

Now on this 9<sup>th</sup> of August, 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 and County Clerk Heather Bracht. Guests were Carolyn Meyer, The Sheridan Sentinel and Monica Reuber.

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

Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The board canvassed the provisional votes cast at the August 2, 2022 Primary Election. Shirley Niermeier, Treasurer and Jennifer Fenner, Deputy Treasurer, were present to tally votes. Bracht stated to the board why each ballot was provisional and the validity of the ballot per Kansas Statute. The board of canvassers reviewed 23 provisional ballots and 17 were considered valid ballots. Chairman Wes Bainter read the valid ballots aloud with commissioners Joe Bainter and Mader reviewing them. Final results will be posted on the Sheridan County Clerk's Facebook page. Canvassing ceased. Wes Bainter moved to accept the election results as canvassed, seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0.

Joe Herskowitz came to the table. Herskowitz stated that he needs to place an order for fuel. By consensus the board approved ordering fuel. Herskowitz advised the board that the new loader had a hydraulic valve go bad. They took it to CAT on Monday and everything should be covered by warranty. Herskowitz received a request from Rural Telephone for permission to install lines in the southwest part of the county. The document was approved and signed by Chairman Wes Bainter. Two bids were received from JT Grader Service for work on 120S/150-80W and 130W/Hwy 24-50S. The work would include pulling shoulders, filling ruts and holes and general road maintenance. The estimate for work on 120S was \$7,000 and for 130W was \$4,800. Joe Bainter made a motion, seconded by Wes Bainter to approve the two bids from JT Grader Service. Carried 3-0. Herskowitz stated they are currently working on school bus routes. Teeter has started back to work on road 60N/Hwy 23-70W. There was discussion about the striping on the feedlot road. No decision was made. Jerol DeBoer from Penco Engineering came to the table to discuss Bridge #56 (Popp) and Bridge #58 (Kinderknecht). There was discussion about the agreement with KDOT. If the county removes only bridge #56, the county would receive \$150,000. If the county adds bridge #58, the county would receive an additional \$50,000. DeBoer estimates bridge #56 costing approximately \$300,000 so the county would have an out-of-pocket expense of \$100,000. DeBoer stated if we take KDOT funds there have to be Agreements for the temporary easements. DeBoer advised the board that funding is already in place for the year 2023 and that if a county is selected to receive funding, the project would be 100% funded. Wes Bainter contacted DeBoer via phone and discussed the amount Penco Engineering would charge for design and inspection services. DeBoer stated they would not exceed \$45,000. DeBoer advised the board that the county would be responsible for paying for the cost of the bridge work up front and then submit paperwork to KDOT for reimbursement. Mader made a motion to sign the Agreement for bridge #56 with changes seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0. The changes include 100' road with two culverts, ½" rebar not mesh on 1' centers.

At 9:49, 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 the motion. Carried 3-0. Present were the board, Herskowitz, Pratt and Bracht. The door opened at 10:00 with no decision being made. At 10:01, Joe Bainter made a motion, seconded by Mader, to enter into executive session for a period of 5 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Carried 3-0. Present were the board, Bracht and Pratt. The door opened at 10:06 with no decision.

Bracht advised the board that Mindy Harting, County Appraiser, met the statistical performance standards established for both commercial and residential classes of property. The correspondence was passed about for review by the board. Bracht will ask the Historical Society board to attend the next commissioner meeting to discuss plans for the new building.

Joe Bainter made a motion seconded by Mader to approve the July 26, 2022 minutes as presented. Carried 3-0.

The July 29, 2022 payroll was approved on a motion by Mader and second by Wes Bainter. Carried 3-0.

Deb Kaufman, EMS Director, Don Koerperich, Emergency Manager, Wade Tremblay, Fire Chief, Deputy Adam Babcock, Undersheriff Brian Diercks and Dana Knudsen joined the meeting. Brandon Carver, Sheriff, came to the table. Carver advised the board that William Cousins had attended a DARE program (drug awareness) training. Cousins completed and graduated as a DARE instructor. The sheriff's office is currently working on getting the program implemented in the school district. Carver presented information from Chicago Motors Inc for a 2012 Chevrolet Tahoe costing \$16,995. This vehicle would be for the officer in Selden who currently drives the Charger. The Charger would be sold on Purple Wave. The board discussed not trading in Undersheriff Diercks pickup when he gets his new vehicle and moving it to Selden for the officer. The trade-in value for the Dodge Pickup is comparable to what the proposed used vehicle would cost. No final decision was made. Dana Hess came to the table to discuss what she found out about phone lines for Logan County if they help with dispatching. Vance from VLS Communications came to the table and advised the board that he would not recommend sharing dispatch duties with another county at this point because reliability in radio dispatch service is not 100%. The board and Vance discussed and clarified this in detail. Vance reported that the repeater for Selden may be delivered in December and the duplexer is here. Radios for the sheriff have arrived but still waiting on the chargers and speaker mics. Hess stated she had hired two part-time people but still has two full-time positions open. The board and interested parties discussed dispatching from another county for Sheridan County. Wes Bainter stated we have a problem and we need to come up with a solution.

The following payroll was approved by the board as presented:

General	\$ 57,266.82	Road & Bridge	\$ 15,599.67
Noxious Weed	\$ 1,711.35	Public Transp	\$ 1,088.50
MV	\$ 1,280.17		

At 11:28 a.m. with no further business, Mader made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Wes Bainter. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at 8:00 in the courthouse main floor foyer.

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

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Chairman