

Now on this 26th day of November, 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 The Sheridan Sentinel and Kyle Emigh.

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 Foley Equipment had accepted the county's offer of \$300,000 for the 2024 CAT 140-15J grader which included the trade-in of a 2012 CAT 12M2. It should arrive tomorrow. There was a discussion about glass being broken in the graders. Herskowitz stated he talked with employees about how to close the door correctly so it doesn't catch the wind, etc. There was a discussion about having an incident report completed when this happens. The recycling is getting busier with Christmas around the corner. There was discussion about several roads and the work being done on them. Herskowitz will contact Selden Lumber again about the door for recycling. The monitoring well at the landfill was moved about 20-25' east. A cage will be placed around it. There was a brief discussion on equipment. December 7 the local disaster expires so the dumping of shingles and other things associated with damage will no longer be free of charge. At 8:20 Mader made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 15 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. Present were the board, Bracht, Herskowitz and Pratt. At 8:35 the door opened and Mader made a motion to extend the executive session for another 15 minutes. Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. The door opened at 8:46 with no decision being made.

Pratt distributed two deeds that were strictly to clean up title. The bill for fencing at the landfill was presented for payment.

Chad Koster, CEO of Amber Med came to the table. At 8:50 Mader made a motion, seconded by Bainter, to enter into executive session for a period of 15 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Carried 3-0. Present were the board, Bracht, Koster and Pratt. The door opened at 9:02 with no decision being made. Koster discussed the ER project. There is a strong desire from the board of trustees to continue the project. The information is still being reviewed by USDA. The estimate is \$4,000,000-\$5,000,000, completely outfitted \$7,000,000. Koster said they are pursuing all possible avenues for grant dollars. The board is actively recruiting a full-time dentist.

Several Treasurer abatements and adds were presented for review and approval. They all pertained to severed minerals and oil royalty. Stithem made a motion to approve the adds/abatements seconded by Bainter. Carried 3-0.

Resolution No. 24-88 transferring money from the Road & Bridge fund to the Special Machinery fund in the amount of \$200,000 was approved and signed on a motion by Stithem and second by Mader. Carried 3-0.

Bainter made a motion to approve the November 19, 2024 minutes as presented. Stithem seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

The November 26, 2024 warrants were discussed and approved as presented on a motion by Stithem and second from Bainter. Carried 3-0.

At 9:47 Mader made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 30 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Bainter seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Present were the board and Bracht. At 10:20, the door opened and a motion was made by Bainter and seconded by Mader to extend the executive session for a period of 30 minutes. Carried 3-0. The executive session was extended at 10:50 for a period of 10 minutes on a motion by Stithem and second by Mader. Carried. The door opened at 11:00 with no decisions being made.

The following warrants were reviewed and approved:

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| General | \$ 64,737.45 | Road & Bridge | \$ 183,186.01 |
| Nox Weed | \$ 28,692.17 | Public Transp | \$ 1,178.37 |
| Landfill | \$ 7,982.47 | ARPA | \$ 21,000.00 |
| Spec Mach | \$ 300,000.00 | Spec Hwy | \$ 3,750.00 |
| VIN | \$ 40.00 | ROD Tech | \$ 3,375.00 |
| E911 | \$ 2,805.08 | | |

At 11:09 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, December 3, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. in the commissioner room.

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman