

Now on this 7th day of February, 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, Joe Pratt County Attorney and County Clerk Heather Bracht. Guest was The Sheridan Sentinel.

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

Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor came to the table. Herskowitz received plan information from Penco Engineering for Bridge #58 in the southwest part of the county. He will clarify some information with Penco Engineering about the backfilling specs and compaction rates. Scott Foote contacted Herskowitz and stated he will pay for the paving of the road from the intersection of 10W and Sheridan Ave. to his home. Cost is approximately \$200,000. Herskowitz will bring information in next week on the cost of culverts. The blade that is in the shop is ready to get back together once the pistons are delivered. This breakdown is covered under warranty. Herskowitz distributed the revised/updated Five Year Solid Waste Management Plan. Mader made a motion to approve the revised Five Year Solid Waste Management Plan seconded by Ahlenstorf. Carried 3-0. There was discussion on the roads and working on the roads since they now have some moisture on them. Herskowitz will check the tire inventory and get back with the board.

Mader made a motion, seconded by Bainter, to amend the agenda to include Pat Haffner. Carried 3-0. Haffner discussed with the board the roads in Tasco, stating the roads in town are down to dirt, the millings that were put down previously are gone. Requesting additional millings and road work be done. Haffner asked about paving to the west of the catholic cemetery. The board agreed millings or something could be put down to help. Haffner asked who was going to maintain the new paved roads. The county will maintain the feedlot road since it has been paved but there is currently no maintenance plan in place. Haffner advised the board he would be interested in doing custom grader work on the roads. Would like to sit down and talk seriously about it. Haffner would own the graders and they would be his employees. Feels he could be more efficient than the county is. When asked how he felt about the individuals mowing and dragging roads, Haffner stated the county has the machinery for mowing, hire retired men who care about the county to take care of those jobs. Haffner also suggested hiring a custom contractor to rebuild the roads, make a five year plan. Haffner also stated the county needs to pay employees a better hourly wage. A better wage would have employees become responsible employees who want to protect their job.

Pratt discussed with the board some information about listing the house for sale and about the land in the northwest part of the county. A Resolution will be drawn up giving the land back to the adjoining landowners. The land has no value to the county.

At 8:47, Mader made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 30 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. Present were the board, Herskowitz, Pratt and Bracht. The door opened at 9:10 with no decision.

At 9:15 Bainter made a motion to move the meeting to the house at 1341 Pine so it can be inspected. Ahlenstorf seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Present for the inspection were the board, Pratt and Bracht. Everyone walked through the home and discussed things observed. At 9:41 everyone reconvened at the courthouse. The discussion about the home continued.

Pratt will contact Britton Sealock and clarify some things. The house will then be cleaned prior to listing for sale.

The January 31, 2023 minutes were approved as presented on a motion by Bainter and second by Ahlenstorf. Carried 3-0.

At 9:45 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, February 14, 2023 at 8:00 in the commissioner room.

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman