

Now on this 31st day of May, 2022, the Board of Commissioners, Sheridan County, Kansas met in regular session with Chairman Wes Bainter presiding. Others present were Joe Bainter, Mike "Buck" Mader, County Attorney Joe Pratt and County Clerk Heather Bracht. Guest was The Sheridan Sentinel.

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 the rebar had been received for the bridge at 20E. He will reach out to Bernie Koerperich about starting. Herskowitz stated that all the blades were going last week after the rain. There was discussion about drag work. The landfill can now accept tires. Herskowitz will get the rate from Resource Management Company on what they will charge and come up with our rate. Bracht will get a copy of the current Agreement to Treat Noxious Weeds to Evan Turley. At 8:10, 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, Herskowitz, Turley, Pratt and Bracht. The door opened at 8:17 with no decision being made. There was discussion about noxious weed spraying and ordering chemicals. Turley will reach out to the sprayers to see if more chemical needs ordered and will come to the next meeting to discuss.

Joe Pratt stated he will follow-up with the oil company this week. No contact has been made yet with the landowner in the northern part of the county.

Joe Bainter stated he attended a Western Prairie RC&D meeting last week. The board for Western Prairie RC&D are giving back \$500 to the participating counties to use at their discretion. By consensus, the commissioners suggest giving all \$500 to Little Paws Daycare in Selden.

Wes Bainter made a motion to approve the May 24, 2022 minutes as presented. Joe Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0.

The May 31, 2022 warrants were approved except for one on a motion by Wes Bainter and second by Mader. Carried 3-0. The one warrant will be released once further information is received.

Taylor Porsch, Twin Creeks District Director; Alyssa Rippe-May, Livestock & Farm Management; Jenilee Godsey, Youth Agriculture Agent and Karen Shepard, Family and Consumer Sciences all came to the table and gave reports on Twin Creeks. Wes Bainter told them to keep up the good work, that youth are an important part of the community.

Dawn Gabel with Options Domestic and Sexual Violence Services came to the table. Gabel discussed the various services provided to Sheridan County residents. The budget request for 2023 is \$1,500. Current budget is \$1,000. The board thanked her for coming.

Dana Hess and Dana Knudsen from the Sheridan County Dispatch/Communications Department came to the table. Hess distributed a pay scale for dispatch and stated she is down to three full-time dispatchers currently. She potentially has two individuals interested but they would both be part-time. Hess distributed a breakout of her annual salary and additional time she is covering. Hess continued by stating she is working a lot of the uncovered time because she is salary so there is not so much overtime. Hess is asking to be placed back on an hourly wage instead of salary so that she can be compensated for the time she is putting in. The

commissioners stated this is something they will have to talk about. They will get back with her. Sheriff Brandon Carver distributed his budget request information for 2023 and briefly discussed some items. The board will meet with department heads in the upcoming weeks.

At 10:22, Wes Bainter made a motion, seconded by Joe Bainter, to enter into executive session for a period of 15 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Carried 3-0. Present were the board, Herskowitz and Bracht. The door opened at 10:36 with no decision being made.

Herskowitz presented revised pricing from Resource Management Company on tire pick-up. There was discussion about the public only being able to take tires to recycling or to include businesses as well. The decision was tabled until next week. Turley confirmed being able to order Dicamba and approval was given.

The following warrants were approved by the board as presented:

General	\$ 44,531.19	Road & Bridge	\$ 84,134.27
E911	\$ 5,275.65	HRSA/EMS	\$ 168.98
Conceal Carry	\$ 142.00	Noxious Weed	\$ 243.04
Public Transportation	\$ 1,424.18	Landfill	\$ 3,509.16

At 11:07 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, June 7, 2022 at 8:00 in the courthouse main floor foyer.

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman