

Now on this 12th day of December, 2023, the Board of Commissioners, Sheridan County, Kansas met in regular session with Chairman Mike "Buck" Mader presiding. Other members present were Kyle Ahlenstorf, Joe Bainter, Joe Pratt County Attorney and County Clerk Heather Bracht. Guests were The Sheridan Sentinel and David Stithem.

At 8:00 a.m. Mader 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 advised the board that one of the CAT blades is currently getting the filter cleaned. This happens every 5,000 hours. A bill for a CAT software program which allows Herskowitz to sign into and troubleshoot problems, gives repair support, tech information and document sharing was presented. The cost is \$1,499/annually. Mader made a motion to approve the renewal of this program, seconded by Bainter. Carried 3-0. The backhoe has to have some repairs made to it at an estimated cost of \$12,079.50. Bainter made a motion to repair the backhoe seconded by Ahlenstorf. Carried 3-0. This repair will come out of the 2024 budget. An individual contacted Herskowitz and stated he had lost a spare tire off his new pickup and then a few days later hit a bump pulling an anhydrous tank, lost the pin and the tank flipped. Herskowitz advised the individual the county does not pay for damages to vehicles on county roads. There was discussion on various roads and work that is being done.

Pratt gave a brief update on a mowing agreement.

Mader made a motion, seconded by Bainter, to approve and sign the Treasurer abatements presented. Carried 3-0.

Bracht advised the board that the Republican Party for Commissioner District #1 and the chairman, vice-chair and secretary had met on December 5, 2023 to interview and nominate a candidate to replace Commissioner Kyle Ahlenstorf. David Stithem was nominated and his name was sent to Governor Kelly for approval and Secretary of State Schwab. Stithem will be sworn in on December 27, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.

The December 5, 2023 minutes were approved as presented and the December 12, 2023 warrants were approved on a motion by Bainter and second by Ahlenstorf. Carried 3-0.

Dana Hess, Communications, came to the table. Hess advised the board she has not been able to find a grant to pay for the painting of the tower south of town. Hess advised the board that NexTech had advised her that Sheridan County was out of compliance due to the condition of the tower. E911 funds cannot be used to paint the tower. Mader made a motion, seconded by Ahlenstorf, to accept the bid from United Tower in the amount of \$7,320 to paint the tower. Carried 3-0. This will be done when the weather warms up. The FAA will be contacted and advised of plans so a ticket will be started. Hess advised the board that Andrew Burkhart from A&S Technologies provides the IT support for the Sheriff's office, specifically the server and firewall. A bill was presented in the amount of \$7,298/annually for a three year period. Bainter made a motion to accept the IT Agreement with A&S Technologies in the amount of \$7,298/annually for three years. Ahlenstorf seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. A&S Technologies also manages the camera system at the Sheriff's office.

Sheriff Carver and Undersheriff Diercks came to the table. Carver presented a bid from Superior Emergency Response Vehicles in the amount of \$5,850 for a K-9 transport system and K-9 heat/cool system. This will be paid for out of the 2023 K-9 fund. Ahlenstorf moved to approve the purchase of the K-9 equipment seconded by Mader. Carried 3-0. This equipment will go in the new Tahoe once it arrives, probably July, 2024. Carver next presented bids for dashcams for the patrol vehicles. The bid from Axon Enterprise, Inc. was for five dashcams, which included the spare law enforcement vehicle. The cost for the five year lease was \$66,099, broken out \$6,609.96 year one (2024); \$13,219.80 year two and \$15,423.08 each year for the next three years. This would come out of the sheriff expense line item. Mader made a motion to approve the purchase of the dashcams from Axon Enterprise at a cost of \$66,099. Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. Carver will check with Police Chief Paul Wisinger and see if this is something the city would be interested in purchasing as well. At 9:27 Mader made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of five minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. Present were the board, Bracht, Carver, Diercks and Pratt. The door opened at 9:34. Mader made a motion to extend the executive session for a period of five minutes. Ahlenstorf seconded. Carried 3-0. The door opened at 9:42 with no decision being made. Carver will talk with Chief Wisinger about coming in and meeting with the commissioners about the potential of more call time for county law enforcement.

Jordan Riley and Deb Kaufman representing EMS came to the table. Riley presented a bid for a full body vacuum splint to replace an old one that has leaks. Cost of the splint is \$1,109.99. Bainter made a motion to approve purchasing the vacuum splint seconded by Ahlenstorf. Carried 3-0. Riley asked for permission to purchase a King Vision video laryngoscope at a cost of \$1,899. Riley stated this instrument is the best option for getting a tube in the right place. Mader made a motion to approve the purchase of the laryngoscope seconded by Ahlenstorf. Carried 3-0. There are also miscellaneous items which are needed for having a paramedic on board. The board stated that they are not going to blow money and zero the expense line item out. Riley understands this. The board was advised that they are still working on the KRAF grant for the Zoll heart monitor. Riley suggests we purchase one out of the current budget, costing \$43,285.71 which would deplete the EMS capital outlay fund. They would still try and get funding for another monitor next year. Ahlenstorf suggests applying to the Patterson Family Foundation for help with the dollars. Riley advised the board he is currently working on the protocols for having a paramedic on board. He and Kaufman meet with Dr. Doug Gruenbacher on Friday. At 10:07 Mader made a motion, seconded by 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, Kaufman, Riley and Pratt. The door opened at 10:21. Don Koerperich came to the table. The board advised Koerperich that nothing is changing with his position at this time. Riley stated things are going real well right now.

At 10:27 Mader made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 15 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. Present were the board and Bracht. The door opened at 10:43.

Ahlenstorf made a motion to approve Resolution No. 24-31 pertaining to meeting dates, payroll dates, warrant payable dates and county holidays. Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

The following warrants were approved and signed by the board:

General	\$ 3,141.71	Road & Bridge	\$ 25,467.28
Public Transp.	\$ 38.05	Conceal Carry	\$ 34.94
Forfeiture	\$ 1,610.00		

At 10:55 a.m. with no further business, Mader made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ahlenstorf. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, December 19, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. in the commissioner room.

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman