

Now on this 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor, came to the table. Herskowitz advised the board that individuals were out dragging the main roads and school routes and have done a good job. There are a couple of roads that need some work with the grader. The board thank Herskowitz for the dedication in working to get things accomplished on Sunday. The feedlot road has been striped and everyone is pleased with the results. Penco Engineering has received some letters of support for the roadwork planned on Sheridan Ave. to 10W. Bracht will prepare a letter of support for the commissioners to sign. Pratt stated he had received a phone call about the cattle guard situation. Pratt will meet with Herskowitz and try and come up with something that will satisfy both landowners. Herskowitz discussed some equipment issues.

At 8:10, Wes Bainter made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 5 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Joe Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Present were the board, Pratt and Bracht. The door opened at 8:18 and Mader made a motion to extend the executive session for a period of 10 minutes. Joe Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. The door opened at 8:27 with no decision being made.

Birdie Reynolds came to the table and asked the commissioners to vacate the alley separating some of her property in Studley. She currently receives three tax bills because of the alley separating property. Combining the properties could lower her taxes. Pratt stated he will do some checking into it. This had been discussed at a previous meeting a year and a half ago. There is a process with the other landowner needing to be notified, etc. Reynolds stated there is no wisdom in allowing her to pay taxes for three parcels. Reynolds continued by stating that she receives no county services – no grass mowing, no road maintenance and no trash service. The board thanked her for coming and advised they would be in touch with her.

Mindy Harting, Appraiser, came to the table. Harting discussed with the board and had information on the Reynolds property in Studley. Harting stated she had been looking at a new desk for her office and found one on NexTech for \$100.00 so she purchased it. She also found a spin file cabinet for \$250.00 which she purchased. Harting stated they are trying to eliminate all the paper waste and the money spent on ink and paper so would like to purchase a Surface Pro Tablet. This tablet would allow them to do work while out in the field inspecting parcels. Tablet and carrying case are \$1,592.97. By consensus, the board approved Harting purchasing the tablet.

Wes Bainter made a motion to approve the September 23, 2022 payroll as presented. Joe Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

The September 27, 2022 warrants were approved on a motion by Mader and second by Wes Bainter. Carried 3-0.

Mader made a motion, seconded by Joe Bainter, to approve the September 20, 2022 minutes as presented. Carried 3-0.

The board briefly discussed Thomas County housing inmates for Sheridan County. Wes Bainter stated that is a good example of why counties should work together.

Mader stated he had been in contact with Carl Campbell about getting trees planted in the courthouse yard. The time to plant is now. Campbell is recommending oak trees, six Shumard Oak and four Burr Oak. The cost is \$250-\$260/each. Campbell will be involved in the planting, water, monitoring, etc. Within the next year or two years there are several trees in the courthouse lawn that will have to be removed. Joe Bainter made a motion to approve the purchase of the trees and Campbell picking up, planting and monitoring. Wes Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

Bracht discussed with the board destroying previous ballots and envelopes from prior year elections. Per statute, the clerk shreds the documents and the process has to be observed by persons of good moral character and representing both parties. Bracht suggested Kaylene Oelke and Randy Kaufman. Joe Bainter made a motion to approve these two individuals, seconded by Wes Bainter. Carried 3-0.

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

General	\$ 121,298.39	Road & Bridge	\$ 79,641.03
Conceal Carry	\$ 155.00	Spec Hwy	\$ 41,562.50
Spec Tech	\$ 55.78	ARPA	\$ 58,500.00
HRSA	\$ 2,564.84	Nox Weed	\$ 3,270.43
E911	\$ 1,976.54	Publ Transp	\$ 1,790.58
Landfill	\$ 108.49	MV	\$ < 17.64 >

At 9:16 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, October 4, 2022 at 8:00 in the courthouse main floor foyer.

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

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Chairman