

Now on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022, the Board of Commissioners, Sheridan County, Kansas met in regular session with Chairman Wes Bainter presiding. Others present were Mike "Buck" Mader, Joe Pratt County Attorney and County Clerk Heather Bracht. Guests were Carolyn Meyer and The Sheridan Sentinel. Commissioner Joe Bainter was absent.

At 8:00 a.m. Wes Bainter 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 stated they needed clear and dyed fuel. By consensus, the board agreed to purchase bulk fuel from Bainter Oil. Herskowitz stated the bridge has been torn out at 20E, but they are still working on clearing debris. Once the bed is all cleaned out and graded, the board will review the plan. Trees were cleaned out at 120N/20E. Several calls were received about the stretch of road east of Selden. Herskowitz checked it out and it is rough. They are going to go up and break up the stretch with the ripper then run the grid roller over it. The map for dragging and mowing is at The Sheridan Sentinel to be fine-tuned. Mader feels there should be a limit on the number of times a contractor mows and the limit should be four. Four on the primary roads and two on the secondary roads. There was discussion about roads and ricks in the road. Herskowitz will reach out to the individuals who are currently dragging about the change in the map. Notice will be placed in the paper regarding the areas that still need someone to drag, and that the county has three pieces of drag equipment available to purchase. Wes Bainter wants the Mowing Agreements to make reference that contractors are required to pay their invoices to other vendors in a timely basis. Wes Bainter stated contractors are held to a higher standard in Sheridan County. Herskowitz stated he had reached out to other landfills close by to see how they handle tires, and he feels it is something Sheridan County's landfill can do. The board acknowledged Jack Rowison and appreciate him working with the county on the bridge at 20E.

The Treasurer's Abatement was approved and signed by the board.

Pratt stated he has contacted Roofmasters and an appraiser to come inspect the building on Sheridan Avenue. Pratt is going to meet with Kelsey Epp and walk her through the building and discuss federal regulations for daycare. Need to get an idea of costs before people are committed.

At 8:38, Wes Bainter made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 5 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Mader seconded. Carried 2-0. Present were the board, Bracht and Pratt. The door opened with no decision.

Paul Wassinger, City of Hoxie Police, Kevin Schoendaler, Jim Erwin and Darrick Zerr, City of Hoxie Council, Ken Eland, City Attorney, Brian Diercks, Undersheriff, Brandon Carver, Sheriff via phone and Dana Hess, Communications Director came to the table. The reason for the joint meeting was to discuss city/county law enforcement working closer together. Diercks stated that the county enforces state statutes. If they are helping in the City, they would need a contract that would allow them to enforce City Ordinances. There was discussion about the expense and by combining the agencies the potential to save taxpayer money. Wassinger voiced concerns over losing the benefits he currently has, and his wage being lowered if the city/county consolidated. There is concern that another officer will not be found for the city. The discussion continued with talk of consolidating versus the county having a contract with the City so they have authority to deal with City Ordinances. Scheduling is going to be key. The group will be put on the agenda for February 1, 2022 and Carver, Wassinger, Eland and Pratt will get together and come up with a draft contract and dollars involved.

Wes Bainter made a motion, seconded by Mader, to amend the agenda to include Appraiser Mindy Harting. Carried 2-0. Harting stated that in her Employment Agreement there is verbiage that she intended to be interpreted to mean that if employees get a raise, she is entitled to the same amount. Pratt stated it is not the county's position that she receives a scheduled raise, as set forth in paragraph 3 and an additional amount if everyone else got a raise. The board interprets paragraph 4 to pertain to "benefits" such as insurance, etc. Harting stated she wanted the additional \$1,500 to go back to her budget to cover the insurance costs the county pays to Norton County for her insurance. It increased 10%. The board stated it would be ok and there would be no additional raise.

Mader made a motion to approve the January 11, 2022 minutes and the January 14, 2022 payroll as presented. Wes Bainter seconded. Carried 2-0.

Wes Bainter made a motion to approve the ROZ Resolution, seconded by Mader. Carried 2-0. On a motion by Wes Bainter and second by Mader, The Sheridan Sentinel was named the official newspaper for 2022. Carried 2-0.

Mader made a motion, seconded by Wes Bainter to approve the various Resolutions for the year 2022. Carried 2-0. The Resolutions were signed by the board.

The following payroll was reviewed and approved by the board:

General	\$ 45,382.16	Road & Bridge	\$ 7,197.28
Nox. Weed	\$ 760.00	Public Transp.	\$ 1,001.00

At 10:00 a.m. with no further business, Wes Bainter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mader. Carried 2-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at 8:00 in the courthouse foyer.

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

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Chairman