

Now on this 13th day of August, 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 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.

The board canvassed the provisional votes cast in the August 6, 2024 Primary Election. Shirley Niermeier, Treasurer and Jennifer Fenner, Deputy Treasurer were present to tally votes. Bracht stated to the board why each ballot was provisional and the validity of the ballot per Kansas Statute. The board of canvassers reviewed four provisional ballots and all were considered valid ballots. Chairman Mader read the ballots aloud with commissioners Bainter and Stithem reviewing them. Canvassing ceased. By consensus, the election results were accepted as canvassed. Results will be posted on the Sheridan County Clerk's Facebook page. All poll books and tally books were initialed by the board.

At 8:13 Mader made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 15 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Present were the board and Bracht. The door opened at 8:25.

Joe Pratt, County Attorney, entered the meeting. Pratt asked the board about sending the proposed Agreement for the maintenance on road 10W to Scott Foote. The board said to send to Foote and see what the response is.

Jordan Riley, EMS Director, came to the table. Riley stated he had been in contact with Dan Campbell and he would come look at the concrete at the EMS building today. The board was advised that an informational meeting was held on Monday, August 12 for individuals interested in taking the EMS class. Five individuals showed up with a few more interested but who were unable to attend. All the individuals live in Sheridan County. Riley advised the board that Jeannine Taylor will help with teaching the class. The schedule is looking better with the increase in pay for the weekends. The Kansas Board of EMS will meet in October and Riley hopes to hear at that time if the variance allowing just a driver and EMT to transfer a stable patient to another hospital is approved. Riley asked the board about the budget and was advised that at this time no full-time EMT will be hired. The board feels that things are looking better but understand that at some point in the future full-time might become necessary. The board also stated at this time that there would be no Assistant Director position. The board would like Riley to come up with a five-year plan and discuss it. Riley only took over in April. The inspection of the ambulances, building and paperwork passed with no issues. There was discussion about the purchasing of a new ambulance. The cost will range between \$200,000 - \$250,000. There is about a four year wait time so the discussion will continue. The box on #220 is still in good condition so Riley will check on the cost of just the chassis.

Jim Myers, CPA came to the table and presented the 2023 Audit for Sheridan County. Myers went through all the pertinent information. There were discussions about some of the funds and the ending cash balances. Myers stated that things went well with the audit, the clerk and treasurer do a good job. Myers presented the letter to KDHE for the landfill. Bainter made a motion to approve the correspondence, seconded by Stithem. Carried 3-0. Mader made a motion to approve the 2023 Sheridan County Audit as

presented. Stithem seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Mader made a motion to approve Myers completing the 2024 audit for KDHE seconded by Stithem. Carried 3-0.

A letter of support was signed by the board for Resound Networks' application for the Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) grant on a motion by Bainter and second from Mader. Carried 3-0. This grant would help with infrastructure for the un/underserved citizens in Sheridan County.

Stithem made a motion, seconded by Bainter to approve the July 30, 2024 minutes as amended. Carried 3-0.

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

The August 13, 2024 warrants were reviewed and approved on a motion by Bainter and second by Stithem. Carried 3-0.

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

General	\$ 83,745.66	Road & Bridge	\$ 26,231.97
Noxious Weed	\$ 2,602.62	Public Transp.	\$ 632.30
Landfill	\$ 1,986.55	VIN	\$ 432.51
MV	\$ 1,294.04		

At 9:47 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 20, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. in the commissioner room.

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman