

Now on this 3rd day of October, 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 The Sheridan Sentinel.

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

Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

County Attorney Joe Pratt quickly talked to the board about the cost for the equipment update for the court system. Pratt is planning on attending the KDOT meeting in Hays on Tuesday, October 10. The board will discuss if one of them will also attend later in the meeting.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor came to the table. Herskowitz distributed a document he and Rodrigo put together which is a quick reference about starting times, being absent from work, lunch breaks, overtime, paperwork, equipment maintenance, shop and shop tools and major complaints in the last month. The board will review and advise of any changes at the next meeting. Bracht will also review. An updated section map was distributed with Herskowitz advising the board that he has moved a few employees from one section to another. The board and Herskowitz discussed roads, cutting weeds, working ricks and getting equipment ready for winter. At 8:12 Bainter made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 20 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Ahlenstorf seconded. Carried 3-0. Present were the board, Herskowitz and Bracht. The door opened at 8:31 with no decision being made. There was a discussion about some bridges. Bracht advised Herskowitz and the board that she had contacted Groundwater Management and Kansas Department of Ag/Division of Water Resources and the county will have to have a well permit to get water from a farmer. The county will have to pay the \$200 fee and install a separate water meter and then file the required annual reports.

Ahlenstorf stated he would attend the KDOT meeting in Hays. This meeting is about future roadwork on Hwy 23.

Shirley Niermeier, County Treasurer, came to the table. Niermeier distributed 3rd quarter financial information and discussed the funds and actual dollars.

At 9:16, Mader made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 15 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Ahlenstorf seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Present were the board and Bracht. The door opened at 9:30.

At 9:30 Mader made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of one hour to interview candidates for the EMS Director position. Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. Present were the board and Bracht. The first candidate was interviewed via phone conference. The door opened at 10:00 and the 2nd candidate appeared in person with the board remaining in executive session. The door opened at 10:45 with no decision being made. The board briefly discussed the applicants. Bracht will contact both candidates and see if they are able to come back for another interview to include Deb Kaufman.

Ahlenstorf made a motion to approve the September 26, 2023 minutes as amended. Mader seconded. Carried 3-0.

At 11:04 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, October 10, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. in the commissioner room.

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman