

Now on this 26th day of March, 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.

The board canvassed the provisional votes cast in the March 19, 2024 Presidential Preference Primary on March 19, 2024. 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 two provisional ballots and both were considered valid ballots. Chairman Mader read the valid ballots aloud. Canvassing ceased. By consensus the board accepted the election results as canvassed. All Precinct Books, Poll Books and Tally Books were reviewed and initialed by the board. Final results will be posted on the Sheridan County Clerk's Facebook page.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor, came to the table. Herskowitz presented bids for grader tires. Mader opened the sealed bids and they were reviewed. Mader made a motion to approve purchasing 12 grader tires, Hercules 14.00-24/12 TL from Town & Country Store in the amount of \$755/tire and 12 tires, Hercules 17.5R25/2 from Garrett Tire in the amount of \$789/tire. Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Herskowitz stated the cardboard truck is coming on Thursday. They have the can crusher wired up and will hopefully start using it next week. The cylinder on the big baler is broke. After checking several places, the part was found in Salina. Once the part has been received in Salina, they will go pick it up. Work is continuing on the "Cressler" bridge. Gravel has been hauled to several different locations. Several different roads were discussed. Herskowitz spoke with Pat Haffner who advised him that whenever the country wanted to get some of the good dirt, to help themselves. The county will work on the road by Haffner's house in Tasco first.

Evan Turley, Noxious Weed Director, came to the table. Turley presented the Annual Noxious Weed Progress Report which was approved and signed by the board on a motion by Stithem and second by Mader. Carried 3-0. Turley distributed bids for chemicals. After review and discussion Stithem made a motion to approve 2-4-D, 360 gallons from Nutrien Ag at a cost of \$15.30/gallon; 180 gallons of Dicamba from Van Diest Supply Company at \$24.97/gallon; 90 gallons of Gunslinger at a cost of \$25.50 from Sims Fertilizer and 180 gallons of Triumph at a cost of \$37.89 from Central Plains Agronomy. Mader seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Turley was questioned about spraying weeds in the area around the 4H Building. After discussion, Turley will talk with the individual who contacted him and advise them to talk with the City about taking care of it. Turley presented information on two different pickups available for sale from Hoxie Implement. After discussion, Turley will do some research on single cab pickups and other models and return to meet with the board.

At 9:08, Stithem made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 10 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. Present were the board, Bracht and Herskowitz. The door opened at 9:17 and Bainter made a motion to extend the executive session for a period of 10 minutes, seconded by Mader. Carried 3-0. The door opened at 9:27. The board discussed wages, mowing and dragging. The mowing and dragging agreements expire December of this year. There

was another training with road & bridge employees on equipment. Another class will be scheduled for a later date.

On a notice from Stithem and second from Bainter, the March 26, 2024 warrants were approved after getting clarification on several of them. Carried 3-0.

The March 22, 2024 payroll was approved after a motion from Stithem and second from Mader. Carried 3-0. There was a brief discussion on some of the pay.

The March 12, 2024 regular meeting minutes and the March 14, 2024 special meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Bainter. Stithem seconded. Carried 3-0.

Resolution No. 24-11, County Purchasing Policy, was approved and signed by the board on a motion by Stithem and second by Bainter. Carried 3-0. The Abstract of Votes Cast was approved and signed by the board. The board briefly discussed the city wide cleanup scheduled for April. Bainter advised the board the NWLEPG is talking about a tire recycling facility to be built in Edson. The build is not set in stone yet but it is being discussed. Employees using county vehicles was briefly talked about. More conversations will be held with the county attorney and Jim Myers, CPA.

The following payroll and warrants were reviewed and approved:

General	\$ 138,421.10	Road & Bridge	\$ 93,836.52
Noxious Weed	\$ 2,758.75	Public Transp	\$ 2,249.38
Landfill	\$ 8,298.32	VIN	\$ 573.31
Forfeiture	\$ 200.00	Spec Hwy	\$ 600.00
Tech Fund	\$ 3,799.00	E911	\$ 2,982.34
MV	\$ 1,024.60		

At 10:51 a.m. with no further business, Mader made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Stithem. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. in the commissioner room.

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman