

Now on this 29th day of November, 2022, the Board of Commissioners, Sheridan County, Kansas met in regular session with Chairman Wes Bainter presiding. Others present were Mike “Buck” Mader, County Attorney Joe Pratt and County Clerk Heather Bracht. Commissioner Joe Bainter was absent. Guest was the Sheridan Sentinel.

At 8:00 a.m. Bainter called the meeting to order.

Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Brandy Spresser, Little Paws Daycare Director and MaryEllen Welshhon, Superintendent, came to the table to discuss funding for the Little Paws Daycare facility in Selden. Spresser distributed information to the board which contained income and expenses from 2020 to current for the facility. The daycare is requesting \$50,000 in ARPA (COVID) funds which they feel would allow the facility to continue to provide care to families without raising their rates as well as the ability to pay utilities, salaries and supplies. Spresser stated having the daycare has helped retain school staff. The board was advised that USD #316 provides health insurance to the workers and they also have benefits such as vacation and sick leave. Bracht will check the guidelines to confirm that an “existing” daycare facility is eligible to receive ARPA funds. The board thanked them for coming.

County Attorney Joe Pratt stated Bob Borger and Alice Ziegler are working together in running the Swap Shop. Wes Bainter stated there are two women who live at Sheridan Estates who would be interested in helping run the Swap Shop as well. Pratt will give the phone number to Borger and they can set up a meeting.

Sheridan County Sheriff Brandon Carver came to the table to give an update on the budget as it pertains to housing inmates and the sheriff’s department expenditure fund. There was discussion about the housing of inmates in Thomas County and how the billing is done. Carver states his department budget and the jail budget will go over. Bracht will check to see if ARPA funds can be transferred to his department to help with expenses.

Dana Hess, Communications distributed information to the board regarding a new server for the law enforcement office. Hess was advised to talk with Tech Junkies in Colby and then come back and meet with the board.

Joyce Kinderknecht, Addictions Counselor with Assessment, Information & Counseling (AIC) met with the board to request \$4,200 from the county’s drug and alcohol tax funds. Kinderknecht gave a brief history of when she started her career and the services provided. Kinderknecht stated the funding would help offset the costs to the client. Wes Bainter made a motion to give \$4,200 to AIC from the alcohol fund seconded by Mader. Carried 2-0. Wes Bainter stated the board would like documentation that the money is used for the purpose it was provided for.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor, came to the table. The board and Herskowitz discussed an area north of Bridge 56 that is washing away. Crushed concrete will be placed there. Herskowitz stated he will talk about road signage when Penco Engineering is here next time. Plows are being readied and moved to where they need to be and employees are being assigned to sections for winter work. There was discussion of roads. Bracht will bring the final mowing and dragging dollars spent to the next meeting.

Wes Bainter made a motion to approve the November 22, 2022 minutes as presented along with the November 29, 2022 warrants. Mader seconded. Carried 2-0.

The board approved the following warrants:

General	\$ 32,999.11	Road & Bridge	\$ 187,645.89
Noxious Weed	\$ 4,641.33	Public Transp	\$ 769.76
Treasurer Tech	\$ 339.99	Forfeiture	\$ 538.89
Spec Hwy	\$ 50,570.00	VIN	\$ 615.48
ROD Tech	\$ 389.77	E911	\$ 4,663.66
OIPIOD	\$ 355.00	Landfill	\$ 2,688.26
MV	\$ 399.90		

At 9:51 a.m. with no further business, Wes Bainter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mader. Carried 2-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at 8:00 in the courthouse main floor foyer.

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman