

Now on this 17<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 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 and the board discussed road dragging. Herskowitz will look at roads and a decision will be made in January. Tim Williams, Landfill Operator, continues to work on the deficiencies at the landfill. Rodrigo Hernandez is digging in the cell. The BoMag is having an issue with the joystick. Williams only uses the steering wheel so they will see if the joystick can be disconnected. A new joystick is \$2,700. Herskowitz was contacted by Wildlife & Parks about road & bridge maybe cleaning out the drain pipe at Sheridan Lake. Herskowitz and Hernandez will look and see if it is something that can be done safely. The board and Herskowitz discussed road 10E and the upcoming Hwy 23 project. They discussed putting up a sign stating it is a minimum maintenance road and/or travel at your own risk. The employees are still blading. Gravel has been taken out of the Schamberger pit and is pretty good. Millings have been put down in a few places. Bracht should be receiving some pickup tire bids.

Stithem made a motion to approve several Treasurer abatements for severed minerals Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0.

Resolution 25-31 pertaining to commissioner meeting dates, payroll and warrant dates and observed holidays for 2025 was approved on a motion by Stithem and second from Mader. Carried 3-0.

The board discussed KNRC and whether or not to continue supporting them. The board budgets \$5,000 annually but sees no Sheridan County return for those dollars. Stithem made a motion, seconded by Mader, to not financially support KNRC in 2025. Carried 2-1.

Bracht distributed information for the 2025 BCBS renewal. After discussion Stithem made a motion to accept the 2025 BCBS renewal as presented. Mader seconded. Carried 3-0.

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

Stithem made a motion to approve the December 13, 2024 payroll as presented. Mader seconded. Carried 3-0.

The Election Abstract book was signed by the board and Clerk.

The following payroll was reviewed and approved:

General	\$ 75,535.09	Road & Bridge	\$ 22,413.99
Nox Weed	\$ 2,120.00	Public Transp	\$ 603.50
Landfill	\$ 1,890.12		

At 9:11 a.m. with no further business, Mader made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Stithem. Carried 3-0. The last regular meeting of the year will be Friday, December 27, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. in the commissioner room.

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

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Chairman