

Now on this 2nd day of April, 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, Harry 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.

Mader made a motion to approve two treasurer abatements presented. Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. Mader signed the abatements. Bracht advised the board that KDOT had increased the fencing bid for property on south Hwy 23. There was a brief discussion about one of the monitoring wells at the landfill. KDOT is trying to determine who owns the well. The IOT on Main Street bid received in the amount of \$1,782 for the installation of security programs on all machines was approved by consensus.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor and Evan Turley, Noxious Weed Director, came to the table. Turley distributed information from Hoxie Implement showing the county purchasing two 2018 Dodge Ram 2500 Crew Cab 4x4's with a trade-in of a Duo-Lift 1200 Gallon Nurse Trailer and 2010 Case IH Puma 180 Tractor or two 2021 Ford Regular Cab F250 Super Duty XLT Fx4 with the same trade-ins. The board will do some checking on their own before they make any decision on purchasing the vehicles. Herskowitz advised the board that the tractor they would like to trade-in has not been used in several years. Turley advised the board he is getting ready to start treating noxious weeds. A truck with recycled cardboard went out on Monday. The cylinder seals on the baler need replaced. Herskowitz will try and get some on his own. Herskowitz is going to get the differential today and will hopefully have it back in the grader this week or early Monday. Herskowitz distributed a bid from JT Grader Service for work on 30S from Hwy 23 to 10W at a cost of \$2,000. The work would entail shoulder work, fixing low spots and spreading material to obtain proper crown. Another bid was received for 30S from 10W to 30W at a cost of \$4,000. The work would include shoulders, cut off lips, fix any low spots and potholes and spread material on the road. Stithem made a motion to approve the bids seconded by Mader. Carried 3-0. Cass Excavating submitted a bid in the amount of \$8,800 for four miles from 130-150S/10E-30E. Ditches would be put in so the water runs correctly. Bainter made a motion to approve the bid. Stithem seconded. Carried 3-0. Pratt will work on an Agreement between Sheridan County and Hoxie Feedlot for one of the feedlot men to occasionally grade 10W and the Elks road once the new road has been completed. There was a brief discussion on road conditions. Planks are being laid out on the “Cressler” bridge. Penco will inspect the planks once completed. There was a brief discussion on the Hwy 23 project. The board and Herskowitz discussed individuals who are stuck in mud or snow on a county road and an equipment operator not stopping to help. This will be discussed with the employees – stop and make sure the individuals are ok and call for help if they haven't to make sure someone is coming. If the individual wants pulled out, the equipment operator IS NOT to put a chain on the person's car. The person can put the chain on the vehicle and the operator can inspect to make sure it is set correctly and then pull the person out.

Pratt stated the airport board is working on the bid received in 2022 to redo the taxiway. It has been approved by the state. Cost is \$900,000 for construction and \$110,000 for design. This is about a quarter-mile stretch.

There was a brief discussion on employees using county vehicles. The board discussed the pickup quotes from Hoxie Implement. The board will do individual research prior to the next meeting.

The March 26, 2024 regular meeting minutes were approved as amended on a motion by Mader and second by Stithem. Carried 3-0.

Stithem discussed with the board the Sheridan County Hospital completing a tax exemption for the old dental clinic on Main Street. Stithem met with appraiser Mindy Harting to discuss various statutes. The BOTA has advised Harting that the state will include the board of commissioners in the hearing for the exemption. It might be able to be held by Zoom. Stithem and Harting will work with the hospital on the actual application they submitted.

At 9:35 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, April 9, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. in the commissioner room.

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman