

Now on this 16<sup>th</sup> 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 advised the garage at the home of 1241 Pine has been torn down. The concrete will come out this week. There are a lot of roads torn up due to the rain and culverts are plugged with corn stalks. Doug Cass will clean out the culverts for \$60-\$80/culvert. The board approved Cass helping with culverts. There is an issue with the red Chevy. Herskowitz was advised to talk with Jim Laevenstein and Dave Arnold to see if they know anyone who does the work that needs to be completed. Grader tire quotes should be coming in. Culvert quote were received from J & J Drainage Products at \$7,440.00 and Welborn Sales Inc at \$5,760.00. These quotes are for 3 – 30” x 40’ culverts. Bainter made a motion to approve purchasing the culverts from Welborn Sales Inc seconded by Ahlenstorf. Carried 3-0. There was a discussion about prairie dogs. There are fresh holes and they are moving in the area of 28-8-27. Pratt stated a letter was sent to the landowner some time back but there has been no response. Herskowitz stated there were prairie dogs in the sand pit area by the bridge they have been working on.

At 8:25, Mader made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 15 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. Present were the board, Herskowitz, Bracht and Pratt. The door opened at 8:40 with no decision being made.

Ahlenstorf made a motion, seconded by Mader, to approve and sign the Cost Share Program Agreement for the Sheridan Ave. road improvement project. Carried 3-0. Bracht will forward to Penco Engineering. There was discussion on millings and bridges.

At 8:50 Mader made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 10 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. Present were the board and Bracht. The door opened at 9:00 with no decision being made.

Karen Lewis and Julia Colson from the Historical Society and board members Karl Pratt, Roberta Shipley, Ardath Bell and Jan Juenemann came to the table to discuss their 2024 budget request. Information packets were distributed to the board which had income/expense, profit/loss, balance sheet and information of the work done in 2022. Pratt stated the Historical Society is requesting their budget request remain the same at \$30,000. The board would like to give Lewis and Colson raises for the hard work they do. Pratt stated they had applied for the Sprint Grant but received notification they were not awarded any of the money. The board will regroup and discuss how to move forward with the building project. There was discussion about some drainage issues at the schoolhouse. A walk around will be performed and projects will be found that need to be done. There was a brief discussion about plans for the new building. There will be some parking at the far east corner of the block and the new building will have a large cold storage area. The Historical Society employees and board members exited the meeting.

Jodi Rogers joined Karl Pratt at the table to discuss the Economic Development budget. Pratt distributed information on Economic Development and the Community Foundation. Pratt is asking

for an increase of \$6,000 to the Economic Development budget, making the budget request \$31,000 from the county. There was discussion on the foundation and funding. Pratt stated progress is being made on the childcare duplex. Hopefully they will be completed in the fall.

Mindy Harting, Appraiser; Shirley Niermeier, Treasurer and Deb Kaufman, EMS Director came to the table to discuss their budgets. Each discussed their budget. Kaufman advised the board there are recalls on three of the ambulances. A grant will be completed for the purchase of a new heart monitor. The cost is \$40,000. There have been some issues with the Stryker cots and Kaufman advised the board that a new one costs approximately \$40,000. Kaufman distributed information on the AED's that are placed in multiple locations in Sheridan County. The 18 originally purchased with grant money were purchased over 20 years ago. The average lif of an AED is five to six years. The cost to replace 18 AEDs is \$37,086. There was discussion about replacing them and utilizing the ARPA funds to do it. No decision was made.

At 10:30, Mader made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 15 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Ahlenstorf seconded. Carried 3-0. The door opened at 10:45 and Mader made a motion to extend the executive session for a period of 15 minutes. Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. The door opened at 11:00 with no decision being made.

The Listing Agreement with Homestead and Land Real Estate and Auction (Kelly Isom) for the home located at 1241 Pine was approved and signed by the board on a motion by Mader and second by Ahlenstorf. Carried 3-0.

The May 9, 2023 minutes were approved as presented on a motion by Ahlenstorf and second by Mader. Carried 3-0.

At 11:20 a.m. with no further business, Bainter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mader. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. in the commissioner room.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk

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Chairman