

Now on this 30th day of January, 2024, the Board of Commissioners, Sheridan County, Kansas met in regular session with Chairman Mike "Buck" Mader presiding. Other members present were Joe Bainter, David Stithem, Joe Pratt, County Attorney and County Clerk Heather Bracht. Guest was The Sheridan Sentinel.

At 8:00 a.m. Mader called the meeting to order.

Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Evan Turley, Noxious Weed Director, came to the table. Turley submitted information for the County Weed Directors annual conference to be held in Manhattan February 27-29. The hours earned by attending goes towards recertification. By consensus the board approved Turley attending the meeting. Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor, came to the table. Herskowitz had KDOT and Penco Engineering Agreements pertaining to Bridge 89 (Blackwill bridge). Bainter made a motion to sign the documents seconded by Stithem. Carried 3-0. The KDOT Agreement pertaining to replacement of the signage in Sheridan County was approved and signed on a motion by Mader and second by Stithem. Carried 3-0. This is scheduled as a 2025 project. The notice for the paper will be changed to reflect sending bid information to the County Clerk and not to the Road & Bridge department. Herskowitz received bids for tire chains. Wellborn had a bid for \$2,858 and William Tire a bid for \$3,488. Mader made a motion to approve the bid from William Tire in the amount of \$3,488 for two sets of chains for size 14.00 tires and two sets of chains for size 17.5 tires. Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. The board and Herskowitz discussed snowshoes for the snowplows. A bid was received from L & M Steel. The board asked that Herskowitz visit with Vitus Meier to see if this is something he could do. Herskowitz received a call that the Seguin bridge is breaking out on the sides. There are two graders left to go through then they are all finished. They will all be moved back out in the county today. There was a brief discussion about equipment. The board and Herskowitz briefly discussed Hwy 23 roadwork. The county will do some work on 10E this spring. This year, KDOT should begin culvert and dirt work on Hwy 23. In 2025, the shutdown on Hwy 23 is tentatively scheduled. There was a brief discussion about Sheridan Ave. to 10W. The planking has been moved to the "Cressler" bridge. Herskowitz stated that the only way to keep people off the road is to put dirt across it. The board advised to close the road and get it repaired.

Pratt had nothing to report.

Mader made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Abatements as presented, seconded by Stithem. Carried 3-0.

Bainter made a motion to approve the January 26, 2024 payroll as presented. Stithem seconded. Carried 3-0.

The January 30, 2024 warrants were approved on a motion by Mader and second by Bainter. Carried 3-0.

Mader made a motion to approve the January 23, 2024 minutes as amended. Stithem seconded. Carried 3-0.

The IT Services Agreement with IOT on Main Street was reviewed. The board has some questions which Bracht will talk with IOT about. The board will discuss and sign at the next meeting.

At 9:15 Bainter made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 30 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Stithem seconded. Carried 3-0. Present were the board, Bracht and Pratt. At 9:45, the door opened and Bainter made a motion to extend the executive session for a period of 30 minutes. Mader seconded. Carried 3-0. Present were the board and Bracht. The door opened at 10:17 with Mader making a motion to extend the executive session for a period of 15 minutes. Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. The door opened at 10:31 with no decision being made. The board will talk again about the personnel handbook and make all the changes, if any, at once.

Stithem advised the board he would be attending the Northwest Kansas Planning & Development meeting on Wednesday evening via Zoom.

The following payroll and warrants were approved and signed by the board:

General	\$ 168,713.48	Road & Bridge	\$ 87,825.40
Noxious Weed	\$ 2,980.36	Public Transp	\$ 1,184.65
Landfill	\$ 2,414.80	E911	\$ 2,996.18

At 10:55 a.m. with no further business, Bainter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Stithem. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. in the commissioner room.

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman