

Now on this 5th day of September, 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 and County Clerk Heather Bracht. Guest was Michael Egner.

At 8:00 a.m. Mader called the meeting to order.

Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The budget request for Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging was approved with the 2024 Budget on August 29, 2023 and paperwork signed by the board today. Travis Brewster will receive an extra \$100.00 for the extra times he has mowed this year. This will be paid in October with his last payment. Ahlenstorf made a motion to approve the August 29, 2023 minutes as presented. Mader seconded. Carried 3-0. The board was given an update on the general liability and work comp insurance bids that are being worked.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor came to the table. The board recognized Michael Egner, Solomon Township Clerk. Egner stated he has tried to contact the operator in his area and has not heard a response back. Herskowitz stated he would prefer farmers contact him or have face to face with the operator, no phone calls. Herskowitz does not expect his operators to stop and answer their phones while working. Egner said the residents are frustrated with the roads and he feels he is a good buffer between the landowners and the road and bridge employees. A bid was received from JT Grader Service in the amount of \$2,000 to pull shoulders, cut grass lips off and fill in bad/low spots on the road at 110W/Hwy 24 to 10S. Mader made a motion to approve the bid seconded by Bainter. Carried 3-0. There was discussion about mowing in different areas of the county. Bainter stated he feels hiring out the mowers has been nothing but a headache. Herskowitz doesn't disagree with this. The county has the equipment to take care of mowing by hiring seasonal people and all they do is mow at an hourly rate.

At 8:40, Mader made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 15 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. Present were the board, Herskowitz and Bracht. The door opened at 8:55 with no decisions being made.

At 9:00 the board and Bracht convened to Herskowitz's county pickup and left the courthouse to inspect roads. Michael Egner followed in his pickup. The board viewed roads from 90W up to 60N and then back south to the county line and west to Angelus. There was much discussion about road maintenance, what some of the plans were as far as pulling sides up, mowing, gravel, culverts and maintenance. Herskowitz asked the board about doing a contract for a set amount of road miles for road elevation with a contractor. Bracht advised that would not be a good idea, the county should not pre-commit road elevation to one contractor without putting it out for bids. There was no further discussion. Herskowitz stopped and the board and Herskowitz got out of the truck and talked with Egner for a few minutes. Bainter advised the board there will be an NWLEPG meeting coming up this month.

At 11:07 a.m. the board and Bracht returned to the commissioners room in the courthouse. The board briefly discussed the roads toured.

At 11:12 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, September 12, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. in the commissioner room.

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman