

Now on this 22nd day of February, 2022, the Board of Commissioners, Sheridan County, Kansas met in regular session with Chairman Wes Bainter presiding. Others present were Mike "Buck" Mader, Joe Bainter, County Attorney Joe Pratt and County Clerk Heather Bracht. Guest was Carolyn Meyer.

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 he had completed the paperwork for the High-Risk Rural Roads Safety Plan and should be submitted this week. There are a lot of signs that need replaced due to reflectivity. The Local Road Safety Plan will cover reflective signs so once both plans have been approved, reflective signs will be replaced. Road & bridge employees should start sloping the banks at the bridge at 20E this week. Herskowitz is getting quotes for the striping on the feedlot road. There will be white lines on the shoulder and dotted yellow line to the shop then solid yellow lines. They still need to put the guardrails up on the bridge, the county has the materials. Sand has been hauled this week to several areas. Jeff Stewart, District Engineer with KDOT advised Herskowitz they are looking at putting a gravel shoe fly on Hwy 23 S when they start construction on Hwy 23. The coop has concerns on the bridge and timeline of the work. KDOT has the full support of the commissioners as it pertains to the work on Hwy 23. They feel the county has waited a long time for the work to be done and the inconvenience is only for a short period of time. Herskowitz stated the grader that had the transmission rebuilt is having the same issues. Herskowitz said they have only put about 24 hours on it since it was last repaired. Board agreed to get the grader back to Vic Winter or see if he can come here and see what the issue is. There was discussion on the bucket truck. Herskowitz will get prices for an independent tree company to remove trees before a decision is made on whether to fix or not. The state will come out and look over where the tire area will be at the landfill. Once reviewed, the permit will be approved, and the county will go from there. The state cautioned about having too many tires and the standing water/mosquito issue that can come. Herskowitz stated he did get the household hazardous waste trailer reserved for the City of Hoxie cleanup. Wes Bainter contacted Better Built Trailers about the two recycling trailers and Mike Bainter stated they don't have them yet.

Mindy Harting, Appraiser, came to the table. Harting distributed the 2021 and 2022 Abstract of Appraised and Assessed Values documentation. Harting stated the assessed value has gone down for 2022. Harting stated she had received a recall notice on the pickup used by her office. Oakley can take care of it, and they will call when they are ready.

Joe Pratt is still having discussion with Britton Sealock regarding the purchase of the lot.

Brandon Carver, Sheriff, Dawn Gabel and Jennifer Hecker from Options came to the table. Information was distributed about Options and the services provided with information specific to Sheridan County. They stated that due to COVID they are operating at 25% capacity so the overflow stays in hotels. There was discussion about where their funding comes from, how the hotline is manned, shelters and current needs. The board thanked them for coming.

Mike O'Dell, CFO, Chad Koster, CEO and Rebecca Bird from the Sheridan County Health Complex and Shirley Niermeier, Sheridan County Treasurer, came to the table. There was discussion about public health and the disconnect there seems to be about what is happening there. It was decided that public health would obtain their own post office box and that any grants received would start going direct to public health and not deposited in the public health fund with the county. This is effective immediately. Niermeier will transfer the tax distribution for public health directly to the hospital through the automatic payment system. There was

discussion about the building for public health and who is going to determine the square feet needed for the facility and whether the county would go on the hospital bond as far as paying the portion required for public health or pay for it directly. Koster stated the projected start date is July 1, 2022. He will bring back the recommendation as far as square footage once the architecture has completed the plans. O'Dell stated that a LTC nurse has agreed to do part-time (short term) as the public health nurse. O'Dell stated they would reach out to USDA and the state about what they need to do about the bond payment due so that it doesn't mess up USDA. They are talking with the bond council about how to proceed. The construction project is supposed to be done in March. Pratt stated if the hospital could get something in writing from USDA or bank statements reflecting the hospital has the funds to pay the bond amount to Niermeier that would be helpful. Koster introduced himself as the new CEO and gave a brief history of himself. O'Dell stated he is moving to Nebraska and March 18, 2022 will be his last day at the hospital. Bird gave a report on the audit that was completed. Everything was fine with no problems. The board thanked O'Dell for all he has done for the hospital and county and welcomed Koster.

The board approved and signed the Addendum to Road Drag Agreement with Tim Moss.

The letters of support for the two childcare projects were signed by the board.

Joe Bainter made a motion to approve the February 15, 2022 minutes as amended. Mader seconded. Carried 3-0.

Mader made a motion to approve the February 22, 2022 warrants as presented. Joe Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0.

The following warrants were reviewed and approved by the board:

General	\$ 29,337.43	Road & Bridge	\$ 38,985.54
Nox Weed	\$ 1,524.47	Public Transp.	\$ 1,410.94
Spec Tech ROD	\$ 2,500.84	Forfeiture	\$ 928.44
E911	\$ 2,244.60	Public Health	\$ 11,321.65
Landfill	\$ 2,285.96		

At 10:48 a.m. with no further business, Joe Bainter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Wes Bainter. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 8:00 in the courthouse foyer.

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman