

Now on this 8th day of October, 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. 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 he, Trevor Blackwill, and a representative from the state and Penco Engineering met at the bridge at 125E/150-160S. Bids will be let in the fall of 2025. Once the bids are let, Herskowitz was advised to keep the door open as to a deadline. A shoefly will be needed around the bridge, which can be put on Blackwill's land. The road will be closed except for the Blackwill's use. This bridge is 100% funded by the state with the county responsible for the engineering fees. The county will do the cleanup. Bridge signage has been put up except for two bridges. Herskowitz talked with Wade Zodrow about crushing the concrete at the landfill. Zodrow would like a deal where he crushes the concrete into small pieces. The county would get a pile, a pile would go to Wildlife and Parks for Sheridan Lake and the balance he would take. The cost to the county would be \$7.50/ton. Zodrow would work out the deal with Wildlife and Parks for the 575 ton of large pieces they need. Herskowitz contacted the Wildlife and Parks representative and there was discussion about the amount of large concrete needed as well as if brick would be useable for the riprap at the lake. There is also concrete in Selden that the county can have but the county has to haul it. The board asks that Herskowitz contact Zodrow and see if he will accept crushing 1,500 ton of concrete. The county will give to the state what they need for the lake and keep the rest. The county will also hold 500 ton of large pieces of concrete for later in the lake project. Zodrow can haul off the rest. Herskowitz presented an estimate for the Puma tractor that had storm damage to it. Cost to repair is \$14,601.95. It will be fixed and the estimate sent to KCAMP. There are four John Deere's that have had lights fixed and some other things they are finding. The tires that were purchased for road & bridge that have turned out to have problems were discussed. The road & bridge employees are inspecting equipment for the winter. The Bomag is down so they are using a dozer at the landfill. A John Deere 672 will be delivered to the road & bridge department next week to demo. There is a problem with the Grinnell bridge so it is being checked out today to see what is wrong. A few planks will be relaced on another bridge so it can be taken off the bridge list. There was discussion about the paint lines on the feedlot road. Herskowitz will talk with Jeff Stewart at KDOT and Scott Foote.

Joe Pratt distributed an Acknowledgement of Agreement pertaining to copying of records and old records books in the Register of Deeds office.

Shirley Niermeier, Treasurer, came to the table and distributed 3rd quarter financial information and balancing report. Niermeier reviewed the various funds and there was discussion about some of the information.

The board briefly discussed the ARPA money which needs to be either spent or allocated by the end of the 2024. There was discussion about the pocket park which the Sheridan County Community Foundation had asked for \$20,000 of the money to help with developing. In reviewing the guidelines, it might not be an option. The board will discuss next week and make a decision. The board will also think about things it can be spent on

that are not fleeting. Mader is in favor of making a small contribution of the money for the pocket park. Bracht advised the board the Area Agency on Aging is looking at purchasing a new handicap van with wheelchair lift. ARPA money could be given to them to help with the purchase of the vehicle.

Information was received from KCAMP requesting voting delegate and alternate for the December meeting in Wichita. By consensus, Stithem will be the delegate and Mader the alternate. The KCAMP audit was distributed for the board to review. They had no questions.

On a motion by Bainter and second from Stithem the October 1, 2024 minutes were approved as presented. Carried 3-0.

Stithem made a motion to approve the October 4, 2024 payroll as presented. Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0.

The October 8, 2024 warrants were approved as presented on a motion by Mader and second by Stithem. Carried 3-0.

The following payroll and warrants were reviewed and approved by the board:

General	\$ 81,029.94	Road & Bridge	\$ 43,325.76
Nox Weed	\$ 2,466.24	Public Transp	\$ 1,029.80
Landfill	\$ 1,997.95	MV	\$ 1,553.00
VIN	\$ 48.92		

At 9:30 a.m. with no further business, Bainter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mader. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. in the commissioner room.

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman