

Now on this 11th 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, Harry Joe Pratt County Attorney and County Clerk Heather Bracht. Guests were The Sheridan Sentinel, Dwayne Kersenbrock and Vic Bielser.

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 distributed an estimate from JT Grader Service for work on 40N/90-110W in the amount of \$3,000. The work would include pulling shoulders, fixing drainage, spread and pack material and blade proper crown. Mader made a motion to accept the bid seconded by Stithem. Carried 3-0. There was a brief discussion about the storm damage to equipment and the shops. Herskowitz will get the list to Bracht this morning. The board appreciated the landfill being open late on Saturday and open on Sunday. Herskowitz has started paperwork for disaster relief for all the extra materials that were hauled to the landfill over the weekend. There was discussion about some of the graders and problems they have had. Dwayne Kersenbrock was recognized. He would like the road to be closed at 20S/50W. Pratt thinks this is just a field road and there was never a road there but will do some further research. Herskowitz will check the map at the shop. Vic Bielser was recognized. Bielser would like the culvert cleaned out on 10E/20S. The tube is not exposed. Herskowitz stated this is something they can get to today or tomorrow. Viktorija Briggs was recognized. Briggs would like a "No Jake Brake" sign possibly put in at 60N/20W. Pratt will see what needs to be done.

Pratt presented the bill for appellate services in the amount of \$2,805. Bracht will check with the individuals who have filed for County Attorney and see if this is something they are interested in.

Tire bids were received for Carver's White Tahoe. On a motion by Stithem and second from Mader, the low bid of \$976 for four tires from Studley Tire was approved. Carried 3-0.

On a motion from Stithem and second from Bainter the June 11, 2024 warrants were approved as presented. Carried 3-0.

The June 4, 2024 minutes were approved as presented on a motion by Bainter and second from Stithem. Carried 3-0.

At 8:45, Mader made a motion, seconded by Stithem, to enter into executive session for a period of 15 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Carried 3-0. Present were the board and Bracht. The door opened at 9:00 with no decision being made.

Karen Lewis, Gina Schamberger and Roberta Shipley representing the Sheridan County Historical Society came to the table. Lewis distributed information about the programs and work that the Historical Society has done as well as their 2025 budget request. Lewis explained the Historical Society board have changed the plans as it pertains to a new building. Lewis distributed a picture of what the board is looking at and it would replace the Mickey Museum as it is now. She is currently working on some big grants. Lewis

continued by stating they put some thought into what they want to see. Maintenance questions were discussed. The 2025 budget request has increased by \$2,500.

Crystal Etherton, Secretary for the Sheridan County Library came to the table and presented information from the 2023 year and the request for money for 2025. The library is keeping their request at \$20,000, the same as last year. Etherton discussed several projects that have happened and plans for the future.

Stithem made a motion to amend the Agenda to include Sheriff Carver. Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. Carver and Dana Hess, Communications Director, discussed the various problems they have had with the phone service and the lack of service they feel they are receiving. There is no priority for the 911 service and this could be a liability for the county. If the phone isn't working, the county should not be paying for it. Bracht will contact someone with Vyve and invite them to the next commissioner meeting. Carver also stated that the generator had not kicked on when the power was lost on June 7. A service tech was to come and check it today.

Pratt returned to the meeting and stated that Jerol DeBoer from Penco Engineering is missing some signed paperwork. DeBoer was contacted via phone and advised that the board approves the base bid but that Foote will have to be contacted as it pertains to Additive #1 and Additive #2 (10W). DeBoer stated he would contact Foote.

The following warrants were reviewed and approved:

General	\$ 38,070.53	Road & Bridge	\$ 415.88
Noxious Weed	\$ 297.76	ARPA	\$ 42,043.75
Forfeiture	\$ 1,675.00	Public Transp	\$ 38.05

At 10:36 a.m. with no further business, Mader made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Stithem. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, June 18, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. in the commissioner room.

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman