

Now on this 30<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 and County Clerk Heather Bracht. County Attorney Joe Pratt was not present.

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 distributed photos of roads that were damaged due to heavy rain. Herskowitz stated overtime is being stressed right now due to the road conditions. Road conditions and bridges were discussed. There are limbs and other debris that need cleaning up. The bridge at 80E and then north has rotting planking on the top. Herskowitz will contact Penco Engineering about it. Sheridan County was awarded \$433,000 for the Kansas High-Risk Rural Roads (HRRR) program from the State of Kansas. These funds cover 100% of the costs of the project. The funds are to be used to upgrade signage on 272 miles of major and minor roads in the county. The state comes in and reviews the project, orders and installs all the signage. The Sand and Gravel Lease Contract was signed between the board of commissioners and Fred and Beverly Teel for the area in 12-6-26 on a motion by Mader and second from Bainter. Carried 3-0. Grader tire quotes were received from Allie Repair, Bainter Oil, Garrett Tires & Treads and Great Western Tire. Ahlenstorf made a motion to approve and purchase 6 “skinny” grader tires and 6 “fat” grader tires from Allie Repair who had the low bid. Mader seconded. Carried 3-0. At 8:39 Bainter made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 20 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Mader seconded. Carried 3-0. Present were the board, Bracht and Herskowitz. Mader made a motion to move Herskowitz to salary effective 5/29/2023. Ahlenstorf seconded. Carried 3-0.

DeeAnn Schamberger from the Sheridan County Conservation District and board members Dan Schultz and Don Rowilson came to the table. Schamberger distributed budget information as well as activities done throughout the year and discussed the various things the funds are spent on. Everyone acknowledges that water is a big concern in the state of Kansas. It was noted that due to the drought last year grass and windbreaks took a hit. There was general discussion about water conservation. The Conservation District is requesting the 2024 budget request remain the same at \$25,000.

The May 23, 2023 minutes were approved as presented on a motion by Ahlenstorf and second by Bainter. Carried 3-0.

Mader made a motion to approve the May 30, 2023 warrants. Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0.

The Notice and Waiver for the Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center was approved and signed by the board.

The following warrants were reviewed and approved by the board:

General	\$ 33,365.88	Road & Bridge	\$ 57,329.50
Spec Hwy	\$ 45,765.54	Spec Tech	\$ 189.50
E911	\$ 30,469.14	Noxious Weed	\$ 28,160.88
Public Transp.	\$ 930.02	Landfill	\$ 2,888.64
Conceal Carry	\$ 39.00	Forfeiture	\$ 2,060.01

At 10:00 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, June 6, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. in the commissioner room.

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

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Chairman