

Now on this 19<sup>th</sup> of July, 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 and County Clerk Heather Bracht. Guests were Carolyn Meyer and 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.

Bracht shared with the board the email from Sara McDonald with the City of Oakley Dispatch regarding the Dispatch Agreement. McDonald stated in her email that she had quickly reviewed the Sheridan County Dispatch's protocol book and thought there would be no problem with dispatching. She was to meet with the City Council Monday night and we would be in contact with each other today.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor, came to the table. Herskowitz distributed a picture of the Elk Ranch bridge project so the board was able to see the progress. A bid was presented by JT Grader Service LLC for work on 150W from 50S-130S in the amount of \$8,000. This bid was for shoulder work, filling low center, drainage issues on hills, fix ditches and general road maintenance. Wes Bainter made a motion to accept the bid in the amount of \$8,000 from JT Grader Service LLC. Joe Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Herskowitz stated they patched the bridge at 100E. The road department is currently doing some dirt work on the new low water crossing located at 20E and should finish today. The crews are also doing a little blading. The board and Herskowitz discussed Adam Teeter not yet completing the road work on 60N. Herskowitz stated that Teeter hoped to get started in a couple of weeks. The board discussed whether someone else needed to be contacted to complete the job but agreed it was Teeter's job and he needed to complete it. The board briefly discussed mowing. The board discussed bridge #56 and #58 and whether to work with KDOT and an engineering firm. Herskowitz was advised to go ahead and start tearing out and hauling off bridge #58 and it will be put out for bid in the next few weeks. Herskowitz stated they would need to order fuel in the next few weeks.

Don Koerperich, Emergency Manager, came to the table. Koerperich presented a Participation Plan which needed signed by the chairman. Koerperich stated he is the representative for Sheridan County and will attend the meetings required. The Plan was approved and signed by the chairman. Koerperich stated there is a tabletop exercise being planned for the first or second week in September. The exercise will be for an active shooter in schools. More information to come.

Brandon Carver, Sheriff, came to the table. Carver presented the Agreement for Law Enforcement and Dispatch Services between the City of Selden and Sheridan County Commissioners. The City of Selden is revising the amount paid to the Sheriff's Department for law enforcement services from \$500/mth. to \$1,000/mth. By consensus the board approved and signed the Agreement. The board and Carver discussed the Dispatch Agreement. There are some concerns but the board stated that everyone needs to pool their resources, we can't solve problems by standing still.

Shirley Niermeier, Treasurer, came to the table and distributed 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter financial information for the county. Niermeier reiterated to the board that she is an agent for the State of Kansas and she collects tax dollars for the State of Kansas and all the entities in Sheridan County. Niermeier discussed several of the funds and the balance in those funds. Niermeier continued stating that she has received approximately 95% of the taxes due so there will be minimal money coming in till the end of the year. Niermeier stated that \$1,456,825 were the expenses for the

first six months of the year for general and \$688,127 were expenses for road & bridge for the first six months. Five severed mineral parcels were sold at the tax sale and brought \$170. The 2021 delinquent tax list will be put in the paper in August. There is currently \$214,648.45 in delinquent taxes.

Mader made a motion, seconded by Joe Bainter to approve the July 12, 2022 minutes as amended. Carried 3-0.

The July 15, 2022 payroll was approved on a motion by Joe Bainter and second by Wes Bainter. Carried 3-0.

Bracht contacted Sara McDonald, Dispatcher for City of Oakley about the Dispatch Agreement. McDonald stated the city council conditionally approved the Agreement. McDonald will contact VLS Communications about the radio equipment, Interpol for the CAD system and will talk with Dana Hess, Sheridan County Dispatch about how EMS and fire personnel are paged, etc. McDonald will get estimates back to Bracht prior to approving and signing the Agreement.

Jim Myers, CPA came to the table. There was discussion about funds and it was decided there would be a line item for mowing and dragging in the road & bridge fund. The board and Myers discussed the income being lower in road & bridge and the problems it creates as far as the ability to transfer money to the Special Highway or Special Machinery funds. After much discussion Wes Bainter made a motion to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR), increasing the mill levy by 5 mills. Mader seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Myers advised the board that the Rural Fire Department was exceeding the RNR as well. Joe Bainter made a motion, seconded by Wes Bainter, to approve setting the RNR hearing as well as the budget hearing for both the county and Rural Fire on Tuesday, August 30, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. Carried 3-0. The board agreed to cover the cost for the Agreed Upon Procedure that needs to be completed for the fire department. Jim Myers will complete the document which is a lower level than a full blown audit.

The following payroll was approved by the board as presented:

General	\$ 84,198.86	Road & Bridge	\$ 24,945.35
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At 10:39 a.m. with no further business, Wes Bainter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mader. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, July 26, 2022 at 8:00 in the courthouse main floor foyer.

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

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Chairman