

Now on this 17th day of January, 2023, the Board of Commissioners, Sheridan County, Kansas met in regular session with Chairman Mike "Buck" Mader presiding. Other members present were Joe Bainter, Kyle Ahlenstorf and County Clerk Heather Bracht. Guests were The Sheridan Sentinel.

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

Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Darrick Zerr, Jim Erwin, Kevin Schoendaler and Justin Armknecht from the City office and Jerol DeBoer from Penco Engineering came to the table with Joe Herskowitz to discuss the road work on Sheridan Ave. to 10W. There was discussion about the changes the city made to their plan. The cost for the changes the city wants to make on their portion ups the cost to approximately \$391,000. The city council says whatever the cost is, the road is going to be repaired. The next step is for the bid letting which will happen in September or October. The project will happen in 2024. DeBoer believes this should be a 30 day project. The split of the \$500,000 awarded to Sheridan County from the cost share program will be 58% county and 42% city. This is based on the length of road work to be completed. Scott Foote had asked for a quote from the Sheridan Ave./10E intersection to his home and approximate cost is \$200,000. This would be paid for by him. The board would like this as a total separate proposal, not included on the county's at all. Bainter brought up the 6/10ths of a mile east of Selden. DeBoer stated the county could apply for money from the cost-share program but they don't like to award back to back money to the same county so it probably would not be approved. City representatives left the meeting. DeBoer presented the change order and voucher from Sporer for the completion of bridge #56. Balance due is \$69,167.59. Once paid in full, Penco Engineering will file paperwork with the state to be reimbursed the \$200,000 awarded to Sheridan County. There was discussion about bridge #58 (Kinderknecht). It was decided to go with culverts instead of concrete as the road is not used often. DeBoer will revise the plans.

Ahlenstorf exited the meeting.

Herskowitz distributed information pertaining to bridges and where they rank as far as repairs needed. DeBoer stated that in July or August an application could be submitted for bridge #89 located in the southeast part of the county. There was discussion about bridge #26 located in the southwest part of the county. Landowners have tried to repair the bridge but there is currently a hole on the deck making it dangerous. There are no guardrails on the bridge and no reflective signs indicating the road is narrowing to the bridge. The signage project could take care of these signs. DeBoer exited the meeting. Herskowitz stated they are shifting the focus to roads. He plans on notifying the draggers to stay put until some of the roadwork has been caught up. The board and Herskowitz discussed roads and ricks. By consensus, approval was given to order fuel. Herskowitz stated he will know on the 20th whether Sheridan County was approved for a grant to help with the cost of a can crusher. A recycling trailer was taken to Kelsey Rhodes greenhouse.

At 9:02 Bainter made a motion to enter into executive session for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Mader seconded. Carried 2-0. Present were the board, Herskowitz and Bracht. The door opened at 9:07 with no decision. There was discussion about recycling and the Bomag.

Mader made a motion to approve the January 10, 2023 minutes and January 13, 2023 payroll as presented. Bainter seconded. Carried 2-0.

Bainter made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Abatement seconded by Mader. Carried 2-0. By consensus, the board approved Mary Ellen Welshon continuing on the Northwest Kansas Juvenile Services and Adult Corrections Governing Board. This appointment expires February, 2025.

The board discussed equipment, blading and roads. There was brief discussion about employees driving county vehicles and pay.

The following payroll was approved:

General	\$ 46,080.21	Road & Bridge	\$ 10,367.67
Nox Weed	\$ 800.75	Public Trans	\$ 464.25

At 10:00 a.m. with no further business, Mader made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bainter. Carried 2-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 8:00 in the commissioner room.

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman