

Now on this 15th 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.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor, came to the table. By consensus the board approved a fuel order from Bainter Oil Service. The recycling baler is down. Herskowitz has talked with Marathon (the brand of the baler) and discussed how to get the damaged parts out. The parts will be ordered from Altitude Recycling and road & bridge employees will make the repairs. There was a lengthy discussion about the maintenance of roads and Herskowitz asked about having Sporer give an estimate to rebuild road 130/160S-100W. The board recognized Pat Haffner. Haffner stated he has fields he is unable to get into because the roads are so bad. Where are the graders? What are the commissioners going to do? There seems to be chaos and nothing is getting better. Haffner continued by stating the board has no long-term plan. We can't wait till tomorrow to fix the roads. The county is supposed to maintain the roads and we don't have the ability to fix the roads. Haffner stated he hopes the board does their job, currently they are not. Bainter stated that roads are hard to keep maintained with all the moisture the county has been receiving. The board advised Haffner that they had devised a plan in the spring for 100 miles of road improvement but due to the weather, this was not accomplished. Haffner exited the meeting. At 8:30 am Mader made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 30 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 8:50 with no decision being made. The board and Herskowitz continued talking about the condition of the roads, contacting Sporer and getting an estimate for beginning to rebuild roads, the fact that gravel has not been hauled for two years and the best way to repair and pay for the work that needs done.

Joe Pratt presented the Agreement between Tate Mauck of Mauck Flying Service, Inc. and Sheridan County employing Mauck as interim Noxious Weed Director. The board suggested a wage of \$500/month. Bracht will send the Agreement to Mauck for approval and signature. An interim Noxious Weed Director is needed to oversee the sale of chemical to treat noxious weeds.

Bracht discussed the small school bus the Area Agency on Aging purchased to use to help pick up and take home children from school, library and other activities. There are several issues with the bus, the most significant that sometimes after it is shut off it doesn't start right away. Bracht will have a driver talk with Jim Laevenstein about the issue.

Deb Kaufman, EMS Director, came to the table. Kaufman discussed briefly what she knew about the discussion GMR had with the Decatur Co. Board of Commissioners. Kaufman advised the board that the EMT's had met on Monday evening to discuss options and what EMS looks like today with the people covering the hours they cover. Kaufman was given a few names of EMT's in other counties who might be interested in coming to Sheridan County and covering a few weekends so there was discussion about wages. No decisions were made but the discussion has to continue.

Mader made a motion to approve the August 8, 2023 minutes as amended seconded by Bainter. Carried 3-0.

The August 11, 2023 payroll was approved on a motion by Mader and second by Ahlenstorf. Carried 3-0.

The following payroll was approved by the board:

General	\$ 59,077.29	Road & Bridge	\$ 18,517.48
Noxious Weed	\$ 1,738.50	Public Transp.	\$ 882.25
MV	\$ 1,259.83		

At 10:28 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, August 22, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. in the commissioner room.

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman