

Now on this 19th 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, Kyle Emigh, Michael Egner and Ron Farber.

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. Sales representatives from Foley Equipment and Murphy Tractor were present and distributed bids for new graders. Each representative discussed the equipment and answered any questions presented by the board. Representatives were advised the board and Herskowitz would discuss further and let them know. Michael Egner was recognized and received clarification from Bracht on the election results for the township boards. Ron Farber was recognized and there was discussion about dragging of the roads. The current agreement expires December 31, 2024. Farber would like to continue dragging and would like a three year contract including another section. Last year \$56,346 was spent for dragging and to date this year \$21,900. The board and Herskowitz discussion the bids for the graders. The board would like the Kenworth taken off as a trade-in. Mader made a motion to approve the bid from Foley Equipment for a 2024 CAT 140-15J at a cost of \$300,000. This includes a trade-in of the 2012 CAT 12M2. Stithem seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

Bracht advised the board that there was a tie for Solomon Township Trustee and Treasurer. Mader flipped a coin to break the tie and landed on tails. Brian Baalman was chosen Solomon Township Trustee and Bernard Dickman as Solomon Township Treasurer. There were no nominations for Bowcreek Treasurer or Trustee but Bracht spoke with Scott Shaw, the current Trustee and he is willing to stay on as Trustee and that Mary Rose is willing to be the Treasurer. The board approved. The board and Bracht discussed the Hospital Board of Trustees needing another board member. They will try and come up with suggestions.

Justin Armknecht, City of Hoxie Superintendent, came to the table. Armknecht presented information for new tornado sirens with battery backup. Total cost for two new sirens is \$70,000. The board was asked if they would be willing to help with some of the cost. The board will help with the cost after a final amount of grant money is known.

Jordan Riley, EMS Director, came to the meeting. Riley discussed the Patterson Family Foundation grant Sheridan County EMS was awarded in the amount of \$148,251. The board had received information in their packets of the items Riley planned on purchasing for EMS with these funds. Bainter made a motion to accept the money, seconded by Stithem. Carried 3-0. Riley advised the board that he had secured \$169,000 in grant dollars this year. The board was advised that the EMT class has started with six students.

Dana Hess, Dispatch came to the table. Hess advised the board that through the 911 council, a new app is going to be purchased for first responders. Hess will write a policy as it pertains to HIPPA. Hess is in charge of approving first responders to have the app and setting them up. There was a brief discussion about dispatchers and how it is going. Vyve customers lost internet and phone service the previous week for approximately six hours due to an issue with an AT&T line. Once the service was restored, dispatch still had problems with their equipment. The Vyve tech got to the office at 8:00 pm and Hess

feels he was very rude, did not take responsibility for problems with Vyve equipment and just created more stress to the dispatchers job. Hess would like to go back to NexTech for their phone and internet service. She and Pratt will review the contract the county had with NexTech previously. The board has not approved the Sheriff's office to change back to NexTech at this time. Hess advised the board the dispatchers will attend an active shooter scenario in Decatur County.

Pratt had a brief discussion with the board about some land and work at Sheridan County Lake.

Stithem made a motion to approve the November 12, 2024 minutes and the November 15, 2024 payroll as presented. Mader seconded. Carried 3-0.

The following payroll was reviewed and approved:

General	\$ 91,927.30	Road & Bridge	\$ 33,598.01
Nox Weed	\$ 2,159.63	Public Transp	\$ 886.75
Landfill	\$ 1,819.82	MV	\$ 1,288.00

At 10:27 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, November 26, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. in the commissioner room.

Attest: _____
County Clerk

Chairman