

Now on this 30<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, 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.

Kurtis Geisler from Gavel Roads Online Auctions came to the table and discussed the online auction service. The biggest difference between Gavel Roads and Big Iron or Purple Wave is Gavel Roads lets you put a reserve on items. His information will be kept for future use.

Joe Herskowitz came to the table. Herskowitz discussed operator training. CAT puts on road building and road maintaining classes. For six employees the cost would be \$1,000 for a one day class. This is all out in the field, no classroom. Herskowitz stated he would like to schedule the road building class now with road maintenance at a later date. The blue Kenworth has a rear end issue with approximate cost to fix of \$10,000 - \$18,000. Herskowitz brought information for a newer truck and trailer. The board agreed to see and what can be done to repair the Kenworth at this time. Herskowitz stated they are working on 60N to the feedlot. Herskowitz will speak with the contractor working on Hwy 123 in the Dresden area to get an estimate for the 6/10ths of a mile spur east of Selden. Herskowitz has had a couple of complaints on mowing which have been addressed.

Joe Pratt stated he has completed the application for the low water bridge #58. Bracht will mail the original document with \$100 fee to the state. Pratt is trying to reach the attorney regarding the oil issue prior to the September hearing.

Darrick Zerr, City of Hoxie Mayor and Justin Armknecht, City Superintendent came to the table to discuss Sheridan Ave. from 9<sup>th</sup> Street to 10W. Armknecht had an estimate from McCormick Excavation and Paving for 9<sup>th</sup> St. to 3<sup>rd</sup> St., 2" mill/overlay at \$102,930; asphalt/overlay \$109,000 and to tear out and redo with 6" asphalt \$288,000. Herskowitz had a bid from McCormick Excavation and Paving from Sheridan Ave. to Hwy 10W, tearout/redo with 6" asphalt and the estimate was \$495,000. Through the state program, the county would be responsible for 15% of the cost. Herskowitz will contact Jerol DeBoer at Penco Engineering to start the paperwork process. The city and county will work on this together. The board and mayor discussed briefly law enforcement working together and how it is going.

Gerald Heim and Pat Heim entered the meeting. Wes Bainter opened the RNR Hearing. There was discussion about the amount of money the county currently has on hand and why, when it looks as if there is excess, we are raising taxes. Everyone recognizes the importance of county services and no one is asking those be cut. There was much discussion about no-fund warrants, the expenses versus the ad-valorem tax collected in both general and road & bridge fund and the reality that there definitely needs to be a reserve to take care of business and repairs. Wes Bainter made a motion to not increase the mill levy for Sheridan County, to remain at 61.687. There was no second. Mader made a motion to approve Resolution No. 22-55 exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR) of 61.687 to 66.686. Joe Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 2-1. Wes Bainter closed the RNR hearing. Wes Bainter opened the 2023 Budget Hearing. There was no further discussion. Joe Bainter made a motion to approve the 2023 Sheridan County Budget as presented seconded by Mader. Carried 2-1. The budget hearing was closed. Wes Bainter opened the RNR Hearing for Rural Fire District #1. Wade Tremblay, Fire Chief, came to the table and discussed fire services provided and needs. Tremblay stated they are trying to be aware of the number of trucks that go out on calls due to the price of fuel. Wade

stated the containers in the back of the fire department will be stacked for structure training. There are currently 105 volunteers in Sheridan County. Joe Bainter made a motion to approve the RNR Resolution No. 22-56 increasing the mill levy for Rural Fire District #1 from 3.996 to 4.497 mills. Wes Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. The RNR Hearing was closing Wes Bainter then opened the 2023 Rural Fire District #1 Budget Hearing. There was no further discussion. Wes Bainter made a motion to approve the 2023 Rural Fire District #1 Budget as presented seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0. The budget hearing was closed.

The August 23, 2022 minutes were approved on a motion by Mader and second by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0.

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

Mader made a motion to approve the August 30, 2022 warrants seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0.

The following warrants and payroll were audited and approved by the board:

General	\$ 133,698.86	Road & Bridge	\$ 237,028.61
Forfeiture	\$ 2,398.13	ARPA	\$ 52,880.72
Spec Hwy	\$ 15,000.00	VIN	\$ 792.96
Nox Weed	\$ 9,162.71	E911	\$ 1,977.78
Public Transp	\$ 2,177.83	Landfill	\$ 158.34
MV	\$ 1,276.18		

At 10:17 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, September 6, 2022 at 8:00 in the courthouse main floor foyer.

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

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Chairman