

Now on this 14th day of March, 2023, the Board of Commissioners, Sheridan County, Kansas met in regular session with Chairman Mike "Buck" Mader presiding. Other members present were Kyle Ahlenstorf, Joe Pratt County Attorney and County Clerk Heather Bracht.

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

Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mader opened the public hearing for hearing comments on the Revised Solid Waste Five Year Plan. There were no comments or objections. Mader closed the public hearing. Ahlenstorf made a motion to approve the Revised Sheridan County Five Year Solid Waste Management Plan seconded by Mader. Carried 2-0. Herskowitz will send the paperwork to KDHE without the Solid Waste Management Board minutes and see if the plan can be accepted without them.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor advised the board that KDHE inspected the landfill last week and found a deficiency. The county is failing to maintain a 1' layer of dirt on top of the trash. They have had dirt brought in and are beginning work on correcting this problem. Markers will also be placed at the C&D pit so things can be sorted. A mixed paper bale load was sent out last week. The crews are still working roads. Evan Turley, Noxious Weed Director, gave an update on the treatment of prairie dogs. Turley contacted the owner of some land east about prairie dogs being sighted. There was no response so will send letter. Turley stated he has had some individuals come in and buy poison for prairie dogs. He will start working on noxious weeds soon (musk thistle and bindweed). At 8:15, Mader made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 5 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Ahlenstorf seconded the motion. Carried 2-0. Present were the board, Herskowitz, Pratt and Bracht. The door opened at 8:20 with no decision being made.

Pratt discussed the KNRC information received about voting on the lesser prairie-chicken lawsuit. There was a brief discussion about it. Mader made a motion to vote Yea, being included in the PLF litigation. Ahlenstorf seconded the motion. Carried 2-0. Pratt briefly discussed the Zoom tax hearing scheduled for the 25th.

Bracht discussed with the board the mini-KAC to be held in Colby on Wednesday, April 19. Ahlenstorf thought he would be able to attend. Bracht advised the board that a new commissioner conference was planned for April 25-27 in Hays. The board briefly discussed the house for sale. Bracht asked about the damage to the southeast corner of the public health building. The insurance company has asked again about the repair. The board asks that Bracht contact the insurance adjuster and advise it will be taken care of when someone can come and do the work. Mader will look at reaching out to someone who could possibly help.

Mader made a motion to approve the March 10, 2023 payroll as presented. Ahlenstorf seconded. Carried 2-0.

On a motion by Mader and second by Ahlenstorf, the March 7, 2023 minutes were approved as amended. Carried 2-0.

The March 14, 2023 warrants were approved on a motion by Ahlenstorf and second by Mader. Carried 2-0.

Mader made a motion to amend the agenda to include Sheriff Carver. Ahlenstorf seconded the motion. Carried 2-0. Carver gave a brief talk about having his personal dog Zeus go through canine drug training. Carver stated Zeus has been riding with him in his patrol vehicle since his family got him and has been a good public relations animal. Carver takes care of the vaccinations and food. Between Zeus and Rocko, there should always be a canine available. Ahlenstorf made a motion seconded by Mader to sign the grant application for a vest for Zeus. Carried 2-0.

The following payroll and warrants were approved and signed by the board:

General	\$ 107,729.87	Road & Bridge	\$ 17,333.74
Noxious Weed	\$ 1,596.95	Public Transp	\$ 998.30
ARPA	\$ 14,121.77	VIN	\$ 112.13
Offender	\$ 140.77		

Bracht will contact Vyve and reschedule them to come meet with the board in April. The board was given copies of the NexTech bills paid in February for comparison with the Vyve rates.

At 9:00 a.m. with no further business, Mader made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ahlenstorf. Carried 2-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. in the commissioner room.

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman