

Now on this 13th day of December, 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 Kyle Ahlenstorf.

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

Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Wes Bainter opened the Public Hearing to vacate an alley in Block 2 from the west border of Lot 2 to the east border of Lot 1 and from the west border of Lot 15 to the east border of Lot 18 in the original townsite of Studley, Kansas. Pratt described the legal. Mader moved to approve vacating the alley as described seconded by Wes Bainter. Carried 3-0. Wes Bainter closing the hearing.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Supervisor came to the table. Herskowitz stated he had looked at Bridge #56 and they are making good progress. Road & bridge guys have finished getting graders and plows where they need to be for winter. There has been culvert and road work going on. Herskowitz discussed CDL training and distributed information to the board. Herskowitz could be the instructor for the class. There was discussion but will not be pursued. Herskowitz has enough on his plate. There was discussion about recycling and aluminum cans. Herskowitz has completed a grant application from the Dane Hansen Foundation in the amount of \$17,425 which would be enough to purchase a compactor for the cans. Herskowitz will have Wes Bainter sign the document on the computer and get a copy to Bracht. By consensus it was approved for Matt Schippers to bring gravel to his road at \$11/ton and the county will spread. Evan Turley came to the table. Turley presented a bid from BTI for a side-by-side in the amount of \$30,760. It would not be available until May, 2023. The side-by-side at Better Built would be available January 1. Wes Bainter made a motion to purchase the side-by-side from Better Built in the amount of \$23,200. Joe Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. Turley sent information on the 4-wheeler for possible trade-in but has not heard anything back yet. At 8:29, Wes Bainter made a motion to enter into executive session for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Joe Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. Present were the board, Herskowitz and Bracht. The door opened at 8:45 with no decision.

County Attorney Pratt stated he had reviewed the letter Sheridan County Hospital had asked the board to send as it pertained to the hospital being their own entity. The letter was presented by Bracht and signed by the board. Pratt had talked with Leroy Wildeman about the Swap Shop and Wildeman will get the checkbooks and financial records to Pratt so that the individuals currently managing the Swap Shop will be able to write checks, etc.

Karl Pratt, representing Economic Development came to the table to discuss a \$60,000 grant for a recruitment incentive program application he is working on. A Sheridan County Incentive Recruitment Board is currently being put together and Pratt would like a county representative on the board. Mader volunteered to be the representative. Surveys will go out to businesses to determine the need and then the board determines an "incentive" to get the individual here to live and work. The grant would come to the county and then the county would disperse.

Mader made a motion to approve the December 13, 2022 warrants as presented. Joe Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0.

Wes Bainter made a motion, seconded by Joe Bainter to approve the December 6, 2022 minutes as presented. Carried 3-0.

Alice Ziegler and Bob Borger came to the table to discuss Hoxie Swap Shop. Borger advised the board they are open 9-4 Monday, Wednesday and Friday. There was discussion about the signature cards at the bank and Pratt advised he is working on getting the checkbook and other financial papers from Wildeman. The board discussed utilities and other housekeeping things there. The board thanked Ziegler and Borger for what they are doing. The city will be contacted about filling holes in the parking area. The county will help when loads of trash need hauled to the landfill.

At 9:25, Mader made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 30 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Wes Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Present were the board and Bracht. The door opened at 10:00 with no decision being made.

Bracht advised the board she had received a text from Evan Turley stating Better Built Trailers would give the county a \$3,800 trade-in for the 4wheeler. Wes Bainter made a motion to approve trading in the 4wheeler seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0.

The board approved the following warrants:

General	\$ 5,004.22	Road & Bridge	\$ 228.20
Forfeiture	\$ 553.99	Public Transp	\$ 38.05

At 10:08 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, December 20, 2022 at 8:00 in the courthouse main floor foyer.

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman