

Now on this 2nd day of May, 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 discussed a fender bender that happened. The concrete culverts were moved to the Kinderknecht bridge so they will start working on that project this week. The retriever is being used on the FAS roads. Pictures were distributed of someone who has farmed up to the road. Pratt will get with Herskowitz to discuss further. By consensus fuel will be ordered from Bainter Oil. Herskowitz stated he had contacted the number found on an abandoned pipeline and left a message about casing that had been broken off. Road & bridge flagged and filled the area. Herskowitz will inspect an area in the southeast part of the county where some millings were put down. The various cemeteries will be mowed prior to Memorial Day. The grader class has been rescheduled for the end of May.

Pratt talked with Penco Engineering about the Sheridan Ave. project west to 10W as it pertains to the percentage the city and county will each be responsible for. There was a brief discussion about the house for sale on Pine Ave. Pratt stated that per the employee handbook, any employee, full or part-time, who drives a county vehicle has to take the defensive driving class.

The board discussed Vyve Broadband as the possible new phone service for the county offices.

Mader made a motion to approve the April 25, 2023 minutes as presented. Ahlenstorf seconded. Carried 3-0.

Donavan Rogers, Vyve Broadband Business Services came to the table to discuss the county switching from NexTech to Vyve for their phone, internet and IT support. There was discussion about companies having the monopoly on a service and after a few years the service goes bad. There was further discussion about the service and questions were answered. Mader made a motion to change phone, internet and IT service from NexTech to Vyve Broadband. Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. The paperwork was signed. A copy will be sent to Bracht. They advised 60 days probably for the change to happen.

Brice Cronn from NWLEPG came to the table. Wes Bainter, Ron Lager and Jeff Munk entered the meeting. There had been some discussion about a paragraph in the Sheridan County Environmental Sanitary Code book which had been approved October 6, 2021. Cronn stated there are currently 12 counties in the organization. Their purpose is to protect the quality of groundwater. A board member had been contacted and asked about permits and if you are charged the \$100 for each hole that is drilled or just a one time charge if you drill five times. Cronn stated it is one permit at \$100 for each property so if you go from one section to another there would be another permit charge. The permit charge goes with the property. Wes Bainter stated it is good to have a regulatory service. Water is an important service in this area. There was further discussion about water and Cronn stated that there is no refund of the permit fee if no water is found. The board thanked Cronn for coming and clarifying.

At 9:45 Mader made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 15 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Present were the board and Bracht. The door opened with no decision being made.

The board further discussed NWLEPG and permit fees.

At 10:15 a.m. with no further business, Mader made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ahlenstorf. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. in the commissioner room.

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman