

Now on this 23rd 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 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.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor came to the table. Herskowitz advised the board he had gone to the property which needs a culvert put in and there is a "No Trespassing" sign up. He has found out who the owners are of the property and will continue to try and contact them. CAT will be here next week for two days to do a shouldering and elevating class. This will be done on 30E heading north. Various problems with equipment was discussed. Several areas in need of culverts was discussed. Recycling is ready for cardboard truck next week. Plastic recycling are about ready to be sent out. The board and Herskowitz discussed weeds in the northwest part of the Selden area. There was discussion about several roads. Road viewing will be put on the agenda for next week. Pratt had talked with a landowner about some prairie dogs that are moving in the area of 11-9-29. Jerol DeBoer from Penco Engineering entered the meeting and stated that Bettis would like to know if the county was going to proceed with Additive #2 – 10W/Hwy 24 south to the Catholic Cemetery. The board will have an answer next week. There was a brief discussion about who will maintain the road and if it is something that needs to be in an Agreement with Foote. No decision was made.

Pratt went over some information he had put together pertaining to the roadwork to be done on Sheridan Ave. to 10W and the cost of the project from the Catholic Cemetery south to Foote's house and the cost north from the Catholic Cemetery to Hwy 24. There was a brief discussion about construction on Hwy 23 and alternate routes. The board and Pratt discussed a micro loan project that is in default and the fence that was replaced between the landfill and Keith Kennedy.

At 8:56, Mader made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of five minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Stithem seconded. Carried 3-0. Present were the board, Bracht and Pratt. The door opened at 8:59 with no decision being made.

Shirley Niermeier, Treasurer, came to the table and distributed the 2nd quarter financial information. Niermeier discussed various funds. The 2023 delinquent list is substantially higher than last year.

Jordan Riley, EMS Director and Don Koeperich, EMT entered the meeting. Riley stated he is still waiting for Dan Campbell to come and look at the drive. The state inspection of the facility and ambulances will happen on Wednesday. Riley discussed with the board again his plan to hire a full-time person to help get the hours covered and to help with community para-medicine. No decision was made on hiring the full-time person. After discussion Mader made a motion to approve changing the weekend pay to \$10.00/hr. and EMT would still be paid for runs and transfers. This is effective July 23, 2024 and will be readdressed in January. Stithem seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Weekend pay begins on Friday at 5:00 pm and ends Monday at 8:00 am.

The board would like Heim Body Shop to give an estimate on damages to the courthouse pickup truck which was damaged by hail.

Mader completed and signed the 2023 audit questions.

Bainter made a motion to approve the July 16, 2024 minutes as presented. Stithem seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

The board discussed the value of property if on a dirt road versus a paved road, weeds, equipment, roads and personnel.

At 10:35 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 30, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. in the commissioner room.

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman