

Now on this 22nd 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. Guests were The Sheridan Sentinel, Mike Egner, Solomon Township Clerk and Wade Tremblay, Fire Chief.

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. Herskowitz distributed the grant for the can crusher in recycling. Mader made a motion to amend the agenda to include Mike Egner. Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. Egner stated he was here to discuss the roads and the lack of maintenance on them. They are not being taken care of. Egner continued by asking what the plan was, how are the roads going to be brought back into shape. Citizens don't care if it's the equipment, operator or management who is at fault, they just want to be able to get in and out of fields. Egner was advised that there is now one specific person assigned to that area to work the roads. Egner stated that there are too many farmers farming out in the right-of-way. Herskowitz will check with Paul Beckman about his sand pit. The board thanked Egner for coming in. At 8:17 Mader made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 20 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 8:38 with no decision being made.

Joe Pratt had nothing to discuss with the board.

Mader made a motion to approve the August 15, 2023 minutes as amended. Ahlenstorf seconded. Carried 3-0.

Ahlenstorf made a motion to move the \$396,772.41 from the Oil Valuation Depletion fund to the General Fund/Oil Valuation Depletion fund. Mader seconded. Carried 3-0. These funds have sat idle for several years but can be used for anything.

Wade Tremblay, Sheridan County Fire Chief came to the table and briefly discussed how things are going at the firehouse. Tremblay stated they will be looking at purchasing trucks in the future. They have purchased an education trailer that will be used at schools and should be ready next year. The moveable storage containers are being fabricated to use for training purposes. Hopefully by the end of the year they will be ready to start training in. Tremblay and the board briefly discussed the road conditions. Tremblay stated fire and EMS have to think about what roads they can use and have to sometimes bi-pass the main road because of the condition of it. Tremblay stated that CPR is offered to all firemen. At 9:00 Mader opened the 2024 budget hearing for the Rural Fire Department. There were no questions or discussion. They are not exceeding the RNR rate. At 9:10 the budget hearing was closed for Rural Fire. Mader made a motion to approve the 2024 budget for Rural Fire Department seconded by Ahlenstorf. Carried 3-0.

Jim Myers, CPA, came to the table. Myers distributed the 2022 financial audit for Sheridan County and reviewed the information in it. Myers reminded the board that August 29, 2023 is the regular budget hearing for the county at 9:00. Various letters to

KDHE were approved and signed on a motion by Ahlenstorf and second by Bainter. Carried 3-0. Myers suggests the board might consider starting to budget for transfers to the landfill closing fund. Myers presented engagement letters for the upcoming three years. Myers exited the meeting. Mader made a motion to accept the engagement letters from Jim Myers with Ahlenstorf seconding. Carried 3-0.

Donavan Rogers from Vyve Communications came to the table. Rogers gave an update on some unexpected expenses that were discovered when another walk through was done. The board was in agreement no more money. This is on Vyve. If they didn't do the homework and now there are additional costs, these costs are on them. If they want the county's business, they'll figure something out on their end. There is still no projected end date.

At 10:07 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 29, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. in the commissioner room.

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman