

Now on this 3rd day of September, 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 and Birdie Reynolds.

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 was advised that the county had no contract with her to mow in Studley. If the area needed mowed, she should have called Herskowitz at road & bridge. There was discussion about maybe rocking some of the area that is very steep. Reynolds exited the meeting. The board and Herskowitz discussed the road just east of Hoxie on the north side of Hwy 23 that needs elevated and widened due to a new house being built. A bid was received from Spresser Excavation in the amount of \$2,250. After discussion, Herskowitz will talk with Spresser and see if he would be interested in doing the north half of the road and the cost. Decision was tabled until the next meeting. Ron Schamberger contacted Herskowitz and advised they have a gravel pit that is open and the county would be able to starting hauling right away. The gravel is good and Schamberger would like \$1.30/yd. By consensus, this was approved.

At 8:43 Mader made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 25 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. Present were the board, Bracht, Herskowitz, Hernandez and Pratt. The door opened at 9:06 with Mader making a motion to extend the executive session for a period of 15 minutes. Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. The door opened at 9:17 with no decision being made. The board and Herskowitz continued talking about some roads that need work. There had been a complaint made that no one is answering the phone at the road & bridge department. Herskowitz stated that the secretary is there every morning so not sure what the problem is. The board and Herskowitz discussed a bridge in the southeast part of the county. Herskowitz stated it will probably be a year before the bridge is worked on. There was discussion about the budget for road & bridge. The board advised Herskowitz that the mowing in Studley is not a priority right now.

Pratt was advised by the board to go ahead and pursue repayment of a micro loan that is delinquent.

The board and Bracht briefly discussed hail damage to county property and the insurance payment received.

The August 27, 2024 minutes were approved as amended on a motion by Bainter and second by Stithem. Carried 3-0.

At 9:39 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, September 10, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. in the commissioner room.

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman