

Now on this 15th 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. Tire bids were opened by Mader for grader tires, size 1400R24. Mader made a motion to purchase 18 Bridgestone VUT tires from Allie Repair at a cost of \$1,221.00/each. Stithem seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Allie Repair had the low bid. There was a brief discussion on gravel pits. Murphy Tractor delivered the demo grader on Monday. They will come back on Wednesday to demo it and road & bridge will have it all week to try. There was a discussion about the bridge at 110S/50W. Herskowitz will look at the cost of new and used planking. The Grinnell bridge was hit by some type of machinery on the southwest corner. Law enforcement was contacted so there is a police report. The board and Herskowitz discussed the damage. Stithem asked that the map be updated so the board is aware of how things are coming along on the roads. Herskowitz advised he had talked with Scott Foote about the striping on the feedlot road. Foote states he will pay for one-half the cost of striping. Herskowitz will also talk with Jeff Stewart. Could possibly wait until work starts on Highway 23 south to do the striping. There was a brief discussion about the BOMAG at the landfill and employees.

Pratt distributed a Petition to vacate an alley in the town of Studley. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 29, 2024 at 8:00 am. The board signed the Agreement pertaining to copies and the Register of Deeds office.

Mindy Harting, Appraiser, joined the meeting and briefly discussed the Reinvestment Housing Incentive District (RHID) program which the City of Hoxie has agreed to establish in Sunrise Addition. The county clerk will receive further information from the City as the process continues.

Evan Turley, Noxious Weed Director, came to the table. Turley distributed an example of the notice to be sent to landowners with prairie dog issues. The board and Turley briefly discussed the process. Turley stated he would like to start spraying the FAS roads only using the residual chemical he was able to purchase. Other counties use this procedure and it saves money. Turley distributed bid information on the chemical Method and Escort. Mader made a motion to purchase 25 gallons of Method at \$357.12/gallon and 32 pounds of Escort at \$1.59/oz. from Van Diest and 25 gallons of Method at \$357.12/gallon from Nutrien Ag. Stithem seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

ARPA funds will be used to pay for a portion of the ballistic vests the Sheriff's office is ordering. Chamber script will be given to employees for Christmas, same amount as previous years. Bracht advised the board the elevator was down with no estimated repair timeframe. The parts had to be ordered.

Mader made a motion to approve the October 8, 2024 minutes as amended. Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0.

Viktorija Briggs discussed the trail plan that had been discussed a few years previously.

At 10:05 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, October 22, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. in the commissioner room.

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman