

Now on this 12th day of March, 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.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor and Evan Turley, Noxious Weed Director, came to the table. Turley presented the State Contract for treatment of noxious weeds. After discussion, by consensus the contract was approved and signed by the board. Turley gave an update on the prairie dog locations he has been treating. Herskowitz stated they have finished pulling the bad differential out of #252 grader. Will be able to pick up the new one in Great Bend as soon as it arrives. CAT is coming this week to do a class for the more experienced employees. A bid was received from JT Grader Service LLC for work on 100N/50-70E. This would include shoulder work, dirt work, drainage and shaping the road. The estimate was \$4,000 for this two-mile stretch. Mader made a motion to approve the estimate, seconded by Stithem. Carried 3-0. The road & bridge department will follow behind with gravel and get it worked in. A magnet was used last week on a road. By consensus, the board approved purchasing two more at a cost of \$475/each. The can crusher showed up on Monday. Meyer Electric will come sometime this week and put a cord in. The crack in the girder on the "Cressler" bridge was found. Herskowitz stated they will splice it together with a piece of steel and bolt it. The Cost Share application was submitted for use on the "Y" east of Selden. Pat Haffner has offered some "superior" fill dirt to be used on the roads in Tasco but wants the problem areas by his home fixed first. The board asked Herskowitz to check the bridge at Paul Haffner's home, the end could be plugged. There was a brief discussion about the south Hwy 23 project and various other roads.

At 8:38 Mader made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 10 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Stithem seconded. Carried 3-0. Present were the board, Pratt, Bracht and Herskowitz. At 8:48, the door opened and Bainter made a motion, seconded by Stithem, to extend the executive session for a period of 10 minutes. Carried 3-0. The door opened at 8:55 with no decision being made.

Pratt stated he had received back the executed Assignment of Mowing Contract from Dustin Shaw.

Stithem made a motion to approve and sign the various Treasurer Change Orders as presented. Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0.

A bill from Secure Tech Systems, Inc. was received for the WAVE panic button system. The amount of the bill is \$5,005.50 and is for a two year warranty extension, replacement batteries and service. Bainter made a motion to approve and pay Secure Tech for the panic button system warranty and supplies. Stithem seconded. Carried 3-0.

The board and Bracht discussed the valuation notice received for the old Neuenschwander clinic located on Main St. The valuation increased substantially. There was a discussion about the NexTech/Vyve transition happening. The appraiser truck needs new struts on the front and shocks on the back. Bids were received from Hoxie Ag in the amount of \$826.78 and from Great Western Tire of Hoxie in the amount

of \$977.49, which included alignment of the truck. On a motion by Mader and second from Bainter the bid from Great Western Tire of Hoxie in the amount of \$977.49 was approved. Carried 3-0. There was a discussion about road 10W and how fast cars go. Bracht was approached by a concerned citizen and two of the commissioners stated they have had comments made to them by two different individuals about the cars going too fast as well. There was a brief discussion about the sheriff's vehicles.

Stithem made a motion seconded by Mader to approve the March 5, 2024 minutes as amended. Carried 3-0.

The March 8, 2024 payroll and March 12, 2024 warrants were approved on a motion by Stithem and second by Bainter. Carried 3-0.

Bracht reminded the board that there is no meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 as that is the Presidential Preference Primary Election.

The following payroll and warrants were reviewed and approved:

General	\$ 78,859.59	Road & Bridge	\$ 24,052.33
Noxious Weed	\$ 2,503.44	Public Transp	\$ 1,047.80
Landfill	\$ 1,909.03	VIN	\$ 96.20

At 9:29 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, March 26, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. in the commissioner room.

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman