

Now on this 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

At 8:00 a.m. Mader called the meeting to order.

Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Randy Speaker, Regional Housing Specialist from Northwest Kansas Economic Innovation Center, Inc. came to the table along with Wes Bainter, Mindy Harting, Appraiser and Scott Foote. The purpose of Speaker attending the meeting was to discuss the Reinvestment Housing Incentive District (RHID) program. This group is part of the Hansen Foundation. The program deals with the incremental tax – vacant lot tax vs improved lot and the use of the increase in tax dollars. Speaker spoke with the City of Hoxie board on Monday evening. There was a lot of discussion but no decision was made prior to Speaker leaving the meeting. All that would officially be needed from the county would be a letter of support for this program to begin in Sheridan County. Speaker advised the board that there are 75 communities in the state that have the RHID program.

Brice Cronn, Director for Northwest Kansas Local Environmental Protection Group came to the table and advised the board that they have received a \$50,000 grant to be used for wastewater replacement systems. Within 60 days, contractors will get information and the applications for the program. NWLEPG will rely on the contractors to get the word out. Funds for this program may continue for up to three years.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor came to the table. Lance Shepard visited with Tim Williams at the landfill about the monitoring well. Due to the location of where the well is to be moved, Shepard stated he will not be able to work on it. Herskowitz will get correspondence from Shepard stating this. A complaint was received about all the trash blowing at the landfill this past weekend. Several employees went out and worked yesterday and more are going out today to clean-up. Herskowitz will talk with the correctional facility about having inmates come and help clean in the next week. The differential is in the grader and should be up and running today. The cylinder and seal were put on the big baler and is working well. CAT was at the Road & Bridge Department on Monday for some quick training. Millings are being hauled to several areas in the county. The full deck has been laid out on the “Cressler” bridge. The girder will be worked on this afternoon and hopefully by the end of the week will be completed. Pickups were discussed. The board advised Herskowitz to continue looking for a 3/4 ton truck. The tractor and nurse trailer could be listed on Big Iron if they needed to be sold.

Pratt distributed a proposed Road Maintenance Agreement for 10W from Hwy 24 to Scott Foote’s home and the Elks road to 4<sup>th</sup> St. There was discussion and some minor changes. Pratt will get the document to Bracht for distribution to the board once the changes have been made.

Shirley Niermeier, Treasurer, came to the table. Niermeier distributed the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter financial information. Niermeier stated that more of the tax dollars have been received so the cash that we currently have on hand will need to carry the county for the rest of the year. There was discussion about several different funds.

The board approved and signed the correspondence to the Secretary of State certifying the expenses for the March Presidential Preference Primary.

Stithem made a motion to approve the April 9, 2024 warrants and April 5, 2024 payroll as presented. Mader seconded. Carried 3-0.

The April 2, 2024 minutes were approved on a motion from Mader and second from Stithem. Carried 3-0.

The following payroll and warrants were approved and signed by the board:

General	\$ 95,148.49	Road & Bridge	\$ 48,577.94
Noxious Weed	\$ 2,803.40	Public Transp	\$ 1,010.05
Landfill	\$ 2,054.00	Forfeiture	\$ 285.88
Offender	\$ 217.85	Spec Hwy	\$ 4,000.00
MV	\$ 529.00		

At 10:30 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 16, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. in the commissioner room.

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

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Chairman