

Now on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 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, Walt Nelson, Intern at Eland & Pratt and County Clerk Heather Bracht. Guests were Carolyn Meyer and Monica Reuber.

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 talked with the company who will be doing the striping on the feedlot road and they estimate starting in three weeks. The bridge project at 20E has started. The bridge has been formed and they are moving forward. Herskowitz was invited to attend an Upper Solomon/Saline Floodwater zoom meeting on June 9. Herskowitz showed photos of grass coming up on county roads. Weed department will start spraying to kill off before blading/dragging. There was discussion about spraying of weeds. Turley will get bids for Tordon and LD6 and order 360 gallons of each at the lowest bid. At 8:13, Wes Bainter made a motion to enter into executive session or a period of 15 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Joe Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Present were the board, Pratt, Bracht, Herskowitz and Turley. The door opened at 8:30. Mader made a motion to accept the bid from JT Grader Service in the amount of \$1,000 for road work at 90-100S/40W. Joe Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Mader made a motion, seconded by Joe Bainter to approve and sign the Road Repair Agreement with JT Grader Service. Carried 3-0. There was a discussion on tires being accepted at the landfill. Tires will now be accepted at the landfill at the same rate that the county will be charged when picked up. The rates apply to individuals and businesses.

Pratt stated he will reach out to the attorney handling the oil tax appeal this week. Contact was made with the individual in the northern part of Sheridan County and he will consider making an offer on the property.

Joe Bainter made a motion, seconded by Mader to approve the June 3, 2022 payroll as presented. Carried 3-0.

The May 31, 2022 minutes were approved on a motion by Wes Bainter and second by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0.

Bracht presented a quote from NexTech to replace the backup unit that has gone bad. Permission was given to purchase. Amount of the estimate is \$930.00. Wes Bainter made a motion to name Evan Turley Noxious Weed Director effective immediately. Mader seconded. Carried 3-0. Mader made a motion to give Turley a raise in the amount of \$1.00/hr. seconded by Wes Bainter. Carried 3-0. Normal raise will be considered in December when all other raises are reviewed.

Karen Lewis, Karl Pratt and Jenna Pierson, NexTech Intern from the Historical Society came to the table to present the request for the Historical Society's budget. Pratt stated they have a committee that is meeting to get the project going for the new building and working with museum experts to make sure the plan is good for what they need. The Historical Society is requesting the \$30,000 budget be increased by an additional \$15,000 which Pratt stated will help with additional needs of staffing, building preparation expense and IT service. Lewis & Pratt stated the Historical Society is reserving \$150,000 of the Toothaker money for the building project and the remaining \$100,000 will be endowed with the Sheridan County Community foundation for future needs. Lewis will get with Jim Myers for an expense/income report that Bracht will distribute to the board. Lewis stated she is working with the Presbyterian Church which is closing

to obtain some of their history for the museum. Pratt stated they hoped to finalize the building design at the next meeting. It was stated they are requesting \$10,000 from the City of Hoxie. The board thanked Lewis for coming.

Karl Pratt remained at the table to discuss the budget for Economic Development. Pratt is requesting an additional \$5,000 be added to the \$15,000 normally budgeted as well as an \$15,000 for economic development programs. The board thanked everyone for coming.

At 9:30, Wes Bainter made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 15 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Mader seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Present were the board and Bracht.

Bracht presented the budget requests for the Clerk's office, which increased by \$1,000, the general fund and Elections which both remained the same. Shirley Niermeier, Sheridan County Treasurer, presented the budget request for her office which included a 4% raise in personal services. The budget itself did not increase. Marie Jones, Register of Deeds, presented the 2023 budget for her office. Jones' budget is increasing by \$8,000 to cover the cost of jacket covers for 26 old ledger books, salaries and meetings. Don Koerperich, Emergency Manager, presented his budget which reflected a decrease in total budget but increase in the personal service line item.

Wes Bainter made a motion to amend the Agenda to include Chad Koster, CEO of the Sheridan County Health Complex. At 10:10, 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, Bracht and Koster. The door opened at 10:21 with no decision.

The following payroll was approved by the board as presented:

General	\$ 58,226.24	Road & Bridge	\$ 15,504.58
Public Transp	\$ 1,120.00		

At 10:21 a.m. with 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 14, 2022 at 8:00 in the courthouse main floor foyer.

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

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Chairman