

Now on this 8th day of August, 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.

Deb Kaufman, EMS Director, Don Koerperich and Kristen Trussel EMT’s and Jon Antrim from Global Medical Response came to the table. Antrim discussed Global Medical Response and how they can help the county with emergency services. Antrim discussed what it might look like for Sheridan County. All volunteers that are able would be brought on as part-time/full-time employees with benefits. GMR would provide all education, billing and expenses. They would “lease” an ambulance and the building from the county. Having an ambulance for transfers or multiple runs would be a different scenario. Antrim will be visiting with the Decatur County Commissioners this afternoon about the possibility of helping them with their service. Antrim exited the meeting. The discussion will continue.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor, returned to the table. Meyer Electric completed the electrical work at the landfill office. Herskowitz advised the board he is working on a KDHE grant for a commercial can crusher. It would be a 75/25 split on cost. There was a lot of discussion about road conditions, mowing and dragging. Bainter stated everyone is doing the best they can. Sheriff Carver will check some statutes pertaining to the feedlot road and signage. The board and Herskowitz discussed the CAT and John Deere grader bids that were received. Bainter made a motion to purchase the 2023 140-13L grader from Foley Equipment, trading in the 2007 JD 770D, 2008 JD 770D and 2010 140M CAT at a final cost of \$209,360.80. Mader seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. The money will come from the Special Equipment and Road and Bridge Expenditure funds.

Bainter made a motion to approve the August 1, 2023 minutes as amended seconded by Ahlenstorf. Carried 3-0.

The August 8, 2023 warrants were approved on a motion by Ahlenstorf and second by Mader. Carried 3-0.

By consensus, the board agreed to not contract propane for the landfill. Bracht presented a KDHE Workforce Development Grant Application for public health. The amount of the grant is \$58,847.72 and must be used for specific things. This grant application is being submitted by the public health administrator. Ahlenstorf made a motion to approve signing the grant application seconded by Mader. Carried 3-0. The county received a bill from the hospital in the amount of \$6,275.49 for the 2022 Medicare Cost Report reimbursement. Bracht stated that the hospital is getting all the tax dollars that are allowed for public health so the bill shouldn’t be on the county to pay. Ahlenstorf stated he would check with Rebecca Bird, CFO at Sheridan County Health Complex and see if there isn’t grant money that could be used to pay this. There was discussion about employees. Since the Noxious Weed Director is leaving, Bracht will check with Roger Mauck and see if either he or Tate Mauck would be interested in “overseeing” the noxious

weed department so that chemicals can continue to be purchased, sold and sprayed until someone is hired permanently for the position.

The following warrants were approved by the board:

General	\$ 2,421.33	Road & Bridge	\$ 228.20
Noxious Weed	\$ 100.00	Public Transp.	\$ 38.08
VIN	\$ 38.34		

At 10:24 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 15, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. in the commissioner room.

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman