

Now on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 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.

The board canvassed the provisional votes cast in the November 7, 2023 General Election. Shirley Niermeier, Treasurer and Jennifer Fenner, Deputy Treasurer were present to tally votes. Bracht stated to the board why each ballot was provisional and the validity of the ballot per Kansas Statute. The board of canvassers reviewed 7 provisional ballots and 4 were considered valid ballots. Chairman Mader read the valid ballots aloud with commissioners Bainter and Ahlenstorf reviewing them. Canvassing ceased. Mader moved to accept the election results as canvassed, seconded by Ahlenstorf. Carried 3-0. Final results will be posted on the Sheridan County Clerk's Facebook page.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor came to the table. Herskowitz advised the board that the state inspector had visited the landfill. The inspector stated the scrap metal, if it was not going to be picked up, has to be pushed into the pit. Herskowitz will check on this. The inspector talked about the compost pile, which sometimes has a little bit of everything in it. Suggestions were locking it at the end of the day or cameras. Something will be published in the paper about only putting yard waste in the compost pile. The blade has been repaired and is back from CAT. The 950H Loader is there now to have the roof fixed from the hail damage. Damage was done to the recycling building which holds the compacted material. Road & bridge will be able to fix it. A load of cardboard went out last week and another load is about ready. Pratt has reached out to Dustin Shaw multiple times but has not heard back from him. There was discussion about equipment and roads. A road viewing will be set up for the southeast part of the county for the 21<sup>st</sup> or the 28<sup>th</sup>. At 8:46, Bainter made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 5 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Ahlenstorf seconded. Carried 3-0. Present were the board, Pratt, Bracht and Herskowitz. The door opened at 8:51 with no decisions being made.

Pratt presented a corrected Warranty Deed for the land gifted to the Sheridan County Community Foundation Properties, LLC. The correction pertained to the original land and then the additional 15' the board approved donating. The correction/addition was approved at the previous meeting so the board members just signed the Deed.

Mader made a motion to approved the October 31, 2023 minutes as amended. Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0.

The November 3, 2023 payroll and the November 14, 2023 warrants were approved on a motion by Ahlenstorf and second by Bainter. Carried 3-0.

Ahlenstorf stated he was attending a meeting on paramedicine and asked if the county would pay for the room for Jordan Riley, the new EMS Director. Ahlenstorf will drive. The board approved paying for the room.

The Employment Contract was approved and signed for Jordan Riley on a motion by Mader and second by Bainter. Carried 3-0.

Christmas bucks for employees will remain at \$100 for full-time employees and \$50 for part-time employees on a motion by Mader and second by Ahlenstorf. Carried 3-0.

The following warrants and payroll were approved and signed by the board:

General	\$ 64,286.54	Road & Bridge	\$ 19,384.65
Nox. Weed	\$ 2,047.43	Public Transp.	\$ 1,036.55
Landfill	\$ 1,865.79	MV	\$ 1,252.00
Offender	\$ 150.86	VIN	\$ 356.15

At 9:15 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, November 21, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. in the commissioner room.

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