

Now on this 20<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 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.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor, came to the table. There was a discussion about a mowing and a dragging bill. The board and Herskowitz discussed the tractor that was damaged in the hailstorm. Cost of repairs is \$18,282.62. It will be submitted to KCAMP. Bids were received from Welborn Sales and J & J Drainage Products for 2 – 48" x 40" culverts and end sections. Stithem made a motion to purchase the culverts and end sections from Welborn Sales who had the low bid. Mader seconded. Carried 3-0. A bid was received from Welborn Sales for 20' treated bridge planks. Bainter made a motion to purchase 10 – 3x12x20 treated planks at a cost of \$1,990. Stithem seconded. Carried 3-0. The landfill office door needs replaced. An individual had tried to kick it in a year or two ago. Herskowitz will check with Selden Lumber about a new door. The board agreed that one grader would be purchased this year. Herskowitz is to get a quote with and without a trade-in. There was discussion about several roads that need work and a bridge that needs a side rail due to the drop off. At 8:52 Mader 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, Bracht and Herskowitz. The door opened at 8:59 with no decision being made.

Wade Tremblay, Fire Chief, Jim Myers, CPA and Dwayne Kersenbrock joined the meeting. At 9:00 Mader opened the 2025 budget hearing for Sheridan County Rural Fire. Tremblay gave a report of how things are going. The training tower is complete. Several organizations have asked to practice with it. Tremblay talked about the equipment and bunker gear. With no further discussion, Mader made a motion to close the 2025 Sheridan County Fire Department budget hearing, seconded by Stithem. Carried 3-0.

At 9:15 Mader opened the 2025 Sheridan County budget hearing. There was discussion about the money available and Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR). Stithem explained in understandable terms the budget and RNR. The Sentinel asked about a blanket article for the paper explaining the budget, etc. This will be looked at.

At 9:35 Mader made a motion to close the budget hearing, seconded by Bainter. Carried 3-0. Bainter then made a motion to approve the 2025 budget for the Sheridan County Rural Fire and Sheridan County. Stithem seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

Sheriff Brandon Carver came to the table. Carver distributed information and gave an update on sheriff business. There was a discussion on the I70 closing to happen on Wednesday, September 4 and the possible affect it will have on Sheridan County. Sheriff Carver stated they feel they are somewhat prepared but there are a lot of unknowns.

The board signed the 2025 Sheridan County Rural Fire Department and Sheridan County Budgets. The Agreement with Scott Foote pertaining to road maintenance on 10W was signed by the board. Bracht advised the board that Vyve Broadband had inspected the Vyve equipment in the Sheriff's office and there does not appear to be a Vyve equipment problem. Vyve wants to make sure that if there are any problems going forward, the help

desk is called and a ticket is started. Bracht will contact IOT on Main Street and ask for assistance bridging the internet from road & bridge to the recycling building.

At 10:07, Mader made a motion to enter executive session for a period of 10 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Stithem seconded. Present were the board and Bracht. The door opened at 10:17 and Mader made a motion to extend the executive session for a period of 10 minutes. Bainter seconded. The door opened at 10:27 with no decision being made.

The August 13, 2024 minutes were approved as amended on a motion by Stithem and second from Mader. Carried 3-0.

At 10:37 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, August 27, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. in the commissioner room.

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

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Chairman