

Now on this 30th 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 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.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor came to the table. There was a discussion about bridges and some that need work on them. With everything being so dry and no moisture in the ground, road work will not continue on 10E. Ricks will be worked on and drainage problems addressed. CAT is here for training and will be working on 20E north with some of the employees. The board briefly talked about the fence issue at the landfill. Tim Williams, Landfill Operator, will continue handling picking up trash as usual. A bid was received from Leroy Spresser to build up the road leading to a new home. The board, after looking at the road, stated no at this time. Bids were presented for culverts from J & J Drainage Products at \$22,615.50 and Welborn Sales at \$24,436.90. Bainter made a motion to approve the bid for culverts from J & J Drainage Products at a cost of \$22,615.50. Stithem seconded. Carried 3-0. Tire bids were received from Allie Repair, Bainter Oil, Town & Country and Great Western Tire for four-10 ply LT275/55R20 tires for the landfill pickup. Mader made a motion to approve the low bid from Great Western Tire in the amount of \$919.88. Stithem seconded. Carried 3-0. The board discussed mowing. There are several problem areas. At this time the board and Herskowitz feel that the county will be able to do the mowing in 2025. There was discussion about several roads.

Dispatch interns Kara O'Brien and Arthur Turley along with Dana Hess, Communications, came to the table. As part of the NexGen intern program, both the interns did a slide show presentation and talked with the board about what they did, learned and hope to take away from the experience. Turley became a full-time employee the end of July and is also an EMT so will be able to cover pager time when he is in Hoxie for dispatching. Hess advised the board she would like to be involved with the intern project next year.

At 9:25 Mader made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 15 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Stithem seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Present were the board and Pratt. The door opened at 9:40.

At 9:46 the board, Bracht and Herskowitz left the courthouse to view some roads. The board started at the landfill where they looked at the south fence that was replaced and also the east fence. The board then continued to 80S/10-20E where they met with Ed Goetz and Tyler Goetz and discussed the drainage problem. The board and Goetz' discussed putting in a culvert to help with drainage. The board left and continued looking at roads and bridges east and in Tasco. The board also saw work that was being done on 20E heading north. The board convened back at the courthouse at 11:30

On a motion from Stithem and second from Bainter the Treasurer Abatements were approved as presented. Carried 3-0.

The board approved and signed a letter of support for the Sheridan County Community Foundation.

Bainter made a motion to approve the July 23, 2024 minutes as presented. Stithem seconded. Carried 3-0.

The July 26, 2024 payroll was approved as presented on a motion by Bainter and second by Mader. Carried 3-0.

After clarification of some of the warrants, Stithem made a motion to approve the July 30, 2024 warrants as presented. Mader seconded. Carried 3-0.

Marie McDaniel, Register of Deeds, came to the table and advised the board that she would be purchasing 14 jacket canvas covers for some of her older books. Cost will be \$2,030 plus shipping. This is something McDaniel has budgeted for.

The board briefly discussed the fence erected on the south side of the landfill, requested by Keith Kennedy and put in by Chad Beckman that the county received a bill for.

There was discussion about the county paying for one-half the cost of paving 10W from Hwy 24 south to the Catholic Cemetery and Scott Foote paying the other half. Mader made a motion to approve Sheridan County paying for one-half the cost of paving 10W from Hwy 24 south to the Catholic Cemetery seconded by Stithem. Carried 2-1.

The following warrants and payroll were reviewed and approved by the board:

General	\$ 123,902.14	Road & Bridge	\$ 163,371.44
Noxious Weed	\$ 16,105.34	Public Transp.	\$ 1,709.85
Landfill	\$ 3,610.21	Clk Tech Fund	\$ 1,006.30
Forfeiture	\$ 90.00	Spec Hwy	\$ 9,000.00
VIN	\$ 4.20	E911	\$ 2,617.32

At 12:08 p.m. with no further business, Mader made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Stithem. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, August 13, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. in the commissioner room.

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman