

Now on this 9th 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. Herskowitz advised the board that Rigo is working on road 110W north of Hwy 83 to the county line. Herskowitz distributed a document with HRRR Questions for the signage project and reviewed with the board. They should be here soon to start looking around. Herskowitz briefly discussed fuel. Several roads were discussed. There are several employees out this week. There have been some complaints on mowing so mowing was discussed briefly. At 8:21 Bainter made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 10 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Stithem seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Present were the board, Pratt, Bracht and Herskowitz. The door opened at 8:32 with no decision being made. The part for one of the graders is still on backorder.

Dana Hess, Communications, came to the table to discuss bids for two new computers and monitors. These can be paid for out of 911 funds but insurance will likely take care of it as it was due to the storm and power outage that occurred. A bill was submitted for VLS Communications for repair work after power interruptions when an AT&T contractor hit a power line. There was a brief discussion on the generator and whether it had been repaired or not. No definite answer. Hess advised the board she had hired two interns and was receiving a grant which pays for 60-65% of their wages. Both individuals are interested in staying on part-time after the internship.

Pratt briefly discussed the fence law as it pertains to the fence put up at the landfill. Pratt will contact the neighboring landowner. The board and Pratt discussed the road viewing they were going to see. Follis needs an easement so he can get in and out of his field.

At 9:26 the board, Bracht, Herskowitz and Pratt exited the commissioners room and convened at the SW4 23-8-29 where they were met by Dwayne Kersenbrock and joined by Clint Follis. After discussion it was determined the county needs to vacate the right-of-way and the three landowners can work out an agreement pertaining to Follis using the road. The board will table vacating the right-of-way until the landowners have an agreement. At 10:00 the board left the scene and headed back to the courthouse. They reconvened in the commissioner’s room at 10:26. The hearing to vacate the right-of-way is scheduled for Tuesday, July 16 at 9:15.

Jim Myers, CPA, came to the table and presented the 2025 Rural Fire Department budget. Myers stated the fire department is in good shape so will not be exceeding the RNR. The 2025 Sheridan County Budget was distributed and reviewed by the board. A few changes were discussed and made by the board. The 2025 county budget will also not exceed the RNR rate. The budget hearing for the fire department is set for August 20, 2024 at 9:00 and the county budget hearing for 9:15.

The July 2, 2024 minutes were approved as presented on a motion by Stithem and second by Mader. Carried 3-0.

The board discussed roads, the cost of maintaining roads and other issues.

At 11:47 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, July 16, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. in the commissioner room.

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman