

Now on this 18<sup>th</sup> 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. 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.

Mader made a motion to amend the agenda to include Andrea Cross from Options. Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. Cross discussed the services provided through Options and answered a few questions.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor came to the table. Herskowitz advised the board that a new culvert had been put in on 10E. There was discussion about the fencing that will be done at the landfill. There are currently three graders that have some problems. Review of some of the roads was discussed. The board and Herskowitz reviewed the counties policy on steel toed boots. It was tabled and will be further discussed at the next meeting. Herskowitz advised the board he had received the paperwork from the state for the landfill and the disaster relief funds. He will check with the state and see what end date he should show.

Pratt and the board discussed vacating a trail road on Dwayne Kersenbrock's property in the SW4 of 23-8-29. Pratt will proceed with talking with Kersenbrock and completing the necessary paperwork.

Jordan Riley, EMS Director came to the table. EMTs Kristen Allmer, Judi Feldt, Don Koerperich and Tracy Poppert were also in attendance. Riley stated the driveway in front of the ambulance bay seems to be sinking. Riley will contact Hoxie Concrete about this and what the options might be. Two cot batteries were ordered at a cost of \$965. The airport was closed down on Saturday through Sunday noon. Riley would like to have some involvement in the planning for next year. Riley advised the board that there was an EMS meeting on Monday, June 17 and 10 EMT's were in attendance. At the EMT meeting there were a few concerns voiced and Riley states he is pushing to get an EMT class going but there are only a couple interested individuals. There was discussion on what two full-time employees would be doing during their shifts. Riley stated that he has looked at community paramedicine which could be offered with the two full-time employees. The individuals would be required to stay at the EMS building but would not be on at the same time. A town hall could be put on to educate the public. The board advised Riley that because ag value has dropped so much and house values have gone up there is just no way the changes he wants to make can happen in 2025. It is an awful year to ask for more money. Everyone understands there needs to be a change but what the change is needs to continue being discussed. The board appreciates all the work Riley put into the information presented and they will help however they can. There were other options discussed but no decision was made. Riley will continue to work on promoting EMS and staffing.

A bid was presented from Heim TV for replacement of 14 heat/air conditioning units that had been damaged in the storm on June 7. Mader made a motion to approve the bid, seconded by Stithem. Carried 3-0. Approved expense was \$13,399.

Penco Engineering had sent information pertaining to the work on Sheridan Ave. to 10W and road 10W from Hwy 24 to Scott Foote's home. At this time, the county will only pay for their portion of the work to be done on Sheridan Ave. to 10W. No other decision was made as it pertained to financing work on 10W. Bracht will contact Scott Foote and invite him to an upcoming meeting. The KDOT documents were signed pertaining to the easements, moving of the monitoring well at the landfill and fencing for the work on Hwy. 23 South. Bracht had requested from Karl Pratt information on what he had done as Economic Development Director and that information was distributed to the board for review.

Stithem made a motion to approve the June 14, 2024 payroll as presented. Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0.

The June 11, 2024 minutes were approved as presented on a motion by Stithem and second by Mader. Carried 3-0.

The following payroll was reviewed and approved:

General	\$ 71,387.45	Road & Bridge	\$ 26,195.33
Noxious Weed	\$ 2,367.63	Public Transp	\$ 747.75
Landfill	\$ 1,959.38		

At 11:12 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 25, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. in the commissioner room.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk

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Chairman