

Now on this 18th 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 The Sheridan Sentinel and Carolyn Meyer.

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 distributed photos from the damage to the baler. The hydraulic motor seized up. KDOT will announce on Friday the recipients of the money for road work. This pertains to Sheridan Ave. to 10W road. The Elk Ranch bridge is open for traffic. The county will mow and do some grader work on the road. Several different roads were discussed. There are a few guys running blades, cleaning up some roads. Prairie dogs are being treated. Herskowitz stated he will talk with Bainter Oil this week about fuel. By consensus, the board agreed to allow Pratt's hired man to smooth out ruts on a road by some of his land.

Wes Bainter made a motion to include Carolyn Meyer, seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0. Meyer distributed information to the board and Bracht about Code of Conduct - Political Activities and Participation in Candidate Elections, Code of Conduct – Conflict of Interest Policy as well as a page from the county's Employee Handbook. Meyer state the Republican Party looks at local leadership for the local guidelines on possible conflict of interest and thinks the employee handbook should clarify this. Bracht stated the handbook does not pertain to elected officials. Elected officials follow statute and are not bound by vacation days, sick leave and other things that hourly employees are. Meyer stated she has been asked several times about the conflict of interest issue. Pratt reiterated that the Attorney General's opinion is that it is not a conflict of issue and that if enough people have a concern about it, the election should take care of it.

Mader made a motion to approve the October 11, 2022 minutes as presented. Joe Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0.

Pratt discussed the process for vacating the alley in Studley. The notice will be placed in the paper and hearing date set. Pratt will get with Bracht to discuss.

By consensus, chamber script will be given to employees for Christmas.

Jim Myers, CPA came to table and presented an Amended 2022 Budget for Sheridan County Hospital, Library and Council on Aging. This allows the entities to receive all the tax dollars collected, which are more than budgeted. Wes Bainter made a motion to publish the 2022 Amended Sheridan County Budget and set the hearing for November 22, 2022 at 9:00. Mader seconded. Carried 3-0.

At 8:53 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 25, 2022 at 8:00 in the courthouse main floor foyer.

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman