

Now on this 25th day of June, 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. Guests were Dwayne Kersenbrock 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 Pratt discussed the vacating of a road on Kersenbrock land. Pratt will give notice to the appropriate adjoining landowners and the board will plan on doing a site visit with Kersenbrock and adjoining landowners if they choose to come.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor came to the table. Herskowitz advised about several issues happening with machinery and roads. Mowing was briefly discussed. Herskowitz was asked about the map that was to reflect where work is being done. Trees have been pulled out, now they need picked up. Herskowitz clarified some warrants. At 8:37, Stithem made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 10 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. Present were the board, Herskowitz and Bracht. The door opened at 8:47 with no decision being made.

The board recognized Eric Oelschlager, Area Engineer for KDOT. Oelschlager presented the Monitoring Well Plugging and Replacement Agreement for the monitoring well at the landfill that has to be moved. This had already been approved, just missed in signing. Mader signed the document.

Deeann Schamberger, Rick Johnson, Doug Robben and Dan Schultz from Soil Conservation came to the table. Schamberger discussed things that had been done throughout the year and answered questions from the board. They are asking for the same budgeted amount as last year.

Jim Myers, CPA, came to the table to start work on the 2025 budget. Valuation is down approximately \$700,000. The board and Myers discussed each department and the budget requests made. Myers will make the requested changes and come back in July with another draft to see where the numbers are. A “Diversion Fund” line item will be created within the General Fund July 1. Starting Jan. 1, 2025, income for the sheriff’s office from the City of Hoxie, City of Selden, fingerprints and selling of vehicles will be tracked in a new line item and these funds will help to pay for new law enforcement vehicles.

Bainter made a motion to approve the June 18, 2024 minutes as presented. Stithem seconded. Carried 3-0.

The June 25, 2024 warrants were approved as presented after clarification on several on a motion by Stithem and second by Mader. Carried 3-0.

The policy in the Employee Handbook pertaining to steel toed boots for employees in the road and bridge department was discussed. The policy states that steel toed boots must be worn and the policy needs to be enforced. Herskowitz will be advised of this.

Mader opened bids from Allie Repair, Bainter Oil, Studley Tire and Town & Country for tires for the new sheriff's vehicle. Bainter made a motion, seconded by Mader, to accept the low bid from Allie Repair for 4 – 275/55R20 Bridgestone Dueler A/T REVO3 tires at a final cost of \$940. This price includes a trade-in allowance for the tires which came on the vehicle and includes mounting and balancing.

The following warrants were reviewed and approved:

General	\$ 68,006.42	Road & Bridge	\$ 123,485.21
Noxious Weed	\$ 5,912.35	Public Transp	\$ 831.32
Landfill	\$ 282.69	Treasurer Tech	\$ 2,250.00
Clerk Tech	\$ 56.26	Forfeiture	\$ 2,386.00
Spec Hwy	\$ 4,000.00	VIN	\$ 105.00
E911	\$ 3,972.76		

At 11:53 a.m. with no further business, Bainter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Stithem. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, July 2, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. in the commissioner room.

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman