

Now on this 16th 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, 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 came to the table. Herskowitz stated the loader is back and everything will be handled under warranty. The road department employees are currently filling potholes on school bus routes. There was discussion about several roads. Herskowitz stated his secretary would be in and out of the office for the next few weeks due to family business. Herskowitz advised Teeter is working on the road 60N and then west. There was discussion about the width of the road. Bids were received from Town & Country and Bainter Oil for tires for one of the tractors. Both businesses bid Firestone 420/85R28. Bainter Oil bid came in at \$1,185.00/each and Town & Country at \$1,175/each. Mader made a motion to approve and purchase two tires from Town & Country who had the low bid. Joe Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. Joe Bainter had received several complaints about a hole east of Selden. Herskowitz will check it out. At 8:10 Wes Bainter made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 20 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 8:28 with no decision being made.

Joe Pratt stated he will try and make contact with the attorney who is handling the oil lawsuit. The hearing is scheduled for September. Pratt stated he had not heard anything since mailing out the prairie dog and musk thistle letters.

Bracht presented two Treasurer abatements for severed minerals. Wes Bainter made a motion to approve and sign the abatements seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0. There was a brief discussion about the RNR notices that had been mailed out. The board opted to not contract fuel for the landfill at this time.

The board canvassed the Recount of the votes cast for the State Representative District #118 between Jim Minnix and Tatum Lee at the August 2, 2022 Primary Election. Wes Bainter made a motion to accept the recount as presented seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0. Bracht advised the board that there was a clerical error in the total tally for Adell Township so both candidates had one vote taken away and Tatum Lee received an additional vote from West Kenneth. Minnix was still the winner, receiving 489 votes and Lee receiving 358.

Joe Bainter made a motion to approve the August 9, 2022 minutes as amended. Mader seconded. Carried 3-0.

Wes Bainter made a motion to approve the warrants seconded by Mader. Carried 3-0.

The August 12, 2022 payroll was approved on a motion by Joe Bainter and seconded by Mader. Carried 3-0.

Deb Kaufman, EMS Director, came to the table. Kaufman presented a bid from Nex Tech for a new computer for the meeting room at the EMS building. The bid was \$2,526.94. Wes Bainter made a motion to approve the bid, seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0. Kaufman discussed with the board prepaying the Verizon hot spot bill for all three ambulances for two years. The cost would be \$2,880.00. Permission was given to do this. It will be paid using ARPA funds.

The board discussed with Kaufman the new Ford ambulance issues, which were electrical and where she might need to go for future maintenance.

Karl Pratt, Ellen Pratt, Karen Lewis, Ardith Bell and Julia Colson came to the table representing the Historical Society. Karl Pratt advised the board that the building committee would meet on Sunday, August 20 at 2:30. There is currently no floor plan or timeline for the building, which will be used mainly for storage. The hope is to double the size so more artifacts can be displayed. A consultant has been hired and grant funds will be utilized to pay for the service. Mader will be the liaison between the Historical Society and the Board of Commissioners and will plan on attending the meeting on Sunday. The board thanked them for coming.

Wes Bainter stated he had some concerns about the two million dollar emergency room remodel project discussed by Chad Koster, CEO Sheridan County Health Complex at an earlier meeting. He would like the projections of where the revenue is coming from. Bracht will gather the information on current bonds, payment, etc. for the next board meeting.

The following payroll and warrants were approved by the board as presented:

General	\$ 69,706.20	Road & Bridge	\$ 16,508.74
VIN	\$ 215.58	Noxious Weed	\$ 2,612.87
Public Transp	\$ 868.84	MV	\$ 1,300.28

At 9:14 a.m. with no further business, Wes Bainter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mader. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, August 23, 2022 at 8:00 in the courthouse main floor foyer.

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman