

Now on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of July 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, The Sheridan Sentinel and Ty Stewart, Intern at Eland & Pratt.

Wes Bainter called the meeting to order.

Everyone in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pratt presented a Utility Construction Permit Request filed by NexTech to bury fiber optic cable in different parts of the county. By consensus, the board approved and signed the Utility Construction Permit Request.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor, came to the table. Herskowitz advised the board that the road & bridge department has started work on the feedlot road. The feedlot has offered a couple of guys in blades to help if any problems come up. Herskowitz advised one of the employees is leaving at the end of the week and they are trying someone else out in that position. The Angelus Road work should be starting today. The bridge inspections have been completed by Penco Engineering. The worst bridges haven't changed and they are the ones that are being replaced this year and next. Herskowitz feels the mowing is going well. Noxious weeds were discussed and Herskowitz stated Higby is tending to them. Some warrants were discussed. Another plastic tub might be brought in to recycling for plastics. Herskowitz is getting ready to ship out some recycling commodities.

Wes Bainter made a motion to approve and sign the KCAMP Bylaws and Interlocal Coop Agreement as well as Resolution No. 21-64 pertaining to the same. Mader seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

The board quickly reviewed the budget requests for road & bridge, noxious weed and landfill.

Tim Hansen, NWLEPG entered the meeting. Hansen introduced Bryce Cronn who is his replacement. There was discussion about the Sanitary Code book which Trego County had tweaked and had been approved by the state. The board agreed that they had confidence in the work that Trego County did on the code book. Wes Bainter made a motion, seconded by Joe Bainter, to revise the Sanitary Code Book for Sheridan County to match Trego County's book. Carried 3-0.

Wes Bainter made a motion to approve the July 27, 2021 warrants as presented. Joe Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0.

The July 20, 2021 minutes were approved as amended on a motion by Joe Bainter and second by Mader. Carried 3-0.

Karl Pratt, Economic Development Director came to the table to present his budget. Pratt is asking to keep the budget for wages, etc. the same but is asking for an additional \$22,750 for economic development programs. Pratt discussed the programs with the board.

Mike O'Dell with the Sheridan County Health Complex entered the meeting. O'Dell will work with the county attorney this week to come up with a Memorandum of Understanding between the entities. O'Dell feels they will probably use the current public health building until the new facility is built at the hospital. O'Dell presented the hospital's 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter financial report.

Tim Hansen re-entered the meeting and had the board sign the Documentation of Concurrence for County Sanitary Code Review. All the board members and county attorney signed the document.

Department heads: Dana Hess (Dispatch), Marie Jones (Register of Deeds), Shirley Niermeier (Treasurer), Brandon Carver (Sheriff), Don Koerperich (Emergency Management), Deb Kaufman (EMS Director), Heather Bracht (County Clerk) and Joe Pratt (County Attorney) all came to the table and gave a short brief on their budget requests. All but one department has kept their budget the same or reduced slightly. The board thanked everyone for coming in.

At 10:48, Wes Bainter made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 15 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Joe Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. Present were the board and Bracht. At 11:08, Wes Bainter made a motion to extend the executive session for a period of 10 minutes. Joe Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. The door opened at 11:18 with no decision being made.

The following warrants were reviewed and approved by the board:

General	\$ 36,976.68	Road & Bridge	\$ 253,990.01
Spec Hwy	\$ 127,000.00	VIN	\$ 160.00
Nox Weed	\$ 4,374.85	Tech	\$ 4,421.00
E911	\$ 1,640.37	Public Hlth	\$ 3,176.96
Public Transp	\$ 513.63		

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

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

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Chairman