

Now on this 20th day of December, 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 the Sheridan Sentinel and Kyle Ahlenstorf.

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 & Supervisor came to the table. Herskowitz stated the Hansen grant application had been signed and submitted for the can compactor at recycling. The concrete has been poured on Bridge #56. There was discussion about the project in the northeast part of the county. Herskowitz stated they will look at a lease with Teel for the rock out of his pit. The board and Herskowitz discussed the road work to be done on 10W. Joe Bainter asked that Herskowitz talk with Penco Engineering about funding for the 6/10th mile east of Selden. Herskowitz will get cost estimate to Foote for the road from the "T" at 10W south to his home. At 8:17 Wes Bainter made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 10 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Joe Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. Present were the board, Herskowitz, Bracht and Pratt. The door opened at 8:28 no decision.

County Attorney Pratt presented the Resolution pertaining to the vacating a portion of the alley on property owned by Birdie Reynolds in Studley. The board approved and signed the Resolution.

Bracht presented three Treasurer Abatements which were approved and signed on a motion by Wes Bainter and second by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0.

The Lucerne Cemetery Mowing Agreement was presented for the period January 1, 2023 – January 1, 2025 between the county and Travis and Lindsey Brewster. Joe Bainter made a motion to approve and sign the Agreement seconded by Mader. Carried 3-0. Bracht will send to Brewster for signature.

Bracht will contact Darren Booth with Theel Insurance about the proposal they have to piggy back with Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

At 8:42, Mader made a motion to enter into executive session for 15 minutes for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel. Wes Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. Present were the board and Bracht. The door opened at 9:00.

Mader made a motion to approve and sign Resolution No.'s 22-86 and 22-112 transferring money from Road & Bridge to Landfill Capital Outlay and Special Highway seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0. Joe Bainter made a motion to approve the various Resolutions pertaining to wages and Resolution No. 23-31 designating county holidays, payroll and warrant dates and commissioner meeting dates. Mader seconded. Carried 3-0.

The board discussed fund transfers and tax dollars. Wes Bainter stated Sheridan County is more responsible compared to other counties and is doing well financially but believes the reserve is too high.

December 16, 2022 payroll was approved on a motion by Mader and second by Wes Bainter. Carried 3-0.

Wes Bainter made a motion to approve the December 13, 2022 minutes as amended. Joe Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0.

Mader advised the board he had talked with the city about the parking lot at the Swap Shop. The city will not fix the potholes. Mader talked with Herskowitz at road & bridge and they will take care of the pothole north of the Swap Shop. There was discussion about who mows the airport. Joe Bainter stated the county always did. Bracht will check with Herskowitz.

At 9:25 a.m. with no further business, Wes Bainter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mader. Carried 3-0. The last meeting of the year will be Wednesday, December 28, 2022 at 8:00 in the courthouse main floor foyer.

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman