

Now on this 16th 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.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor came to the table. Herskowitz received a bid from Woofter Pump and Well in the amount of \$16,439.20 to relocate the domestic well located at the landfill. This needs to be done prior to the work on K23. Herskowitz will get the information to KDOT and will confirm that someone else is going to absorb the cost of the well. A bid was received from JT Grader Service LLC in the amount of \$2,000 for work on 20E/Hwy 24 going north to 10N. The work would include shoulders, drainage issues and packing materials. Mader made a motion to approve the bid, seconded by Stithem. Carried 3-0. The board discussed bridges. For the “Roberts” bridge, Herskowitz would like to go back with cement culverts. Herskowitz will go ahead and get the application completed for Bridge #82 (Rogers). The next bridge inspection is due in a month. There was discussion about the letter the county had to send to KDOT requesting an extension on the letting of bids for the Sheridan Ave. to 10W project. The board was under the impression that this had already been completed as Penco Engineering had been advised on several occasions to get it done. Stithem stated at the mini-KAC he attended in Colby all county commissioners were reprimanded for not following up with projects. The Cressler Bridge is complete and will be opened today. Cleanup will continue today and tomorrow. The blade is repaired and will start being used. There was discussion about the weeds at the 4H building. Herskowitz will work with the City of Hoxie on getting them treated. The Road Maintenance Agreement for 10W from Hwy 24 South to Scott Foote’s home and on Sheridan Ave. from the cemetery to 4th Street was approved and signed on a motion by Bainter and second by Mader. Carried 3-0. Speed limit signs will be posted.

Pratt is working on the City of Hoxie Resolution for the RHID program.

By consensus Kaylene Oelke was appointed to the Northwest Kansas Library System board.

At 8:51 Mader 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 Pratt. The door opened at 9:04 and Bainter made a motion, seconded by Stithem to extend the executive session for a period of 10 minutes. Carried 3-0. The door opened at 9:14 with no further discussion.

Mindy Harting, Sheridan County Appraiser, came to the table. Harting distributed information on online GIS programs that the appraiser’s office will need to purchase. The “free” version is no longer available effective January 1, 2025. The cost is a one time set-up fee of \$3,340 and then \$400 annually. This would be a separate contract from Clint Offutt who currently does the mapping program.

The April 9, 2024 minutes were approved as amended on a motion from Mader and second from Stithem. Carried 3-0.

At 9:34 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 23, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. in the commissioner room.

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman