

Now on this 24<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 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 came to the table. There was a brief discussion about concrete for the lake renovation project. Zodrow will not be able to start crushing until October. They have started working on the bridge postings. There are 18 bridge signs that will be replaced. Once done, the paperwork will be submitted to Penco so it can be submitted to the state. The board discussed some warrants and clarified some of the repairs done on equipment. There was discussion about several roads. At 8:21 Bainter made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 5 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Stithem seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Present were the board, Bracht and Herskowitz. The door opened at 8:26 with no decision being made. They are working on landfill issues that were found during the last inspection. The employees are starting to look at equipment to figure out what is needed for winter. A fuel order is needed.

The Agreement with Bettis pertaining to the start date for the roadwork on Sheridan Ave. to 10W was tabled until it can be discussed with the county attorney. Bracht advised the board that the appraiser needs a new computer and asked if ARPA funds could be used to purchase it. ARPA Funds were used to purchase a new computer for the Clerk, Treasurer and Register of Deeds a year or two ago. By consensus the board approved this. Mader opened the sealed bids for tires for three law enforcement vehicles. After reviewing the bids, the board had some questions so will ask Sheriff Carver to come in later to clarify.

Shirley Niermeier, Treasurer, came to the table. Niermeier distributed the delinquent real estate list for the tax sale. Niermeier reviewed the various parcels. There are 11 real estate parcels and 36 severed minerals. The board will advise the county attorney next week to proceed with the tax sale. There was a brief discussion about the printer in the Treasurer's office that continues to go off-line.

Marie McDaniel, Register of Deeds, entered the meeting. The board and McDaniel discussed the policy of charging for copies of documents. The discussion was tabled until next week when the county attorney will be back.

Karl Pratt, Sheridan County Community Foundation, Sophia White, part-time employee and Jodi Rogers, Board member came to the table. Information was distributed to the board about a pocket park to be located between The First State Bank and Hirsch Law Office. SCCF is asking for \$20,000 of the county's ARPA funds to help with the project. The board made no decision. Pratt advised the board that the daycare duplex is almost complete. There are two candidates that will be interviewed today. They hope to have a ribbon cutting ceremony on Sunday, October 13. Pratt gave a brief report of the funding, match month and other things going on with the foundation.

The September 17, 2024 minutes were approved as amended on a motion by Mader and second by Bainter. Carried 3-0.

Bainter made a motion to approve the September 20, 2024 payroll as presented. Mader seconded. Carried 3-0.

On a motion by Mader and second by Stithem, the September 24, 2024 warrants were approved. Carried 3-0.

Bainter exited the meeting.

Sheriff Carver entered the meeting to clarify the tire bids that were opened earlier in the meeting. After clarifying the brand of tire and other discussion, Mader made a motion to approve the low bid from Allie Repair for 12-275/55R20 Bridgestone Dueler A/T Ascent 10 ply tires for a cost of \$3,372. Stithem seconded. Carried 2-0. Carver advised the board the patrol car to replace the car totaled by the June hailstorm will be ready on Thursday. The board and Carver discussed the generator which has been repaired.

The following warrants and payroll were reviewed and approved:

General	\$ 180,078.22	Road & Bridge	\$ 153,708.34
Noxious Weed	\$ 2,324.11	E911	\$ 4,135.38
Public Transp	\$ 2,772.37	Landfill	\$ 2,207.96
MV	\$ 1,729.11	ROD Tech	\$ 1,125.00
Treas Tech	\$ 1,125.00	Forfeiture	\$ 93.80
ARPA	\$ 9,458.80	VIN	\$ 436.96

At 10:17 a.m. with no further business, Mader made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Stithem. Carried 2-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, October 1, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. in the commissioner room.

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

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Chairman