

Now on this 6th day of April 2021, the Board of Commissioners, Sheridan County, Kansas met in regular session with Chairman Wes Bainter presiding. Others present were Joe Bainter, Buck Mader, Joe Pratt County Attorney and County Clerk Heather Bracht. Guests were Doyle Kauk, Carolyn Meyer and The Sheridan Sentinel.

Wes Bainter called the meeting to order.

Everyone in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bracht clarified with the board the intention with pre-employment physicals for new employees and whether annual physicals would then be required for existing employees. Wes Bainter made a motion to approve pre-employment physicals starting immediately and then annual physicals for all employees starting January 2022. Mader seconded the motion. Carried 2-1. Bracht asked Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor, if he had talked with KDOT about what the county's responsibility as it pertains to road work being done at K-123 and the detour. Herskowitz stated that the detour will go through Leoville so there should not be an affected Sheridan County road. Mader made a motion to approve and sign the Agreement with KDOT. Joe Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Bracht stated a bill had been received from BK Construction in the amount of \$390.90 from February 2020. By consensus, the board agreed even though the bill was very old, the work was done, and the bill should be paid. Bracht discussed the Pioneer Cemetery. Bracht had talked with Don Rowilson about the Cemetery and he stated that a few years back the county had said they would maintain it. This has not been done. The board agreed that the county will clean it up (weed whip, etc) and will place corral panels around it. Valley Township will include maintaining it when they complete the 2022 budget information. Bracht will talk with Rowilson about the expense of moving the headstones. The board briefly touched on NWLEPG. Joe Bainter stated that Tim Hansen will be coming to visit with the board. It was clarified that the Neighborhood Revitalization Program does specify that the program is for a 10-year period beginning October 2020. Wes Bainter distributed a Resolution which had been adopted by the Decatur County board pertaining to the Second Amendment (the right to bear arms). He would like Bracht to type up for Sheridan County for the board to approve and adopt.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor, came to the table. Herskowitz stated that Rex Storer had passed the Household Hazardous Waste test. Storer had picked up the trailer to put the chemicals in that had been collected during the city-wide clean-up. The trailer will go back next week. Herskowitz said they had nine blades going working on the main roads and that 350 miles had been covered. The board and Herskowitz discussed the Grinnell road as well as others. Herskowitz stated they are hauling gravel now also. The bridge on the Sheridan/Graham County line was discussed. Herskowitz stated they do not have enough supplies to do the bridge. Graham County will help with whatever is decided to do. Wes Bainter still thinks the better idea is to tear it out and rebuild with concrete. Herskowitz will talk with Jerol DeBoer at Penco Engineering and come back with a plan to use concrete. A load of cardboard has been sent out. The skidsteer hydraulics are going out. Salesmen will be here next week to present bids for a new one.

Shirley Niermeier, Treasurer, came to the table. Niermeier presented the 1st quarter of 2021 financial report. Niermeier discussed the bonds the hospital has. Niermeier would like wording to be put in the mowing contracts stating that if the bid is won, the bidder cannot have delinquent taxes. Niermeier will discuss further with Pratt.

Joe Bainter made a motion to approve the March 30, 2021 minutes as presented. Mader seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

The board discussed the loader and IT.

Sheryl Budke, Account Executive from NexTech came to the table to discuss IT services for the county. Brandon Carver, Sheriff was also in the meeting. Initially the board approved a bid in the amount of just over \$19,000 annually for IT service. The Sheriff's Office requested a bid for 24 hour service so new bids were received for the Sheriff's Office only and the rest of the county. The total came to about \$45,000. Budke explained what the different packages would do and how NexTech would handle different situations. Budke explained the different reports that can be run to show if there have been any issues, etc. A six month review of "call" tickets can be done and everything can be re-evaluated. The board tabled making any further decisions on IT until they have had a chance to review the new information. Budke stated the computers have been backordered and they are saying mid-June for arrival.

Niermeier came back and stated that the pool lease is for 20 years not 30 years as she had initially stated.

Wes Bainter discussed burn bans and what happens if you have a control burn. Bracht stated if there is no burn ban in place, you still have to call the Sheriff's Office and advise them of when and what you are burning. They have the right to deny you being able to burn based on weather information received from the weather service. This is usually high winds and/or fire risk due to other weather factors.

No further business, Wes Bainter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 8:00 in the courthouse foyer.

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman