

# Proceedings of the County Commissioners

April 21, 2020

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 on the internet platform ZOOM as advertised by public notice on the County website. This meeting was open the public and conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act and the Governor's waiver for meetings during the Covid-19 emergency. The meeting was held electronically and no quorum of the Board of Commissioners was physically present in the Commissioners chambers.

Present were Chairman Loren Paul, Commissioners Bruce Messersmith, James Krotz and Clerk Sindy Coburn. Also present were, Assessor Tina Skinner, Treasurer Renee Thies, Road Superintendent Tom Kuester, Weed Superintendent Kristi Paul and citizens Bob Palmer and Jack Andersen.

The Commissioners approved the salary claims that had been prepared and circulated electronically by the Clerk.

Road Superintendent Tom Kuester reported that the problems with rising water levels in the south part of the county continue. County crews will begin working 4, 10-hour days per week beginning April 27.

The Commissioners approved the transfer of \$74,748.43 received from FEMA and currently deposited in the Road Fund to the county FEMA Fund

Building Superintendent Jeff Davis reported that Fuller Construction plans to pour concrete for the south entrance ramp on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. The new steps and ramp should be open for use in about two weeks.

Weed Superintendent Kristi Paul reported that the annual notices for the noxious weed control program and the prairie dog control program have been submitted for publication.

Jack Arterburn, Beef Systems Educator of the Extension Service, reported on the re-write of the GrassSnap application and on the numerous articles he has written in recent weeks.

Jeremy Harris of MANNA systems reported on the information technology update project at the courthouse. The Commissioners hope to have a "screen-sharing" capability with the Assessor's office in place by the time protest hearings begin this summer. There was considerable discussion of how those hearings might be conducted if "social distancing" is still a requirement.

The Commissioners interviewed one candidate each for the positions of Weed Superintendent, GIVE Director and Road Superintendent.

The Commissioners offered the position of Weed Superintendent to Seth Tausan. He will begin employment with the County May 4 to work with the current Superintendent Kristi Paul until she retires on June 1.

The Commissioners offered the position of GIVE Director to Bev Wellnitz. She will begin employment with the County on May 11 to work with the current Director Jeannette Graber until she retires on June 1.

The Commissioners offered the position of Road Superintendent to Richard Cross. He is currently employed by the County and will assume the position on June 1 at the time of Tom Kuester's retirement.

The next scheduled meeting of the Commissioners will be Tuesday, April 28 at 9:00 a.m. on ZOOM.us. The meeting will be open to the public – please check the county website at [sheridancounty.ne.gov](http://sheridancounty.ne.gov) for the meeting number and password.

*The minutes of this and all meetings of the Board of Commissioners are available to the public at the office of the Sheridan County Clerk and online at [sheridancounty.ne.gov](http://sheridancounty.ne.gov) All meetings of the Board of Commissioners are held in compliance with Nebraska Open Meetings Act and the public is always welcome.*

Submitted by James Krotz