

Now on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 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 and Dwayne Kersenbrock.

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 the fuel pump at the shop is going out. It is a fill-right type and the cost of a new one is \$850. By consensus it was approved to purchase a new one. Deficiencies are being worked on at the landfill. There was a discussion about the electric poles. The county mowers are out cleaning up some areas. There was discussion about millings and cover on the landfill. At 8:20, Mader made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 10 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. Present were the board, Bracht, Pratt and Herskowitz. The door opened at 8:30 with no decision being made.

Steve Hirsch and Mike Abbott came to the table. Hirsch discussed his plans as county attorney. Hirsch stated he will be available via Zoom for meetings if he is needed. Hirsch stated he will probably have to buy a file cabinet and a drive for Sheridan County work. Supplies were also discussed. Dwayne Kersenbrock was recognized. Kersenbrock came to discuss the easement issue that had been discussed several months back. Hirsch will review the situation. Kersenbrock advised the board that Blaine Joslyn who is currently the blade operator in his area is doing a great job.

Bracht advised the board that Jennifer Kennedy had come in and stated she was interested in being appointed to the hospital board of trustees. Stithem made a motion to appoint Jennifer Kennedy to the open position on the Amber Med Hospital Board of Trustees. Mader seconded. Carried 3-0. Bracht will let Chad Koster know. The board and Bracht discussed the estimate for repairs on the historical society buildings that had hail damage. Approval was given to go with Aqua Shield who had the low bid.

Jerol DeBoer, Penco Engineering, came to the table. DeBoer discussed a bridge in the northeast part of the county. Penco states the condition of the bridge is good. It is 22' wide but does have a lot of excess dirt on the top. The county will clean the top of the bridge off and see if it works better. Weston Bainter entered the meeting and was recognized. Bainter had concerns about the age of the bridge and was trying to come up with an effective, inexpensive fix. Bainter was advised that road & bridge would clean off the bridge and see if it works better. DeBoer thanked the board for everything they do.

Mader made a motion to approve several Treasurer abatements and adds as presented. Stithem seconded. Carried 3-0.

Three Resolutions transferring money from road & bridge to special highway; road & bridge to landfill capital outlay and general fund to special ambulance were approved on a motion from Stithem and second from Bainter. Carried 3-0.

The December 10, 2024 warrants were approved as presented on a motion by Bainter and second from Stithem. Carried 3-0.

The minutes of December 3, 2024 were approved as presented on a motion by Stithem. Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0.

At 9:38 Mader made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 30 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. Present were the board and Bracht. The door opened at 9:58. Mader made a motion to approve Resolution 25-02, 25-03, 25-04 and 25-20 pertaining to wages. Stithem seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

The following warrants were reviewed and approved:

General	\$	6,759.27	Road & Bridge	\$	411.41
Nox Weed	\$	438.03	Public Transp	\$	38.05

At 9:59 a.m. with no further business, Bainter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Stithem. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, December 17, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. in the commissioner room.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk

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Chairman