

Now on this 10th day of January, 2023, the Board of Commissioners, Sheridan County, Kansas met in regular session. Present were Mike "Buck" Mader, Joe Bainter, Kyle Ahlenstorf, Joe Pratt County Attorney and County Clerk Heather Bracht. Guests were The Sheridan Sentinel.

At 8:00 a.m. Judge John Cahoj swore in Kyle Ahlenstorf as newly elected Commissioner District 1.

At 8:05 a.m. Mader called the meeting to order.

Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bainter nominated Mader as Chairman of the Board for the 2023 year. Ahlenstorf seconded. Motion carries 3-0. Mader nominates Bainter as Vice-Chairman with a second by Ahlenstorf. Carries 3-0.

Evan Turley, Noxious Weed Director came to the table. Turley needs more prairie dog dope. Turley states the price hasn't changed from Nutrien at \$1.80/pound. Turley needs 2000 pounds. By consensus it was approved to purchase 2000 pounds of Kaput. The board and Turley discussed the treatment of prairie dogs. Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor, came to the table. Herskowitz advised the board he had talked with Hoxie Ag and they are putting numbers together on repairs to the boom truck. Herskowitz stated where it mounts and rotates has some play in it. There is nothing wrong with the cylinder but the cables are expired. The Bomag has an oil leak on the right-hand side. There are places where oil is seeping through the hoses, wires are exposed and diesel is dripping. Herskowitz stated again the commissioners need to look at it and see the problems. There was discussion regarding special machinery and the fact that no money has been transferred to that fund for several years. Herskowitz will look at solid waste grants and see if there is anything that could help with the cost. Herskowitz will check with a couple of mechanics and see if they can inspect the machine and come up with a plan. Melissa Meier had dropped off a map of the area by their house and states there is work that needs to be done on the road. It is a bus route and in bad shape. Herskowitz stated this is an area that is on the list for gravel. There was discussion about dragging. Posi-shell for the landfill was discussed. Bracht will find out the cost the last time it was purchased.

County Attorney had nothing for the board.

Bracht presented several Treasurer tax abatements for approval and signature. Mader made a motion to approve the abatements seconded by Bainter. Carried 3-0. Ahlenstorf agreed to be the board representative for Northwest Kansas Planning & Development.

Shirley Niermeier, County Treasurer, came to the table. Niermeier introduced Pam Krider, her new clerk in the office. Niermeier distributed financial information to the board and clarified to the board that the county runs on a cash basis and no fund can be in the red. Niermeier reviewed the various documents with the board and answered questions. The board signed new signature cards for First State Bank and Equity Bank. Niermeier advised the board she will be opening the drivers license office the 17th. Niermeier asked if the commissioner's meetings could go back to being held in the commissioner room as it makes customers uncomfortable when they have to walk through the meeting for drivers license or other things. At 9:37, Bainter made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 10 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Mader seconded.

Carried 3-0. Present were the board, Niermeier and Bracht. The door opened at 9:49 with no decision.

Mader made a motion to approve the January 3, 2023 minutes as amended seconded by Bainter. Carried 3-0.

The January 10, 2023 warrants were approved on a motion by Bainter and second by Ahlenstorf. Carried 3-0.

Viktorija Briggs, Owner/Editor of The Sheridan Sentinel and Rachel Farber, Archive Director came to the table and discussed why they feel The Sheridan Sentinel should remain the official county newspaper. Brad Weese, The Hoxie Times, came to the table and discussed with the board why he feels The Hoxie Times should become the official county newspaper. It has been discussed in previous years alternating the paper. The Sheridan Sentinel charges \$4.00/inch and The Hoxie Time charges \$3.00/inch. The board thanked both papers for coming. Bainter made a motion to have The Sheridan Sentinel as the official county newspaper for 2023. Ahlenstorf seconded. Carried 3-0.

Various Resolutions were discussed. Mader made a motion to approve and sign the Resolutions as presented seconded by Bainter. Carried 3-0. Ahlenstorf made a motion to make no changes to the employee handbook. Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

At 10:28 Mader made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 10 minutes for the discussion of non-elected officials. Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. Present were the board and Bracht. The door opened at 10:40 with no decision.

The following warrants were approved:

General	\$ 893.16	Road & Bridge	\$ 228.23
Public Transp	\$ 38.05	Forfeiture	\$ 225.00
Offender	\$ 151.25	VIN	\$ 74.68

At 10:44 a.m. with no further business, Mader made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bainter. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 8:00 in the commissioner's room.

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman