

Now on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 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. Guest was 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.

Bracht presented three Treasurer Tax Abatements. Wes Bainter made a motion to approve and sign the tax abatements seconded by Mader. Carried 3-0. The abatements were for severed minerals.

Wes Bainter made a motion to approve the October 25, 2022 minutes as amended, seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor, came to the table. Herskowitz stated the DWR Permit for Bridge #58 has been approved. The road & bridge employees have started doing the dirt work and landowner has a place to move the dirt. Wes Bainter distributed information for Bridge #58. The next step is to put the bid request in the paper, accepting bids until January 15, 2023 with an April 1, 2023 potential start date. Herskowitz stated the new cell at the landfill should be completed by mid-January. Several roads that were being worked on were discussed. Turley stated he had talked with 7K Ranch and received pricing information for treating prairie dogs. Pratt stated he had talked with the landowner and they have agreed to allow the noxious weed to come on to their property and treat the prairie dogs. It was briefly discussed trading in the 4wheeler and purchasing a side-by-side for the noxious weed department. Pratt discussed the prairie dog situation. Pratt stated he would like to fix the prairie dog problem with no threatening or big confrontation.

At 8:30 Wes Bainter made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 10 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Mader seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Present were the board, Bracht and Deb Kaufman, EMS Director. The door opened at 8:44.

Pratt distributed information from the KS Department of Agriculture pertaining to an incident with noxious weed spraying and a landowner. There was discussion on whether the county should respond in any way.

Jerol DeBoer from Penco Engineering came to the table. DeBoer will send a copy of the KDOT Cost Share application to Bracht to distribute. Total estimate for the project on Sheridan Ave. to 10W is \$700,000. Through the Cost Share Program, the county will receive up to \$500,000. Bracht will contact the city about coming to the November 15<sup>th</sup> regular board meeting to discuss the project further. DeBoer will get information to Bracht regarding each entities share. Wes Bainter stated Scott Foote may want to extend the road, at his expense. DeBoer stated the county should receive the contract from KDOT this month. DeBoer stated the plan for Bridge #56 (Popp) is to start the week of Thanksgiving and be complete by Christmas. Everyone agrees the Elk Ranch road bridge turned out nice.

At 9:19 a.m. with no further business, Wes Bainter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0. There will be no meeting November 8, 2022 as that is election day. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 8:00 in the courthouse main floor foyer.

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

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Chairman