

Now on this 5th day of December, 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. Guests were The Sheridan Sentinel and Jerol DeBoer, Penco Engineering.

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 came to the table. Herskowitz has been contacted by Rawlins Co. about taking waste from the school that is being torn down. The Rawlins County Landfill is temporarily closed. Herskowitz spoke with KDHE and was advised it is up to the county on whether we accept the waste or not. Per KDHE guidelines, the county can only take 20 tons annually. Currently about one ton monthly is taken in. There was discussion about concrete, which might be used by Wildlife & Parks at the lake and the available space in the C&D pit. Sheridan County would be paid \$400/load with an approximate 170 loads coming in. The board agreed with accepting the waste so Herskowitz will let Rawlins County know. Jerol DeBoer from Penco Engineering came to the table with Christmas gift boxes and wished the board a merry Christmas. There was discussion about the work to be done on Sheridan Ave. from 9th St. to 10W. The bids will be let in January. DeBoer advised the board that McCormick is longer in business as of December 4. There was a brief discussion on bridges. The policy/procedures are changing which will increase the cost for the counties significantly. Replacement of signage won't happen until 2024. Herskowitz advised the board that the planking is ready to be placed on the “Cressler” bridge. It will be shut down once they begin work on it. Striping on the feedlot road was discussed. The striping is starting to flake away. Herskowitz will talk with Scott Foote about it. Herskowitz distributed a map for Section 4 (Northeast part of the county) with the main roads highlighted. The operator in that section is out on sick leave. Herskowitz asked if Jesse Thompson could come on and work the roads. The board agreed they would like to keep the project in house at this time. Herskowitz stated all snowplows and chains are gathered and ready to go. Tire bids were opened for the recycling pickup. Great Western tire bid came in at \$307/ea; Bainter Oil at \$260/ea and Town & County \$255/ea. Mader made a motion to purchase eight tires from Town & County with the low bid of \$255/ea. Ahlenstorf seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Herskowitz stated they will try and return the filters that are newer than two years but will probably have to dispose of the others.

Pratt had a brief discussion on a mowing contract.

Several Treasurer's Abatements/Addds were presented. Ahlenstorf made a motion to approve and sign the Abatements/Addds seconded by Bainter. Carried 3-0.

Resolution No. 23-88 Pertaining to the Special Election on the November 7, 2023 General Election ballot was approved and signed by the board on a motion by Mader and second by Bainter. Carried 3-0.

Ahlenstorf made a motion to approve the four Resolutions pertaining to the transfer of funds. Mader seconded. Carried 3-0.

The December 1, 2023 payroll was approved as presented on a motion by Bainter and second by Ahlenstorf. Carried 3-0.

Mader made a motion to approve the November 28, 2023 minutes as amended seconded by Ahlenstorf. Carried 3-0.

Deb Kaufman and Jordan Riley came to the table. Riley stated everything is going well so far. Kaufman presented two Region I Emergency Medical Services Council Appointments for the board to approve. Kaufman stated that Riley needs to be added with her name as board members for the council for the period ending January 1, 2024 and then for January 1, 2024 – January 1, 2026. Ahlenstorf made a motion to approve both names being listed for the council. Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. Kaufman advised the board that she would like Riley appointed as Privacy Officer. This allows him to discuss things with attorneys and other individuals. Mader made a motion to appoint Riley as Privacy Officer for EMS. Ahlenstorf seconded. Carried 3-0. EMS will apply for the Kraf Grant which will be used to pay for half of a new heart monito. This is a matching grant so will cost the county approximately \$20,000. Heart monitors have a life span of five years but the county's are in service several years beyond that. Ahlenstorf suggested talking with Dane G. Hansen or Patterson Foundation to see if they can help with the matching funds. There was a brief discussion about applying for a grant to purchase a Lucas device which is a device that does mechanical CPR. The board agreed to start with the heart monitor, maybe next year discuss the Lucas device. Riley stated the protocols will be updated for paramedic care as he is a paramedic. At 9:15 Mader made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 30 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. Present were the board, Pratt, Bracht, Kaufman and Riley. The door opened at 9:45. Ahlenstorf made a motion to appoint Riley the EMS Director and Kaufman the Asst. Director effective December 5, 2023. Mader seconded. Carried 3-0. Kaufman and Riley exited the meeting.

There was a brief continuation discussion of EMS.

The following payroll was approved and signed by the board:

General	\$ 61,022.14	Road & Bridge	\$ 20,506.96
Nox. Weed	\$ 1,858.56	Public Transp.	\$ 547.75
Landfill	\$ 1,879.65	VIN	\$ 1,252.00

At 10:05 a.m. with no further business, Bainter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mader. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. in the commissioner room.

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman