

Now on this 6th day of February, 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.

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 the CAT road maintenance class has been scheduled for February 21 & 22, weather permitting. This will be for six of the newer guys. A refresher class will be scheduled later for everyone else. The grant project for the commercial can crusher ends February 14, 2024. The county will pay the balance for the unit and then will be reimbursed. The crusher will be kept at recycling and will crush cans and aluminum which will be baled. The motor in the blade has been taken out and the blade will need to have the motor overhauled or a new motor. This is the unit that is in North Platte, NE. After discussion, Mader made a motion to approve the new motor at a cost of \$68,418 which includes a three-year warranty. Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. There was a brief discussion about rotating of graders. The board discussed repairs that need to be made on some of the machines. Herskowitz will bring information pertaining to extending warranties on some of the equipment. On a motion by Stithem and second by Mader approval was given to purchase a new printer/fax machine for the road & bridge department at a cost of \$599 through Quill. Carried 3-0. Herskowitz was advised to see if there is a government program out there or a trade-in allowance. Herskowitz advised the board that a road which had been worked recently at 90S/100-130W had the bottom fall out. The individual who had worked the road will go back and redo what is needed as soon as it dries out. Road & bridge crews went out and just pushed the mud out of the road. Herskowitz stated he reminded the guys that they need to check roads after storms. The roads aren't done until the next storm. There was more discussion about other roads that need work in the county. Trees overhanging the road should just be pushed down. Herskowitz distributed a "work" map for the board to look it. The map reflects work that needs done such as elevating, major and light shoulder work and spreading of millings/gravel on roads. The board and Herskowitz briefly discussed tires at the landfill.

Pratt advised the board he would be sending out a letter to one of the mowers advising that his contract was being assigned to another individual. Pratt was advised by the Treasurer that one of the micro loan accounts is delinquent. He will send out a collection letter.

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

The 2024 Agreement for Services with Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas (DSNWK) was approved and signed by the board on a motion by Stithem and second by Mader. Carried 3-0. The Agreement states Sheridan County supports DSNWK and budgets \$48,000 for the services they perform.

Mader made a motion to approve and sign the Resolution naming The Sheridan Sentinel as the official county newspaper. Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0.

The IT Services Agreement with IOT on Main Street was approved and signed on a motion by Mader and second by Bainter. Carried 3-0.

Mader made a motion to approve the January 30, 2024 minutes as presented. Stithem seconded. Carried 3-0.

At 9:23 Mader made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 30 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. Present were the board, Bracht and Pratt. The door opened at 9:53 and Mader made a motion to extend the executive session for a period of 20 minutes. Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. The door opened at 10:13 with no decision being made. Courthouse department heads will be asked to come to the February 13, 2024 meeting.

At 10:13 a.m. with no further business, Mader made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bainter. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. in the commissioner room.

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman