

Now on this 4th day of February, 2025, the Board of Commissioners, Sheridan County, Kansas met in regular session with Chairman Mike "Buck" Mader presiding. Other members present were David Stithem, Kyle Emigh and County Clerk, Heather Bracht. Guest was Ron Farber.

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. Mader recognized Ron Farber who was present to discuss dragging. The board thanked Farber for the work that he does. Farber would like an additional section and possibly more in the south if time allowed. Bracht will get with County Attorney Hirsch and have him look at the Drag Agreement and see about the changes the board would like to see. Herskowitz was advised to have more than one employee trained on the county's drag. Herskowitz advised the board that he got the household hazardous waste trailer reserved for the cleanup week of March 24 – March 31. Electric/gas meter information was distributed which reflected where meters were. There was discussion about one of the meters at the landfill. A bid for planking was received from Welborn Sales for the "Bixenman" bridge. The cost for 40-3x12x20 was \$7,783.20. Stithem made a motion to approve purchasing 40 planks from Welborn Sales in the amount of \$7,783.20. Emigh seconded. Carried 3-0. There was some discussion about some roads south of the redline. Herskowitz stated two employees are starting to work on it. The landfill cell is coming along. Herskowitz advised that Turley has treated prairie dogs and will continue through the week. Paperwork has been sent to another individual. No report on the blade that is having problems. The board asks that something is rigged up so that things picked up by the magnets are easier to remove. Talk with Vitus Meier as well. There was discussion of roads.

Tracey Barton and Cody Younkin representing Kansas Natural Resource Coalition (KNRC) came to the table. Barton reported that KNRC monitors the federal government for overreach. There are currently 32 counties, mostly central and western Kansas, who are members. The cost of membership is \$5,000. Barton gave an overview of what KNRC does. Barton stated they are prepared to protect natural resources and help counties when issues are presented. Budget is based on dues received by the counties. The board thanked them for coming.

Herskowitz returned to the meeting with PSI Employee Bob Wilson. Wilson presented information for signage that will be put up for Hoxie Golf Club and the Elks Lodge. One of the signs will be put on private property on 10E and the other sign will be put on the county right-of-way at the intersection of 10E and Sheridan Avenue. The board approved the signage by consensus. Wilson is to run the final size by Herskowitz.

At 9:17 the board, Bracht and Herskowitz exited the meeting to view some roads. Roads viewed were 10E to 70S then back to 70E to highway 24. The board and Bracht reconvened in the commissioners room at 10:36. The board discussed some of the roads.

Bracht will contact County Attorney Hirsch with questions about the Drag Agreement. The County Clerks in Decatur County and Norton County will be contacted by Bracht and asked about KNRC.

Stithem made a motion to approve the Treasurer Abatement presented, seconded by Emigh. Carried 3-0.

Mader made a motion to approve and sign the various 2025 Resolutions as presented. Emigh seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

At 11:10 Stithem made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 15 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Emigh seconded. Carried 3-0. Present were the board and Bracht. The door opened at 11:25 with no decision being made.

Mader made a motion to approve the January 28, 2025 minutes as presented. Stithem seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

The January 31, 2025 payroll was approved as presented on a motion by Stithem and second from Mader. Carried 3-0.

The following payroll was reviewed and approved:

General	\$ 99,313.83	Road & Bridge	\$ 36,181.71
Noxious Weed	\$ 2,173.37	Public Transp	\$ 764.50
Landfill	\$ 2,059.93		

At 11:44 a.m. with no further business, Stithem made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Emigh. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. in the commissioner room.

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman