

Now on this 18th day of May 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 Carolyn Meyer, Renee Wagoner and The Sheridan Sentinel.

Wes Bainter called the meeting to order.

Everyone in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pratt discussed the Road Drag Agreement and stated it needs tweaked a little. He would like wording in the Agreement about the machine being used needs to be approved by the road & bridge supervisor. Another option Pratt threw out was the possibility of using workers that come to Sheridan County under the visa program, H2A. Pratt will be in contact with the organization and find out more details.

Wes Bainter distributed copies of newspaper help wanted ads to show that all surrounding counties, including Sheridan County, are looking for help in the road & bridge department.

Bracht distributed information from High Plains Mental Health for review. This included the 2022 projected budget, 2020 audited financial statements and board attendance for 2020. Correspondence was received from Gans Family Farms LLC out of Wichita thanking the board for opposing the 49-County National Heritage Area and the federal governments 30x30 preservation goal. Bracht received correspondence from the Northwest Local Environmental Protection Group, NWLEPG, which showed the water test results for the counties who are members of the NWLEPG. Bracht asked the board about old HP computers that law enforcement had and whether the officers could purchase them. Bracht will check with NexTech and find out the cost to wipe the computer clean. The board suggested that if it were not too expensive, maybe the person who wants it could pay for the cleaning.

Joe Bainter stated he attended the NWLEPG meeting held in Colby on Thursday. Joe Bainter stated that an individual had been hired to replace Tim Hansen, Director.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor, came to the table. Herskowitz stated the had gone to Oakley and watched a Road Groom work. The employee stated he runs about 10-12 mph and can drag about 50 miles a day. The board and Herskowitz discussed the Road Drag Agreement. Bracht will place a notice in the paper asking individuals who might be interested in "dragging" county roads to contact her at the clerk's office. The board will see what kind of interest there is. Mader asked about road 120S to 40E. States this roads needs done. Mader stated he would contact Zodrow, Spresser, Gourley and Spores for bids on this road. There might be roads in worse shape, but this road is heavily traveled and needs attention. At 8:49, Joe Bainter made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 10 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Mader seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Present were the board, Herskowitz, Pratt and Bracht. The door opened at 8:54 with no decision being made. Several other roads were discussed. Positive comments have been heard about the work done on road 380 to the highway.

Mary Ellen Welshhon came to the table. Welshhon met with Emily Strange, the Thomas County Public Health Administrator to discuss the possibility of Sheridan County's Public Health Nurse/Administrator becoming the school nurse for USD #316. Strange stated that Thomas County Public Health does not have enough staff to take care of the school nurse position. The USD #316 board likes the idea of Sheridan County staff being their school nurse but are thinking at the present time, this would be a one day every other week position. Welshhon will come back after the board meets again.

Renee Wagoner, Public Health Nurse/Administrator, came to the table. Wagoner discussed a few things that were happening at public health. Wagoner spoke with Mike O'Dell, Sheridan County Health Complex CEO/CFO and the anticipated new date for public health to move to the hospital is January 2023. Wagoner will get revised information on the cost of new computers to Bracht who will share with the board for approval.

Joe Bainter made a motion to approve the May 11, 2021 minutes as presented. Mader seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

No further business, Wes Bainter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 8:00 in the courthouse foyer.

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman