

Now on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024, the Board of Commissioners, Sheridan County, Kansas met in regular session with Chairman Mike "Buck" Mader presiding. Other members present were Joe Bainter, David Stithem, Joe Pratt, County Attorney 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 came to the table with Scott Foote entering shortly after. Foote was present to discuss the road project on Sheridan Ave. at 9<sup>th</sup> St. to road 10W. Foote would like road 10W from the Catholic cemetery south to his home to be included when bids are let for the work to be done. Last estimate from Hwy 24 at 10W to the Catholic cemetery was \$538,800 and from the Catholic cemetery south to his home \$359,200. Foote stated he would pay 100% of the cost from the cemetery to his home. The board advised Foote that the county does not have the funds to pave the road north. Once the information has been put out that the county is accepting bids and a cost is given, Foote will make contact with the landowners north of the Catholic Cemetery and see if there is any interest in others contributing to pay for the road work. Striping on the road was discussed. Everyone agreed that striping increases safety. Herskowitz will advise Penco Engineering to submit the application for the Cost Share Program. If awarded, it would entail a 15% match from the county on whatever project is done. Herskowitz spoke with Jef Stewart, KDOT, about the Hwy. 23 project. KDOT is still trying to get the right-of-ways purchased. The repaired equipment is back from North Platte. Graders are running. There was a brief discussion on roads. Herskowitz has been contacted by Dusty Bell at PSI about the need for a recycling trailer. Bids were received from Better Built Trailers for the recycling trailer and the prices have increased since the last time any were purchased. For now a wire box will go out and will just be emptied daily. A tarp will be used to cover the trailer in case of bad weather. The hospital is coming to the commissioner meeting next week and there will be a talk about the remaining recycling trailer there, whether the hospital still needs it or not. The bridge south of the Popp residence has a hole in it that is getting bigger. Herskowitz will check it out. Pertaining to the bridge at 50W/110-120S Herskowitz states the best thing to do is scrape off the top and then replace whatever needs it. The Cressler/Pratt bridge will be started on this week. Machines will be put across the road and keys pulled to keep people off the road. There was discussion about the use of gravel vs. shale. The board and Herskowitz discussed gravel pits.

Dana Hess, Communications, came to the table requesting to purchase new recording equipment for two of the phones as well as the Annual Maintenance on the equipment. Total cost is \$4,029. This can be paid for out of E911 funds. Stithem made a motion to approve the purchase of the recording system including the maintenance program. Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0.

Stithem made a motion to approve the Treasurer Abatements as presented. Mader seconded. Carried 3-0. The Resolution pertaining to EMT stipend and run pay was approved on a motion by Stithem and second by Bainter. Carried 3-0. Mader advised the board he had sold the two vehicles that the county had been looking at for the appraiser's office but was getting two more this week. The Employee Handbook will be updated and ready for approval at the next meeting.

On a motion from Mader and second from Bainter the February 13, 2024 minutes were approved as amended. Carried 3-0. The board briefly discussed roads and future plans.

At 9:22 a.m. with no further business, Bainter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Stithem. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. in the commissioner room.

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

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Chairman