

Now on this 17<sup>th</sup> 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. 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 and Evan Turley, Noxious Weed Director, came to the table. Turley presented chemical bids for 2,4-D and Tordon. Stithem made a motion to accept the bid from Sims Fertilizer for 360 gallons of 2,4-D at a cost of \$7,560 and 180 gallons of Tordon from VanDiest at a cost of \$7,259.40. Mader seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. These were the low bids. Turley advised the board that he would be placing an ad in the newspaper for the treating of prairie dogs. Turley is almost finished spraying the state right-of-way. There is a report of prairie dogs two miles east of Aneglus. Dave Spalsbury from the Department of Wildlife and Parks came to the table and discussed the renovation happening at Sheridan County lake. Wildlife and Parks is asking for concrete, both small rock and large rock for the lake. The commissioners agree that the county will provide the rock, leaving a small stockpile for the county, and the labor to get the rock to the lake. Bainter will check with Selden and see if they have any concrete they would like to donate. The board and Herskowitz discussed road plans for 5E north and distributed a new bid from Spresser Excavation going further north. Cost is \$3,750. Mader made a motion, seconded by Stithem to approve the Spresser Excavation bid in the amount of \$3,750 for road work on 5E going north. Carried 3-0. Work will start within a few weeks. Herskowitz received a call about potholes at the fairgrounds where campers park. By consensus the board agreed to having road & bridge take a load or two of dirt or millings to fill the holes. The board and Herskowitz discussed concrete needed at the lake. Pratt will talk with some of the Friends of Reservoirs (FOR) board members about contacting the state for concrete and possibly paying for the crushing of concrete.

Brandon Carver, Sheriff came to the table. Carver distributed topics he was going to discuss. Carver has had several certified officers ask him about working part-time, filling in for vacations, meetings, etc. Pay would be based on experience. By consensus, the board approved this. Bids will be asked for from the local tire shops for tires for three of the law enforcement vehicles. A letter of support will be written for the project “Shielding Our Protectors”. This will help pay for the ballistic vests for all the counties law enforcement staff. The grant would pay for approximately half the cost. A bid was received from Axon Enterprise, Inc. for the ALPR’s currently in each of the vehicles. They had been used on a trial basis. The cost to purchase is \$16,755.95 for a 53-month period. Carver stated he would use some of his forfeiture money to pay for it. Mader made a motion to approve the purchase seconded by Stithem. Carried 3-0. There was a discussion about Vyve being down again at the Sheriff’s office on Monday. It came up on its own but went down again this morning. Carver and Hess advised the board that you have to have a ticket created, whether they send a tech out or not, otherwise they have no record of something happening.

Jordan Riley, EMS Director came to the table. Riley advised the board he had received information from the Patterson Family Foundation about a grant opportunity. Sheridan County EMS would be eligible to request a grant amount from \$10,000 - \$200,000. This money can be used for just about anything except a new building. Ideas Riley threw out were ALS equipment, personal protective equipment, classes, fuel, maintenance,

ambulance, AED's, etc. Bainter made a motion to approve purchasing two new keypads for the south doors of the building at a cost of \$672.98/ea. Stithem seconded. Carried 3-0. Riley stated the schedule is working well. The EMT class was postponed as there were only two individuals interested. He will try for November when maybe some firefighters will be able to take the class. Riley plans on talking with high schoolers as well.

Pratt has received an email from Jerol DeBois from Penco Engineering advising Bettis wants to start the construction on Sheridan Ave. to 10W in September, 2025 when they will have the plant set up for the KDOT construction of Hwy 23 South. This is a change from the original start date of April, 2025. After discussion, no final decision was made. Pratt will talk with Penco about there being some type of benefit to the county since the county is doing Bettis a favor by delaying the start date.

Joe Herskowitz returned to the table. The board and Herskowitz discussed various equipment issues. CAT will give a bid with and without a trade-in. JD will not take the semi as a trade-in. The Bomag has been down but is ready to be fixed today.

At 10:06 Bainter made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 15 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Stithem seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Present were the board, Herskowitz, Bracht and Pratt. The door opened at 10:21 with Mader making a motion to extend the executive session for a period of 10 minutes. Stithem seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. The door opened at 10:31 with Mader moving to extend the executive session for a period of 15 minutes. Bainter seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The door opened at 10:46 with no decision being made.

The September 10, 2024 minutes were approved as presented on a motion by Bainter and second by Stithem. Carried 3-0.

At 10:50 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 24, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. in the commissioner room.

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

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Chairman