

Now on this 12th 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.

The board canvassed the provisional votes cast in the November 5, 2024 General Election. Shirley Niermeier, Treasurer and Jennifer Fenner, Deputy Treasurer were present to tally votes. Bracht stated to the board why each ballot was provisional and the validity of the ballot per Kansas Statute. The board of canvassers reviewed 36 provisional ballots, allowing 26 to be counted. The remaining 10 ballots were from individuals who were not registered by the October 15, 2024 deadline, had just moved into Sheridan county or were registered in another county. Chairman Mader read the ballots aloud with commissioners Bainter and Stithem reviewing them. Canvassing ceased. Mader made a motion to accept the results with the addition of the provisional ballots. Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. Results will be posted on the Sheridan County Clerk's Facebook page. All poll books and tally books were initialed by the board.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor came to the table. Herskowitz advised the board that mixed paper and cardboard was being picked up from recycling this week. The east fence at the landfill has started being replaced. The monitoring well at the landfill is set to be moved today. There was discussion about several pieces of equipment that have had issues. Herskowitz advised the board that all the equipment is ready for winter. Gravel was put down on the road just outside of Hoxie. A "No Outlet" sign will be put in place this week on that road. Herskowitz will get bids for more mower blades. The Supplemental Agreement No. 1 was approved and signed by the board. This document was for the signage project. At 9:06 Bainter made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 10 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 9:13 with no decision being made. Road conditions were discussed.

Pratt presented the Order Vacating Alley in Studley. The board and Bracht signed the order and Bracht will file it with the Register of Deeds. There was discussion about two small pieces of land that appear to be owned by the county. Pratt will talk with the appraiser to confirm the details.

The board and Bracht discussed the ARPA funds which need to be spent by the end of the year. After discussion, Mader made a motion to donate \$2,000 to the Hoxie Golf Club to help with trees that were damaged in the June hailstorm, \$2,000 to the St. Francis Cabrini Church to help with trees damaged in the June hailstorm, \$2,000 to the City of Hoxie to help with expenses for the proposed pocket park to be put on Main Street and \$15,000 to the Area Agency on Aging to help with the cost of a new handicap van (similar to the big white van currently being used). Stithem seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

Bainter made a motion to amend the agenda to include Sheriff Carver. Stithem seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Carver advised the board that the sheriff's conference was next week. Carver is planning to order new shirts and pants for the officers. At 9:48 Stithem 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 and Carver. At 10:03, the door opened and the executive session was extended for another 15 minutes on a motion by Bainter and second from Stithem. Carried 3-0. The door opened at 10:18 with no decision being made.

Stithem made a motion to approve the October 29, 2024 minutes as presented, the November 1, 2024 payroll as presented and the November 12, 2024 warrants as presented. Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0.

The following payroll and warrants were reviewed and approved:

General	\$ 81,313.80	Road & Bridge	\$ 22,527.77
Nox Weed	\$ 2,512.74	Public Transp	\$ 894.80
Landfill	\$ 1,976.57	MV	\$ 1,288.00
VIN	\$ 99.64		

At 10:25 a.m. with no further business, Stithem made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mader. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. in the commissioner room.

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman