

Now on this 23<sup>rd</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, 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 discussed the state cost share program for use on paving the golf course road. The application process is open with a deadline of September 15. The board would like Darrick Zerr, City of Hoxie Mayor, to come to the next meeting to discuss in further detail what the City's plans are. Jerol DeBoer from Penco Engineering could possibly be available by phone. Joe Bainter stated the 6/10<sup>ths</sup> of a mile east of Selden needs repaved and has been a problem before the road to the golf course. There was discussion about some roads that are being worked on. Wes Bainter stated the low water crossing at the county line and the low water crossing at 20E looked good, excellent work. There was discussion about signage in these areas.

Joe Pratt stated he is working on the water permit for a low water crossing. He will talk with Bracht after the meeting for property owner information. Settlement correspondence was sent to the attorney representing the oil company and hopefully will have a response prior to the court date in September.

Bracht presented bill from Govbuilt for the annual renewal of the website in the amount of \$2,500. The board asked Bracht to send out a billing to the City of Hoxie, City of Selden and Economic Development for \$500 each and the county will pay the remaining \$1,000. Bracht advised the board and presented information on the bond election for USD #293 which is the Quinter school district. Correspondence was received from WoodRiver Energy that the county would be getting a separate gas transportation billing from them instead of being on the Midwest Energy bill. Bracht passed around the KCAMP appraisal information done on all the county property. No one from the board will be attending the KWORCC Annual meeting in October so no Voting Delegate Form was completed. Wes Bainter made a motion to approve and sign the Treasurer's Abatement as presented. Joe Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. A letter of support for the City of Hoxie was prepared for the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation to secure moderate income housing funding to construct homes in Sunrise Addition. Wes Bainter made a motion to approve and sign the letter of support seconded by Mader. Carried 2-1. There was discussion about the tin that had been blown off some of the buildings at the road & bridge department that damaged the garage of Mader.

Mader made a motion to approve the August 16, 2022 minutes as presented. Wes Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0.

Jennie Torres was contacted via phone to discuss her Micro Loan application. Torres stated the \$5,000 micro loan would be used for her business, Torres Interpreting, and would help cover the cost of advertising, fuel for travel, paper, ink, business cards in Spanish, etc. Torres stated she helps now with interpreting for the hospital, law enforcement, court, etc. The micro loan committee had previously approved the \$5,000 micro loan. Mader made a motion to approve the micro loan of \$5,000 to Torres Interpreting seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0.

Chad Koster, CEO and Rebecca Bird, CFO from Sheridan County Health Complex came to the table. Wes Bainter started the conversation by stating he is not criticizing but would like to know where the revenue stream is that is going to support the bonds, including the proposed 2.5-3-

million-dollar bond they are currently talking about for an emergency department remodel. Wes Bainter stated there is a lot of liability for a small hospital and they don't want the hospital to come in and tell them they can't make a bond payment. Koster stated the current emergency department does not meet the needs if there is a significant trauma incident and the hospital board knows they need to provide good emergency services to the community. Koster stated he recognizes the concern, but he is confident with the reserves and feels the hospital will be fine. There was discussion about funding and the different avenues available. Koster stated that moving Public Health up to the facility is scrapped for the time being. There is no room at the hospital and the focus is the emergency department. Koster continued by stating they are still actively trying to recruit a nurse. Koster advised the board that there will have to be another community meeting which has been scheduled for September 6 at 6:00 pm. The purpose of the meeting is to inform the community of the hospital's plan. Wes Bainter ended by stating he sees the numbers and the margin is small so finances will need to be watched before things go south. Koster stated the hospital wants to be financially responsible so will stay on top of the money.

At 9:55 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 30, 2022 at 8:00 in the courthouse main floor foyer.

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

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Chairman