

Now on this 4th day of June, 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 and County Clerk Heather Bracht. Guest was Kyle Emigh.

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. There was a brief discussion about the work being done in Tasco. The cardboard went out Thursday and the plastics should go out soon. Herskowitz spoke with someone about the maintenance on the feedlot road and 10W and it is recommended the road be chip sealed every 2-3 years but to address problems early. Crack seal is another option. There are several road projects and culvert work going on. The excavator has been repaired and will be picked up. The landfill and the different cells were discussed.

Jordan Riley, EMS Director, came to the table. Riley distributed additional information for the board to review pertaining to his 2025 budget request. There was much discussion about the current volunteer situation and filling the schedule, especially on the weekends. The board was in agreement that Riley needed to have a meeting with current EMT’s so they are aware of the situation and what he is proposing. The board stated there would have to be more discussions.

Karl Pratt, Executive Director Economic Development and Levi Gleason, Intern, came to the table. Pratt distributed information for his 2025 budget requests and discussed with the board changes that would be coming. Funding has become available to compensate Pratt as the Director for the Sheridan County Community Foundation but he would strictly do foundation work. A part-time program officer with emphasis on economic development will be hired as soon as possible. Funding was briefly discussed.

Sheriff Carver, Undersheriff Diercks and Dana Hess, Communications came to the table to discuss the Sheriff’s department 2025 budget request. Carver distributed deposit information from 2023 and 2024. Carver is asking that the money to fund a new law enforcement vehicle comes from these deposits. There were no questions about his budget requests. There was a brief discussion about the dash cams, body cams and vests. At 10:06, Mader made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 5 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. Present were the board, Bracht, Carver and Diercks. The door opened at 10:11 with no further discussion.

On a motion by Bainter and second by Stithem the May 28, 2024 minutes were approved as amended. Carried 3-0.

Mader made a motion to approve the May 31, 2024 payroll as presented. Stithem seconded. Carried 3-0.

The board continued the discussion about budget as it pertained to Economic Development, Sheriff’s department and EMS.

The following payroll was reviewed and approved:

General	\$ 65,276.58	Road & Bridge	\$ 20,711.74
Noxious Weed	\$ 2,209.38	Landfill	\$ 1,976.00
Public Transp	\$ 836.50		

At 11:07 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, June 11, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. in the commissioner room.

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman