

Now on this 27<sup>th</sup> 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, Joe Pratt County Attorney and County Clerk Heather Bracht. The guests were Kyle Emigh, The Sheridan Sentinel, Birdie Reynolds, Brad Gourley and Lenny Patmon.

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. Birdie Reynolds was recognized. Reynolds presented a request for payment for mowing the right of way in Studley she states no one has been taking care of. The area is around her house and Heskett's. Reynolds states she has mowed for two years, a total of nine times. She is asking for payment in the amount of \$3,135.01 which is \$2,700 for mowing and \$435.01 for repairs to her lawnmower. Herskowitz stated that she has never called and advised him it needed mowed. Gourley states he did not know he was to mow the area otherwise he would have. Reynolds states it needs maintained so kids outside are not bothered by snakes. The commissioners will try and look at the property prior to the next meeting. No decision will be made until after that. Reynolds and Gourley exited the meeting. Lenny Patmon was recognized. Patmon talked about the prairie dog issue and asked if they had been treated yet. Herskowitz stated Turley was out of the office but he would check with him when he got back to see if he had treated yet or had plans to. Patmon discussed the Angelus road, stating it needs work mostly north of the red line. Patmon exited the meeting. Herskowitz advised the board the cardboard truck had come on Monday and a paper and plastic truck will be coming to pick up recyclables. There was discussion about manning the recycling center and if maybe a part-time person should be hired for the job. Herskowitz met with Sheriff and EMS about the September 4 closing of I70 and rerouting of traffic through Sheridan County/Hoxie. The board and Herskowitz discussed some Hercules grader tires purchased from Town & Country. Not sure if this is just a bad batch of tires or what but another tire blew yesterday so Herskowitz will return the tires for credit. Herskowitz will get some bids for Firestone VK Steel tires and present at an upcoming meeting. A note has been posted to bring old tires back to the shop, do not leave with the business. There was discussion about roads, culverts and drainage. Several warrants were clarified.

Pratt and the board had a very brief discussion about the east fence at the landfill.

Darren Booth from Theel Insurance came to the table and presented a six-month insurance review from Freedom Claims Management Inc. The information included premiums paid, claims analysis, prescription utilization, providers and top benefits by location and plan.

At 9:05 Mader made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 15 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. Present were the board, Bracht, Herskowitz and Pratt. The door opened at 9:20 with no decision being made.

Brandon Carver, Sheriff and Dana Hess, Dispatch, entered the meeting. Carver distributed information pertaining to the new patrol vehicle, the pickup truck no longer used by law enforcement and the generator. The Kohler generator is not working. The unit could be repaired for \$4,470 or a new unit could be purchased at a cost of \$24,400.

After discussion, Stithem made a motion to fix the current unit, seconded by Bainter. Carried 3-0. Servs Outfitter have a 2024 Tahoe available to purchase. This would replace Deputy Babcock's vehicle which was deemed totaled by the insurance company with no buyback option. Funds from the insurance, sale of the Dodge Ram law enforcement vehicle and ARPA money will be used to pay for the vehicle. Stithem made a motion to purchase the 2024 Tahoe from Servs Outfitter seconded by Mader. Carried 3-0.

The August 20, 2024 minutes were approved as presented on a motion by Bainter and second by Stithem. Carried 3-0.

Stithem made a motion to approve the August 23, 2024 payroll and August 27, 2024 warrants as presented. Mader seconded. Carried 3-0.

At 10:22 Mader made a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel for a period of 5 minutes. Stithem seconded. Carried 3-0. Present were the board and Bracht. The door opened at 10:27 with no decision being made.

The following warrants and payroll were reviewed and approved:

General	\$ 139,422.89	Road & Bridge	\$ 130,173.08
Landfill	\$ 18,967.92	Public Transp	\$ 1,184.46
Nox Weed	\$ 4,370.82	E911	\$ 6,199.65
MV	\$ 1,288.00		

At 10:34 a.m. with no further business, Stithem made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bainter. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. in the commissioner room.

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

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Chairman