Now on this 17<sup>th</sup> 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 Kyle Ahlenstorf, Joe Bainter 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 and Evan Turley, Noxious Weed Director came to the table. Herskowitz presented a bid from Spresser Excavation for roadwork on 110N/110-120W for approximately 1.75 miles. Estimate is \$3,750. Mader made a motion, seconded by Bainter to approve the estimate of Spresser Excavation in the amount of \$3,750 for roadwork on 100N/110-120W. Carried 3-0. Herskowitz advised the board that CAT grader #256 has a leak where the axles go into the differentials. Herskowitz is currently getting quotes for repair. The leak was found during a service check. At 8:09 Mader made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 10 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. Present were the board, Herskowitz, Turley and Bracht. The door opened at 8:14 with no decision being made. Turley presented three different pickup bids ranging in price from \$25,000 for a pickup with no box to \$47,900. The board is in agreement that they do not want to make a hasty decision. Turley is to check with Hoxie Implement to see if they have any pickups available and to look for a box to purchase. Herskowitz stated the road & bridge employees have been working on ricks, trying to get done before winter. Ditch work is also being completed. There was a brief discussion about the KDOT meeting held in Hays KS. Herskowitz stated that the tentative schedule is for culverts on Highway 23 South to be done in 2024 and March of 2025 to the end of the year Hwy 23 to 70S to be closed for the highway work. Ahlenstorf stated there were approximately 50-75 people at the KDOT meeting with maybe 10 Sheridan County residents.

Deb Kaufman, EMS Director entered the meeting to be involved in the interview process of the EMS Director candidate. Kaufman discussed the EMR class that is being started.

Bainter made a motion, seconded by Ahlenstorf to approve the October 10, 2023 minutes as presented. Carried 3-0.

At 9:21 Mader made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of one hour to conduct an interview for the EMS Director position. Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. Present were the board, Kaufman, Bracht and Strode. The door opened at 10:21 with no decision being made. Candidate introduced her spouse to the board.

At 10:30 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 24, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. in the commissioner room.

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County Clerk