

Now on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 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. The guests were Kyle Emigh, Dwayne Kersenbrock, Molly Wachendorfer and The Sheridan Sentinel.

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

Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bracht presented the Treasurer's Abatement which was approved and signed by the board on a motion by Stithem and second from Mader. Carried 3-0.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor came to the table. Herskowitz distributed and talked about the map that is laminated and shows where road work is being done. There was discussion about the bridge at 120N/40E and the individual who might be stranded at his home. The board discussed the bridge and the materials needed. By consensus, Herskowitz will contact Penco Engineering and get the documentation submitted. Herskowitz feels this would be a 7-10 day project. Bettis Asphalt has contacted Penco Engineering several times about the road work from Hwy 23 south to the Catholic Cemetery on 10W. Herskowitz was advised to ask them to contact the county. Several roads were discussed and the work that needs to be done on them. Herskowitz advised the board that the men are blading and hauling sand. Several roads are being worked on.

Pratt stated that Keith Kennedy would be coming in to talk about the fence he had erected and his desire for the county to pay half the cost.

Mader made a motion to approve the July 9, 2024 minutes as presented. Stithem seconded. Carried 3-0.

On a motion from Bainter and second from Stithem, the July 16, 2024 warrants were approved. Carried 3-0.

The July 12, 2024 payroll was approved on a motion from Stithem and second from Mader. Carried 3-0.

There was a brief discussion about the Agreement between Shepard, Follis and Kersenbrock. When that is finalized, there will be a hearing.

The Board stated to Herskowitz that there is a culvert barely in the ground at 110W/Hwy 83S about three-fourths of a mile with a big hole in it. There are flags up but it needs taken care of.

Keith Kennedy was recognized and came to the table to discuss the bill received for the fence he put in between Kennedy property and the landfill. Kennedy stated he had hired Chad Beckman to install the fence because his cows get out and into the landfill. Beckman informed him that he would only be responsible for one-half the bill, the county would be responsible for the other half. The board stated that Kennedy made the agreement with the contractor, not knowing that the county could be responsible for half the cost. There was no discussion with the board prior to doing the work. The board stated that the county could have had some of the material and labor but there was no

discussion. Kennedy stated that trash comes out of the C&D pit and the board stated they would discuss with Herskowitz what is being put in the pit. Kennedy discussed a road that needs work.

At 9:15 Mader opened the public hearing for the vacating of a road. The hearing will be put on hold until the Agreement is completed and signed by all parties. The vacating of the road is for conservation purposes only. Mader closed the hearing.

Chad Koster, CEO of the Sheridan County Health Complex came to the table. Koster advised the board they are changing the name of the health complex to AmberMed. The hospital, clinic and long term care facility will all fall under this title. Koster advised the board that Melanie Cooper was hired as a part-time public health nurse and will be there two days a week. The board was advised that the hospital is working on a grant for a sign that will be placed on the outside of the public health building with events or news. The grant work has not been completed yet for this project.

Jordan Riley, EMS Director and Don Koeperich, EMT entered the meeting. Riley has been in contact with Dan Campbell/Campbell Concrete about the parking area at the EMS building. Campbell will come out again but it appears to be a bigger job than originally thought. Riley had a Nursing Student Agreement from Colby Community College for students on the ambulance. Riley stated it is a very generalized agreement and more specific to nursing. Riley will clean up the document and give to Pratt to review. Riley is still working on getting a class together to start in possibly September. Three of the Zoll heart monitors need inspected at a total cost of \$1,020. By consensus, have them inspected. Riley will find out when the Stryker cots need inspected and explore grant opportunities. The board was advised that an AEMT from Goodland will be helping one weekend a month from Friday evening at 5:00 pm to Monday morning at 8:00 a.m. Riley distributed revised budget information which was discussed but no decision made. Mader made a motion to approve applying for a variance allowing for one technician and one driver for transfers on a stable patient. Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Riley will come back to continue the discussion on the budget.

Sheriff Carver and Undersheriff Diercks, Dana Hess and Glenda Schaffer entered the meeting. Taylor Cates with Vyve Broadband was contacted via phone. There are concerns about the response from Vyve when services have gone down. The response time is inadequate. Bracht will send documents/call logs to Taylor showing when there were problems and when they were resolved. This is a major liability for the county if citizens are unable to get through on 911. Carver stated if the problem is not resolved, he will request the commissioners switch from Vyve to another carrier. Taylor advised everyone that they need to call the 800 number to get a ticket opened. There was discussion about the camera system at the recycling center and it is determined that IOT or the camera salesperson need to get involved as well as for getting internet to the recycling building. Bracht will check with Riley about licensing for 365. Carver asked for tickets that would show response times, etc. from Vyve's end. Cates will email to Bracht. There was discussion about making sure to call the 800 number and get a ticket started. Sheridan County is listed as emergency services so should be a priority when they call in.

The decision on paying for half a fence erected and asked for by Keith Kennedy is tabled till next meeting.

At 11:05 Bainter 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 and Bracht. The door opened at 11:16 and Bainter made a motion to extend the executive session for a period of 10 minutes seconded by Mader. Carried 3-0. The door opened at 11:26 with no decision being made.

The following warrants were approved and signed by the board:

General	\$ 78,879.71	Road & Bridge	\$ 26,723.20
VIN	\$ 89.32	Noxious Weed	\$ 2,755.71
Public Transp	\$ 943.30	Landfill	\$ 1,873.78

At 11:26 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, July 23, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. in the commissioner room.

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

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Chairman