

Now on this 30th day of April, 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, Harry Joe Pratt County Attorney and County Clerk Heather Bracht. Guest was The Sheridan Sentinel.

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

Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor came to the table. Bids were received from Murphy Tractor, Welborn Sales and Foley Tractor for 540 grader edges. After reviewing the bids Mader made a motion, seconded by Stithem, to accept the low bid from Welborn Sales in the amount of \$35,580.60. Carried 3-0. Lenny Patmon was recognized. Patmon asked the board what the prairie dog policy is. The board stated when they are reported they are treated. Patmon stated on 4-9-29 they have expanded into the whole pasture. Herskowitz will advise Evan Turley, Noxious Weed Director. Patmon and Gary Reitcheck exited the meeting. Herskowitz stated CAT had presented another class last week and he feels the men have had more than enough training to know what they are doing. Employees will learn shouldering so that when they are not blading roads, the shoulders can be pulled. There was discussion about roads, ricks, etc. Dan Campbell contacted Herskowitz about trees growing on the west end of Sheridan Ave. Herskowitz agrees that they need to be removed prior to doing any of the ditch work. There was a brief discussion about a solid waste grant application that could be used to help purchase a side or end dump. The board suggested maybe the equipment could be rented from a local person. The grain bins on the south side of the road (golf course) need removed. Herskowitz will contact the owner. Scott Foote advised Herskowitz that he has no interest in leasing the gravel pit to the county. The county removed what they had already pulled out, approximately 200 loads, and stockpiled it at the landfill. Herskowitz distributed mower and tractor information. Herskowitz has been in contact with KDOT about the water well. KDOT has reached out to Midwest Energy but has heard no response back yet. Herskowitz advised he will be attending a supervisor meeting in Wakeeney on May 8. Herskowitz hopes to get the cleaning up done at the Cressler bridge this week. Bids were opened for the four pickups for sale in the road & bridge department. Stithem made a motion to accept the high bid from Clyde Kirschenmon for the 1998 Chevy 2500 2WD in the amount of \$1,526. Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. The \$1,800 bid was accepted from Ron Bracht for the 1994 Ford Ranger on a motion by Stithem and second from Mader. Carried 3-0. Stithem made a motion, seconded by Mader, to accept the high bid of \$1,551 from Clyde Kirschenmon for the 1998 Ford F150. Carried 3-0. The high bid from Treydon Herskowitz in the amount of \$1,710 for the 2008 Chevy was approved on a motion by Stithem and second by Mader. Carried 3-0. The letter to be sent to the individuals mowing was briefly discussed. Mader made a motion to approve and sign the Road Maintenance Agreement with Scott Foote for maintenance on 10W from Hwy 24 south including Sheridan Ave. from 4th St. to the Cemetery. Stithem seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

The letter of support to the Patterson Family Trust for the Sheridan County Health Complex was approved and signed on a motion by Mader and second by Bainter. Carried 3-0. The request is for funds to help with maintenance on the old dental office on Main Street. Bracht will contact IOT on Main Street about IT work.

Sheriff Brandon Carver came to the table. Carver gave an update on Deputy Cousin's vehicle. The vehicle is currently at Jack's in Grainfield for repairs. The board and Carver talked briefly about other law enforcement vehicle options.

Jeff Stewart, Eric Oelschlager and Jim Riener from KDOT came to the table. There was a discussion about the Highway 23 roadwork. Stewart stated the bids would be let in June with the approximate date of March – November of 2025 for the work to be done. The bids go directly to KDOT so they should know by the end of June if there is a contract. There was discussion about other issues with the closing of the highway.

Mader made a motion to amend the agenda to include Bob Borger and Alice Ziegler from the Swap Shop. Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. There had been a leak on the roof and they wanted to know who would pay for the repairs. The county carries the insurance on the Swap Shop building but has never paid for any type of repairs. The board stated they are not opposed to helping, especially if there is a roof problem. Borger and Ziegler stated that most of the time it is a small matter that they can take care of themselves. Borger will have someone check out the roof to make sure it is fine.

Bracht will contact KDHE and advise that the board approved the offer for the easement, fence and moving of the well.

Stithem made a motion to approve the April 30, 2024 warrants as presented. Mader seconded. Carried 3-0. Several bills were clarified.

On a motion by Bainter and second by Stithem the April 23, 2024 minutes were approved as presented. Carried 3-0.

The following warrants were approved:

General	\$ 57,136.06	Road & Bridge	\$ 133,715.84
Nox Weed	\$ 11,833.33	Public Transp	\$ 815.55
Landfill	\$ 1,265.37	Forfeiture	\$ 185.72
Spec Hwy	\$ 6,000.00	VIN	\$ 59.69
ROD Tech	\$ 1,237.04	E911	\$ 6,897.42

At 10:15 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, May 7, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. in the commissioner room.

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman