

Now on this 25th 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. 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.

Carley Cooper and Hayden Beckman representing Sheridan County 4H presented the board with a jar of homemade cookies and thanked the board for their service.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor and Lance Coburn came to the table. Coburn introduced himself to the board. Coburn stated he lives in the southeast part of the county and was curious about the infrastructure as everyone heads into harvest. There was discussion about the roads and mowing in that area and the board stated they think the mowing problem has been addressed. There is a problem with electricity in the landfill office. The breakers keep going off. Herskowitz will contact someone to come check it out. Murphy Tractor will be here next week to discuss graders. There was discussion about what the county pays for sand and gravel. There was a brief discussion about mowing and dragging. The current contracts expire December 2024.

Pratt asked the board if they would come up with the \$16,000 for the courtroom project if he came up with the balance of \$25,000. There was no decision made. Pratt will draft a letter to the Sheridan County Council on Aging about the ownership of the building and public transportation vehicles. Bracht and the board discussed the Historical Society and the costs the county is responsible for. They have a rather long list of things that need to be addressed, some small, some larger. They have some responsibility as the county has not been notified of things that need repairs.

The July 18, 2023 minutes were approved as presented on a motion by Ahlenstorf and second by Bainter. Carried 3-0.

Mader made a motion, seconded by Bainter, to approve the warrants as presented. Carried 3-0.

Shirley Niermeier, Treasurer, came to the table and distributed the financial information for the 2nd quarter of 2023. Niermeier reviewed and discussed the different fund balances.

Deb Kaufman, EMS Director, entered the meeting. At 9:24 Bainter made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 30 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Mader seconded. Carried 3-0. Present were the board, Kaufman, Bracht and Pratt. At 9:52 the door opened and Mader made a motion to extend the executive session for a period of 30 minutes seconded by Bainter. Carried 3-0. The executive session was extended at 10:22 and 10:52. The door opened at 11:05. Bracht will contact Don Koerperich and put him on next week’s agenda if he is available.

Bracht asked the board to clarify road and bridge working on Saturday. Bracht has heard from several individuals that the employees have been told that working Saturday is mandatory. The board stated “no, not mandatory but if you can, to work Saturday so that the roads can continue to be maintained.” Bracht had advised Herskowitz and Schaffer of this previously but the word is still out there.

The following warrants were approved by the board:

General	\$ 37,592.77	Road & Bridge	\$ 98,961.01
Noxious Weed	\$ 258.16	Public Transp.	\$ 1,649.21
Landfill	\$ 5,409.17	Treas Tech Fund	\$ 700.69
VIN	\$ 570.00	E911	\$ 2,773.52
Conceal Carry	\$ 125.00		

At 10:12 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, August 1, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. in the commissioner room.

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman