

Now on this 31<sup>st</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, Joe Pratt County Attorney 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.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor and Evan Turley, Noxious Weed Director came to the table. Herskowitz distributed an aerial map of the landfill indicating where the various cells are. Penco Engineering is coming to check the cells so Herskowitz will see what they measure out. The retriever was used on Hwy 380/20-70N. It might be used on the Grinnell road before winter hits. All blades have been gone through for winter. The crews are working on hauling gravel to 20-40E/120S. The Tasco bridge needs dirt at the entrance and exits. There was discussion about roads and culverts. Turley advised the board that Hoxie Implement would give the county \$5,000 trade-in allowance for the loader bucket if we purchase the pickup. This would bring the cost down to \$33,000. Herskowitz distributed the pickup truck listing. Herskowitz stated that majority of the pickups have fuel tanks, toolboxes and fluids for the equipment they are running. Herskowitz advised the board that he hit a pothole on 4<sup>th</sup> St. and his pickup died. Hoxie Ag is looking at it now. There was a brief discussion about noxious weeds. Herskowitz and Turley exited the meeting. Mader and Ahlenstorf agree that for now put a hold on purchasing the pickup.

Karl Pratt, Executive Director Sheridan County Community Foundation, came to the table. Pratt is asking for an additional 15' of land to the west of the daycare facility in Sunrise Addition. This allows for space and easement for safety of children on the play equipment. Pratt advised the board the facility should be completed by the end of spring/early summer. By consensus, the board approved gifting the additional 15' to the Sheridan County Community Foundation. County Attorney will do a corrected Deed. Pratt distributed information on the community foundation. There was a brief discussion about the Patterson and Hansen Foundations.

Ross Vogel, Heartland Housing Partners, was contacted via phone. Vogel talked with the board about Rural Housing Incentive District (RHID) which is a program that captures future tax payments on houses being built or going to be built. The program is initiated through the city but the county and school district have input. Taxes are collected on the property only, no specials, and then that money is used to pay the specials. This program applies to Sunrise Addition only and cannot be used in conjunction with the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan. Vogel stated there is 1.49 million left to pay in specials, with 11 years left to pay them. There were some concerns voiced. The discussion will continue with Vogel, the city and the school district.

At 10:00 Ahlenstorf made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 30 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Mader seconded. Carried 3-0. Present were the board and Bracht. The door opened at 10:26 with no decision being made.

Bainter made a motion, seconded by Ahlenstorf to approve the October 24, 2023 minutes as presented. Carried 3-0.

The October 31, 2023 warrants were approved on a motion by Ahlenstorf and second by Mader. Carried 3-0.

Bracht reminded the board that there would be no meeting on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 as that is election day.

The following warrants were approved and signed by the board:

General	\$ 82,857.00	Road & Bridge	\$ 52,221.83
Nox. Weed	\$ 1,358.19	Public Transp.	\$ 947.00
Landfill	\$ 1,493.21	MV	\$ 317.88
Tech Fund	\$ 100.00	Forfeiture	\$ 6,437.00
Spec Hwy	\$ 8,400.00	ROD Tech Fund	\$ 170.33
E911	\$ 5,655.28		

At 10:32 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, November 14, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. in the commissioner room.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk

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Chairman