

Now on this 13th day of September, 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.

Karl Pratt, Executive Director Sheridan County Community Foundation & Economic Development Corporation came to the table. Pratt stated there is a grant opportunity he would like the county to put forth. It is for an amount up to \$50,000 for projects related to community vibrancy, childcare/senior programming, libraries and food retail. This grant opportunity was set up by statute in 2021. Receipts will have to be monitored to ensure that the funds are being used appropriately. Everything will run through the county. The county will be responsible for a 10% match which Pratt said he would like the county to apply to the Sheridan County Community Foundation to cover. Pratt is working on a grant application for the City of Hoxie and would like a letter of support from the board. The application is due Friday, September 16. Pratt will get the information to Bracht so the letter can be created. Pratt advised the board they have broken ground for the daycare duplex project in Sunrise Addition. The first bill has been received from Bainter Construction in the amount of \$58,500. Can the county pay this bill at this time? The board agreed that the county had committed the \$100,000 so the entire amount will be submitted to the Community Foundation to manage.

Joe Pratt stated he will contact Penco Engineering and have them proceed with the paperwork for Bridge #58. Shirley Niermeier came to the table and distributed to the board and Pratt the delinquent tax roll. Pratt will start the process for a sheriff's sale.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor, came to the table. Herskowitz stated Whitney Construction from Norton, KS had contacted him with questions on Bridge #56 (Popp bridge). Herskowitz brought up road 80E to the north and the cattle guards. By consensus, the cattle guards will be moved and fencing will be put in place by the road department. There was discussion about Herskowitz being able to pay a new employee more than the written starting wage if the employee is coming with experience. The board stated Herskowitz will have to be fair about it and the pay would be at his discretion but he does need to bring it to the board for discussion when the situation arises. McCormick Excavation & Paving will get Herskowitz a quote for the Y east of Selden. Penco Engineering is going to submit the application to the State for Sheridan Avenue. The cost will be shared between the City of Hoxie and Sheridan County. Herskowitz will contact Jerol DeBoer from Penco and make sure they are moving forward as the deadline is this month.

Mader made a motion to approve the September 9, 2022 payroll as presented. Joe Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0.

The September 13, 2022 warrants were approved on a motion by Joe Bainter and second by Wes Bainter. Carried 3-0.

Joe Bainter made a motion, seconded by Mader, to approve the September 6, 2022 minutes as presented. Carried 3-0.

The board briefly discussed dispatch, the loss of dispatchers and the difficulty that there seems to be to have another county dispatch for Sheridan County. The discussion will continue.

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

General	\$ 59,510.71	Road & Bridge	\$ 16,308.27
Forfeiture	\$ 1,974.83	Nox Weed	\$ 1,742.94
VIN	\$ 90.28	Public Transp	\$ 1,142.36
MV	\$ 2,311.04		

At 8:56 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 20, 2022 at 8:00 in the courthouse main floor foyer.

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman