

Now on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 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, County Attorney Joe Pratt and County Clerk Heather Bracht.

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. Mark Polifka and Doug Minson from Foley Equipment Company (CAT) came to the table. Information was distributed to the board on current CAT equipment and warranty information. If CAT machinery has 10,000 hours and/or is 12 years old, there is no warranty available. The board discussed the blade that is currently at Foley for repair and the machine that Vic Winter has that needs repaired. There was discussion about trading in two of the blades for a newer one which CAT has available. Herskowitz stated he feels employees should be held accountable to some degree as they are responsible for the maintenance of the machine. The board briefly discussed graders.

Chad Koster and Monica Reuber entered the meeting to discuss the Point of Dispensing Incident Management Team document. This team is put in use in the case of a catastrophic incident. The document was distributed to the board. Several back-up spots were filled. There was a brief discussion about the public health office and the old Neuenschwander clinic on Main St. Koster asks that the board make sure the language for the sales tax question that will be on the ballot in November indicates it is the “continuance” of the sales tax for the hospital and not a “new” sales tax question for the hospital.

Jim Myers, CPA, came to the table and presented the proposed 2024 budget. Several changes were made. The public hearing on the 2024 budget will be Tuesday, August 29, 2023 at 9:00. Myers stated rural fire will not exceed the RNR rate and their hearing on the budget will be August 22, 2023 at 9:00.

Joe Herskowitz returns to meet with the board. Herskowitz and board discussed trading three graders for the new model. Herskowitz will contact Foley Equipment and see what they say. Herskowitz advised the board he has been in contact with JD about equipment and warranty information but has not heard back yet. Herskowitz distributed section information which reflects who grades, mows and drags each section. By consensus, purchasing dyed diesel from Bainter Oil was approved. Estimate was presented from JT Grader Service in the amount of \$3,000 to shoulder/cut off lips and fill in holes at 10W between 90S/110S and 110S between 10W/20W. Mader made a motion to approve the estimate seconded by Ahlenstorf. Carried 3-0. There was discussion about a complaint on a road and about someone who had damage to their personal mower mowing a ditch.

Bainter made a motion to approve the two Treasurer Abatements presented. Ahlenstorf seconded. Carried 3-0.

Bracht advised the board of the Groundwater Management meeting to be held at the Elks on July 24 from 10-11.

By consensus the board voted to not provide \$46,000 in additional funding for updates to the courtroom video presentation and conferencing equipment. Bracht will advise the court clerk.

The June 27, 2023 minutes were approved as presented on a motion by Mader and second by Bainter. Carried 3-0.

Ahlenstorf made a motion seconded by Mader to approve the July 11, 2023 warrants as presented. Carried 3-0.

Bainter made a motion to approve the June 30, 2023 payroll as presented. Ahlenstorf seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

The board briefly discussed the EMS Director position as well as the EMT full-time position.

The following payroll and warrants were reviewed and approved by the board:

General	\$ 68,630.44	Road & Bridge	\$ 21,069.41
Noxious Weed	\$ 1,607.97	Public Transp.	\$ 1,009.55
Landfill	\$ 1,882.80	VIN	\$ 191.33
Spec Hwy	\$ 1,500.00	VIN	\$ 39.00
E911	\$ 3,548.72		

At 10:55 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, July 18, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. in the commissioner room.

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

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Chairman