

Now on this 20th day of September, 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. 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 presented correspondence from Sheriff Brandon Carver to the board requesting approval of retiring and transferring ownership of K9 Dak to Deputy Adam Babcock. Dak is approximately seven years old and due to health and age needs to be retired. All care and financial responsibility would be Deputy Babcock's. Wes Bainter made a motion to accept the retirement of Dak seconded by Buck Mader. Carried 3-0. Wes Bainter made a motion to approve the Cereal Malt Beverage License for Studley Tire for the 2022/2023 year. Joe Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. Joe Bainter stated he had received an email from an employee about vacation and holiday pay. They would like back the one day that was taken away at Christmas this year. The board discussed holidays and it is something that will be reviewed annually as it always is. Mader discussed road 80E and the cattle guards. Pratt gave the history of the fences, etc.

Joe Bainter made a motion to approve the September 13, 2022 minutes as presented. Mader seconded. Carried 3-0.

Joe Broeckelman was recognized. Broeckelman stated he drove the Y east of Selden and it needs some work. Broeckelman was advised that Venture Corporation is in the area and is to get us a bid for repairing the road. There was discussion about Kyle Ahlenstorf who won the August primary election for Commissioner District #1 and whether it was a conflict of interest. Pratt stated he had read the statute and it doesn't appear it is but he has asked for an Attorney General's opinion. The concern is that if elected and he is not able to vote on things concerning the hospital or public health, he is not fully representing his constituents. Broeckelman stated there are a lot of signs down in the Selden area and he has let Herskowitz know. Broeckelman asked about the budget and was advised the mil levy went up. There was discussion about the inflation factor with commodities, not just diesel. Broeckelman suggested maybe the county could get contracts protecting the price of certain commodities.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor, came to the table. There was discussion about how much fuel storage the county has. Herskowitz advised the board he had applied for the Local Road Safety Plan so has been trying to hold off purchasing signs. The lines have been painted on the feedlot road. Two white lines on each side and then there will be a dashed center line up to the feedlot and solid center line to the bridge. Herskowitz has been contact by Southern Star about working the road if they purchase and haul crushed concrete. Herskowitz is to inspect the product. Jerol DeBoer, Penco Engineering, came to the table. DeBoer stated the bridge in the northern part of the county still has several weeks before completion. DeBoer submitted the Cost Share Application last week for the road work on Sheridan Ave. from Main Street to 10W. The DWR Application for Bridge #58 should be submitted by the end of the week and should take approximately two months to get permitted. At 9:00 bids were opened for Bridge #56. Reese Construction bid was \$224,055.84; Sporer Land Development \$198,687 and L & M \$310,651.00. Joe Bainter made a motion to accept the low bid from Sporer Land Development in the amount of \$198,687.00 for Bridge #56. Mader seconded. Carried 3-0. Mark Huber from Sporer Land Development was present and stated it will be completed this year, starting in November. DeBoer will sign the notice of Award. DeBoer exited the meeting. Herskowitz presented a bid for road work on 80N/110-130W from JT Grader Service in the amount of \$4,000. Work would include cutting down the high banks, widening the road and general

maintenance. Wes Bainter made a motion to approve the bid from JT Grader Service in the amount of \$4,000 seconded by Mader. Carried 3-0.

At 9:19 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, September 27, 2022 at 8:00 in the courthouse main floor foyer.

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman