

Now on this 11th day of October, 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 Birdie Reynolds 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.

Wes Bainter made a motion to amend the Agenda to include Birdie Reynolds seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0. Reynolds stated she had received correspondence from Pratt regarding petitioning to vacate the alley dividing her property in Studley. Reynolds gave a history of the previous situation which was addressed in 2020 and the situation now. Reynolds petition is for the entire alley and Pratt stated just vacating another part would give her the outcome she wanted. Pratt advised Reynolds that there will have to be a notice placed in the paper and a public hearing and the board would decide at that time.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor, came to the table. Herskowitz stated he will be placing a fuel order from Bainter Oil. Evan Turley, Noxious Weed Director, has started treating prairie dogs again. Quite a few landowners are calling in. The roads were tracked up during the last slow rain so graders and drags have been out. Herskowitz stated an individual contacted him asking if he brought gravel in and spread it if the county would reimburse him. The board requested a dollar amount before approving. Herskowitz asked about the amount paid for gravel and the possibility of increasing it. Herskowitz will check on what gravel costs. A landowner in the northeast part of the county is willing to give crushed white rock to the county to use on the road when they come up to do road work. There was discussion about road 110N and then back east. The road is holding water and needs more work done. Herskowitz stated it needs reshaped and millings put on it. They are in the area so will do some work. Other roads were discussed.

Bracht distributed an invitation from DSNWK. All board members had received it. Bracht discussed the Resolution the Sheridan County Hospital wanted allowing the hospital board to sign documents pertaining to the emergency room project. By consensus, the board agreed that a better policy would be to have them come in each time, this way the board is aware of what is going on.

Shirley Niermeier, Treasurer, came to the table. Niermeier distributed and discussed the 3rd Quarter Financial Report. The Balancing Tax Report which reflects all entities who received tax dollars and how much they received was distributed and discussed. The board also reviewed the Sheridan County Hospital bond information. Niermeier advised the board she is down one employee and has not had any qualified applicants. A previous employee is going to come and help get tax statements in the mail and also help at the counter once taxpayers start coming in to pay their taxes. Drivers license service will be cut to two days a week by appointment and for the two weeks in December, there will be no drivers license service. Niermeier stated individuals will have to go to Colby for drivers license. Niermeier asked that board to back and support the employees. She feels she lost an employee because employees had to start paying 6% of the health insurance premium and lost a day for paid holidays. Niermeier continued by stating the employees are the foundation of the county. The tax dollars provide for the county services but if there are no employees, there is no service. The board feels the employees are taken care of. They thanked Niermeier for coming in.

The October 4, 2022 minutes were approved as amended on a motion by Wes Bainter and second by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0.

Mader made a motion to approve the payroll dated October 7, 2022 seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0.

The October 11, 2022 warrants were approved as presented on a motion by Joe Bainter and second by Mader. Carried 3-0.

The following payroll and warrants were approved:

General	\$ 62,784.09	Road & Bridge	\$ 17,352.17
VIN	\$ 185.98	Noxious Weed	\$ 1,909.90
Publ Transp	\$ 1,133.07	Forfeiture	\$ < 630.32 >

At 9:06 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 18, 2022 at 8:00 in the courthouse main floor foyer.

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman