

Now on this 9th 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 and Evan Turley, Noxious Weed Director, came to the table. Turley stated he had been contacted by the state about spraying the guardrails and stop signs to get rid of weeds. Turley advised the board that he does bill the state for this work when it is done. By consensus the board approved Turley spraying these areas. Turley stated that he is done with most of the main roads as far as spraying. There was more discussion about spraying. Herskowitz presented the Cost Share Program Agreement between Sheridan County and Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) for the Sheridan Ave road improvement project. The board will review the document and approve and sign it next week. The concrete culverts are in at the Kinderknecht bridge. Herskowitz stated there is still some dirt work to be done. The retriever is being used on some roads. Bainter asked that the road in Selden from Broeckelman's/school west to the highway have some work done on it. The board and Herskowitz discussed the road from the school in Selden north (Kentucky). Herskowitz will talk with Leroy Spresser about this road. There was discussion about road dragging and mowing. Pratt will contact Dustin Shaw and talk about his plans.

Three treasurer abatements were presented. Mader made a motion to approve the abatements seconded by Bainter. Carried 3-0. A letter of support was prepared for the Kansas Children's Cabinet Childcare Accelerator program. This request came from Karl Pratt who is working on another grant to support some additional expenses at the childcare duplex including increased construction costs, funding to connect the driveway from the street to the duplex and some operational funding. The board approved and signed the letter. The board discussed the 1% sales tax question as it pertains to the hospital receiving those funds. The question will be placed on the November 2023 General Election ballot to be voted on by the Sheridan County Residents. The current designation of this 1% sales tax to the hospital expires September 30, 2024.

At 8:32, Bainter made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 15 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Mader seconded. Carried 3-0. Present were the board and Bracht. At 8:47, Bainter made a motion to extend the executive session for a period of 10 minutes seconded by Ahlenstorf. Carried 3-0. The door opened at 9:00 with no decision.

Sheriff Brandon Carver came to the table. At 9:01, Bainter made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 5 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Ahlenstorf seconded. Carried 3-0. Present were the board, Bracht, Pratt and Carver. The door opened at 9:06.

Bainter made a motion to amend the agenda to include Pat Haffner. Mader seconded. Carried 3-0. Haffner discussed the bindweed problem in the county and asked if the county was going to take care of it. Haffner stated there is no reason for personnel to spray twice. Haffner exited the meeting.

Sheriff Carver discussed his budget request for 2024. The board and Carver discussed the work schedule for his employees. There was a suggestion to stagger shift times so there aren't so many officers on during the day and then only one at night. Marie Jones, Register of Deeds and Heather Bracht, County Clerk discussed their budget requests for 2024. Bracht stated the election personal services line item went up slightly as there will be a presidential primary in March, 2024. Don Koerperich, Emergency Management discussed his 2024 budget request. Koerperich will put information on Code Red on the Facebook page as a reminder to people who may not be signed up for it. Koerperich advised the board that during the Homeland Security meeting held on Monday, Graham County was able to obtain two – side-by-side Polaris Rangers. Koerperich spoke up and Sheridan County will be able to get one of them. These units are set-up for law enforcement with radio, light bar, siren, attachment for EMS, etc. The unit will be housed in the garage next to the public health office. The unit will be available to be deployed to other counties if needed. Joe Herskowitz and Evan Turley came back to the table and discussed the 2024 budgets for road and bridge, noxious weed and the landfill. Mader brought up with Turley the suggestion to not spray twice for noxious weeds. Turley will contact the Graham County Noxious Weed Director and find out what they do. The board and Herskowitz discussed the special equipment fund and the need to get the graders on a rotation order. There was further discussion on road conditions. Herskowitz discussed a warrant that had a charge that appeared to be double billed. Pratt stated his budget request for 2024 would remain the same as 2023. Pratt also advised the board he had talked with Dustin Shaw about his Mowing and Dragging Agreements and he has someone who is going to do the work.

The board discussed the home for sale on Pine. It was questioned why there is no sign in the yard advertising it is for sale. Mader suggested Kelly Isom be contacted about being a listing agent on it as well. Mader will contact Isom and see if he has any interest. The garage at this home will be torn down by the road & bridge department.

The May 2, 2023 minutes were approved as amended on a motion by Mader and second by Bainter. Carried 3-0.

Bainter made a motion, seconded by Mader, to approve the May 5, 2023 payroll and May 9, 2023 warrants as presented. Carried 3-0.

The following warrants and payroll were audited and approved:

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| General | \$ 62,572.88 | Road & Bridge | \$ 19,466.82 |
| Nox Weed | \$ 2,019.70 | Public Transp | \$ 1,131.05 |
| VIN | \$ 117.74 | Forfeiture | \$ 372.95 |

At 10:31 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 16, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. in the commissioner room.

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman