a motion, seconded by Joe Bainter to amend the Agenda to include Dana Hess, Communications. Carried 3-0. Hess advised the board that she has hired a part-time dispatcher who will cover 24 hrs a week. Hess asked the board to hold off approving the Dispatch Agreement until August. Hess was advised it is the commissioners decision. Bracht advised the board that the three additional counties contacted to possibly help with dispatch per their request are already short staffed and do not have the manpower to help at this time. Pratt stated the musk thistle letter should go out this afternoon.

The board discussed culverts being purchased by individuals. Pratt reminded the board the county is not in the position to sell items but would be handled based the case. The board approved and signed the Notice & Waiver for Western KS Child Advocacy, simply stating the board supports Western KS Child Advocacy. Bracht and Wes Bainter signed the correspondence to Jim Myers stating the county provided all information requested for the 2021 audit. The board agreed to remit to Sheridan County Hospital a check in the amount of \$8,444.81 representing the difference in funds received from the county, grants and the Medicare cost report.

At 8:55, Wes Bainter made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 10 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Mader seconded. Carried 3-0. Present were the board, Pratt and Bracht. The door opened at 9:05 with no decision being made.

Joe Bainter made a motion, seconded by Mader to approve the July 14, 2022 warrants as presented and the July 5, 2022 minutes as presented. Carried 3-0.

Jim Myers, CPA came to the table. Myers presented the 2021 audit report and reviewed it with the board. Myers found no problems with the 2021 audit. Myers distributed the 2023 first draft of the budget and there was discussion about the various funds and the cash balances. The tentative date for the budget hearing is Tuesday, August 9. All entities planning to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR) have until Wednesday, July 20 to let Bracht know.

The following warrants were approved by the board as presented:

General	\$	1,780.20	Road & Bridge	\$	71,886.20
VIN	\$	113.16	Public Hlth	\$	99.50
Public Transp	\$	43.91	MV	\$	370.06

At 10:19 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 19, 2022 at 8:00 in the courthouse main floor foyer.

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman