

Now on this 21st 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 Joe Bainter, Kyle Ahlenstorf, Joe Pratt County Attorney and County Clerk Heather Bracht. Guest was Mindy Harting, Appraiser.

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 transfer of two small tracts of surplus real estate to adjoining property owners. Pratt gave a brief history of the tracts and how the county ended up with them. There were no additional comments or objections. Mader closed the public hearing. Mader made a motion to approve the transfer of the two small tracts of surplus real estate to the adjoining property owners. Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. The appropriate Quit Claim Deeds were signed and will be filed with the Register of Deeds.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor presented the Agreement on Local Road Safety which had been approved in 2022 but had not been signed and submitted. All board members signed the document. Hernandez is attending the Household Hazardous Waste meeting this week. Williams should be able to attend in the fall. The landfill deficiency has been corrected. Photos of the completed work were sent to KDHE. By consensus, the board approved purchasing fuel from Bainter Oil. Different areas of road work were discussed. The board and Herskowitz discussed graders, speed, etc. A new part-time/seasonal employee has been hired as well as another full-time employee.

Pratt discussed with the board the possibility of increasing the court appointed attorney rate of \$85/hr. to \$120/hr. Pratt stated this is the rate paid by neighboring counties. The board is encouraged to talk with Judge Cahoj about it. Pratt has prepared a letter to go out this week to the individual with prairie dogs on his property.

Bainter made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Abatement presented, seconded by Ahlenstorf. Carried 3-0.

On a motion by Mader and second by Ahlenstorf, the March 14, 2023 minutes were approved as amended. Carried 3-0.

Bainter gave a report on the NWLEPG meeting he attended last week and advised the board that a Western Prairie RC&D meeting is coming up in the next week or two. Ahlenstorf reminded the board that there is a Northwest KS Planning & Development meeting next Wednesday, March 29 on zoom.

At 9:00 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, March 28, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. in the commissioner room.

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman