

Now on this 18th 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 and Evan Turley, Noxious Weed Director came to the table. Turley stated the pump motor has gone out on the sprayer. Bid was received from D & L Service for a Honda GX390/13HP that is available now. Mader made a motion to approve the purchase seconded by Ahlenstorf. Carried 3-0. There was discussion about chemical costs and prairie dogs. Doug Minson from Foley Equipment Company (CAT) came to the table. Minson distributed information on a used 2015 140M3 CAT grader and the cost with three trade-ins. Cost would be \$156,965. The used grader would have a warranty on it. Herskowitz has contacted Murphy Tractor about John Deeres but has not heard back. At 8:35 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, Herskowitz, Bracht and Pratt. The door opened at 8:45 with no decision being made. There was discussion about mowing. Glenda Schaffer will begin going out and checking mowing areas when mowing invoices are turned in.

Gimmie Jo Jansonius, Twin Creeks Extension Director entered the meeting. Jansonius introduced herself to the board as the new Extension Director and gave a brief history of her background. She thanked the board for the ongoing support of Twin Creeks and believes there are really exciting things happening in Sheridan County. Jansonius advised the board she is usually in Sheridan County on Tuesday and Thursday and while here she tries to connect with community leaders. Jansonius stated she is currently looking for a full-time office professional. The board advised that quarterly meetings with agents on just an overview of what they have done for the quarter would be sufficient. The board thanked her for coming.

Donavan Rogers from Vyve Communications came to the table. Rogers advised the board they are getting closer to the install date. A revised Business Service Order was approved and signed by the board on a motion by Mader and second by Ahlenstorf. Carried 3-0.

Doug Minson from Foley Equipment came in briefly and advised the board that Foley would up the trade-in amount on one of the pieces of equipment. Minson will get numbers on the new machine they have in stock which is plain jane, nothing fancy.

The board briefly discussed road conditions.

Bainter made a motion to amend the agenda to include Sheriff Carver. Mader seconded. Carried 3-0. Carver stated they have been working with the City of Hoxie on a project for three radar signs. Total cost of the project is \$11,997 with the City of Hoxie contributing \$6,000, Pratt Law \$2,000, \$800 from forfeiture and the rest from the Sheridan County Community Foundation. These signs were ordered on July 17 and should be here in approximately six weeks. Two of the signs will be permanently placed and one will be mobile. The signs will belong to the city. Carver presented information on a 15'x15'x7.5' outdoor dog kennel they would like to purchase for Roko, Deputy Babcock's K9. The cost is \$639.99. Ahlenstorf made a motion to approve the purchase seconded by Bainter. Carried 3-0. Funds will come from the K9 fund. There was a brief

discussion about work the K9's have been doing and vehicle repairs. Carver stated they have been staying plenty busy, especially with no officer in Selden.

The July 10, 2023 minutes were approved as presented on a motion by Bainter and second by Mader. Carried 3-0.

Ahlenstorf made a motion seconded by Mader to approve the July 14, 2023 payroll as presented. Carried 3-0.

The Notice of Intent to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate was approved on a motion by Ahlenstorf and second by Bainter. Carried 3-0.

There was discussion about the public transportation building and vehicles. Per KCAMP since the buildings and vehicles are not owned by the county they should not be under the county's liability insurance. Bracht will get with Pratt about sending a letter to the Area Agency on Aging board advising them of the situation. Bracht will pull the information on the Historical Society and what expenses they are responsible for. Ahlenstorf stated public health is partnering with health ministries on a food pantry idea. This will give the public health administrator more day to day responsibility and services that are more readily available.

The following payroll was approved by the board:

General	\$ 61,463.62	Road & Bridge	\$ 19,352.49
Noxious Weed	\$ 1,520.00	Public Transp.	\$ 990.75
Landfill	\$ 1,698.03		

At 10:25 a.m. with no further business, Bainter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ahlenstorf. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, July 25, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. in the commissioner room.

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman