

Now on this 29th 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. Guests were The Sheridan Sentinel, Dana Hess, Mark Samuelson and Jacqui Brinkmeyer.

At 8:00 a.m. Mader called the meeting to order.

Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mader opened the public hearing for the purpose of closing the alley located in Block 3 in the original townsite of Studley. The alley runs through the center of Lots 4-12 and Lots 1-3 and 13-18. The alley is not maintained by anyone but the two property owners. There being no discussion, comment or concerns, Mader made a motion to approve closing the alley located in Block 3 in Studley. Stithem seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

Mader made a motion to amend the agenda to include Dana Hess seconded by Bainter. Carried 3-0. Hess advised the board that she had hired two full-time employees. The board and Hess briefly discussed storm damage.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor came to the table. There was discussion about the road east of the EMS building on Hwy 24. Herskowitz stated they will look at putting gravel and millings on the hillside. Herskowitz advised the board they will build an enclosure for the excavator cab during the winter. Tire bids were opened for the dump truck. Mader made a motion to accept the low bid of \$285/each from Bainter Oil. Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. The full-size map was distributed reflecting road work completed and where work still needs to be done. Herskowitz will add where culverts have been put in. There was discussion about a bridge that had been repaired, mowing, cleanup of trees and road work. Herskowitz distributed the revised section map. The board and Herskowitz discussed the driving home of county pickups. Two employees will be asked to make other arrangements so that the vehicles are not taken home. The board got clarification for all the tools that were purchased during the month. Herskowitz was advised to get some Lexan and see if D&L or Heim Body shop could shave it and put it in the grader. The board and Herskowitz discussed fuel and coordinating the maintenance on blades.

Karl Pratt from the Sheridan County Community foundation came to the table. Pratt wanted to clarify the dollar amount of the grant that was given to the Sheriff's office for new ballistic vests. Pratt advised the board that the duplex daycares should open the first week in November. Pratt distributed flyers on match month and upcoming events.

Herskowitz returned to the meeting. There was a discussion about the Hwy 23 meeting that was held on Monday night. Everyone agreed there was a good turnout and discussion. There are concerns about bus rides for school kids, mail delivery and EMS/fire/law enforcement issues. It will be an inconvenience for six months but there are plans in place to help alleviate most of the concerns. Herskowitz advised the baler is up and running.

The October 22, 2024 minutes were approved as presented on a motion by Stithem and second from Bainter. Carried 3-0.

Mader made a motion to approve the October 29, 2024 warrants as presented. Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0.

The following warrants were reviewed and approved:

General	\$ 34,652.31	Road & Bridge	\$ 115,712.11
Clerks Tech	\$ 100.00	Courthouse Repair	\$ 4,739.30
ARPA	\$ 1,125.00	Spec Hwy	\$ 30,000.00
Micro Loan	\$ 28,414.06	VIN	\$ 42.00
Nox Weed	\$ 9,334.31	ROD Tech	\$ 100.00
E911	\$ 6,106.38	Public Transp	\$ 741.53
Landfill	\$ 3,801.62	MV	\$ 86.46

At 9:49 a.m. with no further business, Stithem made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mader. Carried 3-0. Bracht reminded the board there would be no meeting on Tuesday November 5 as that is election day. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. in the commissioner room.

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman