

Now on this 27th 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 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. Herskowitz advised the board that they had done some repair work on the bridge at 50W/110-120S but more work needs to be done at a later date. Most of the decking is off the “Cressler” bridge. The tires at the landfill were picked up on Monday. Grader training from CAT will be this Thursday and Friday with the six newest guys attending. The board and Herskowitz briefly discussed projects that have been worked on. Herskowitz advised the board that someone had not drained the water truck so it now has several leaks that are having to be repaired. Herskowitz stated that Turley has started treating prairie dogs again. Culvert bids were received from J & J Drainage Products and Welborn Sales. Mader made a motion to accept the low bid from J & J Drainage Products in the amount of \$24,071. Stithem seconded. Carried 3-0. Jerol DeBoer, Penco Engineering, was contacted via phone. There was discussion about the cost share program and using it for the road work on 10W from Hwy 24 south to the Catholic cemetery. This will not be done as it would delay the work by quite a while. The board advised DeBoer to get moving on letting the bids for the Sheridan Ave. road project since it has been in the works for two years already. The board discussed with Herskowitz the road signage project. Several warrants were clarified.

Karl Pratt, Economic Development Director, sent Bracht copies of the paperwork for the Rental Assistance Program through NWKS Planning & Development. This will just be kept on file. It is not something the county completes for individuals, just another program NWKS Planning & Development offer. Various samples of employee evaluations were distributed for review. The transmission went out on the 2020 Tahoe. Bids were received and opened from Allie Repair and Hoxie Ag. There were some questions so Sheriff Carver will be asked to come to the next meeting for further discussion.

Jordan Riley, EMS Director came to the table. Riley reviewed the 2023 EMS Annual Report which had been placed in the boards packet prior to meeting day. Riley is hoping to get an EMT class going in the fall. There was a brief discussion about the ambulances. They are being readied for state inspections. Riley gave a brief report of the KEMSA leadership conference he attended. He is planning on attending another meeting April 2-3 and 8-9 in Hutchinson. At 9:20 Stithem made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 10 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Mader seconded. Carried 3-0. Present were the board, Riley and Bracht. The door opened at 9:26 with no decision being made. Riley and the board briefly discussed scheduling.

Chad Koster and Rebecca Bird from the Sheridan County Health Complex came to the table. Bird distributed the 2024 budget for the health complex and reviewed and answered a few questions about it. Koster advised the board they were applying for a grant to assist with funding to change the front entrance of the hospital. The board had no problem with the hospital applying for the grant and listing Chad Koster as the contact person. Koster stated they are still looking at an emergency room expansion which is an estimated 4.5 million dollar project. There was a brief discussion on public health, whether they are still trying to find a nurse and what the current employee does.

Murray Baalman stepped in the room and was recognized. Baalman stated that the intersection at 100W/120S needs lowered about a foot. The board took note and will advise Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor.

On a motion by Mader and second by Bainter, the Employee Handbook was approved with minor changes. Carried 3-0.

There was a discussion about the trade-in of the appraiser's pickup for an SUV. After discussion the board decided the pickup is in great shape and there is no need to trade for another vehicle. The board discussed equipment, specifically graders and the BOMAG and the condition of roads.

Bainter made a motion to approve and sign the various Treasurer Abatements/Addds as presented. Stithem seconded. Carried 3-0.

The February 27, 2024 warrants were approved and signed as presented on a motion by Mader and second from Stithem. Carried 3-0.

Bainter made a motion to approve the February 23, 2024 payroll as presented. Stithem seconded. Carried 3-0.

On a motion by Mader and second by Stithem, the February 20, 2024 minutes were approved as presented. Carried 3-0.

The following payroll and warrants were approved and signed:

General	\$ 130,662.35	Road & Bridge	\$ 150,525.06
Nox Weed	\$ 3,220.10	Landfill	\$ 2,561.84
Public Transp	\$ 2,215.57	ARPA	\$ 1,156.98
E911	\$ 2,824.01	Sp Hwy	\$ 17,250.00
Fight Addiction	\$ 79.69		

At 10:50 a.m. with no further business, Stithem made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bainter. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. in the commissioner room.

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman