

Proceedings of the Sheridan County Commissioners
June 9, 2020

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners met in person at the Courthouse at 9:00 on Tuesday, June 9 for the first time since the Covid-19 crisis response began on March 24.

Present were Commissioners Loren Paul, Bruce Messersmith and James Krotz, Clerk Sindy Coburn, Treasurer Renee Thies and Assessor Tina Skinner.

Acting as the Board of Equalization (BOE) the Commissioners reviewed and approved a list of 7 overvalued and 7 undervalued properties as presented by the Assessor.

The Assessor, Clerk and Commissioners agreed to set the dates for Valuation Protest Hearings for July 7, 14 & 21.

Clint Andersen appeared to report on county employee participation in the AFLAC insurance program.

Jim Puchner of XEROX submitted a lease proposal for a new copier for the Courthouse Annex (Veterans Service, Roads, Weed Dept. & Give). The Commissioners approved the proposal at a cost of \$334/month.

Road Superintendent Richard Cross reported on negotiation for the salvaged box culvert from the Hwy. 18 project in South Dakota.

Treasurer Renee Thies and Supt. Cross informed the Board that the Road Dept. had received \$26,936 from FEMA for flood damage to the Shell Lake Road in 2019.

Kory Mack, manager of the Rex Ranch, appeared to request gravel for a segment of 298th Trail that the ranch has improved. The Board and Superintendent agreed to supply about ten loads.

Randy BenBen presented a Work/Financial Plan on behalf of the USDA for wildlife services from July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021. The Commissioners deferred approval of the Plan until they could meet with the USDA supervisor on June 23.

The Commissioners approved a resolution appointing Carl Gilbert of Wildcat Surveying to serve for 60 days as County Surveyor to establish corners in Township 26, Range 46.

Building Superintendent Jeff Davis reported that sneeze barriers had been installed in the county offices and discussed the installation of a temporary screen in the Commissioners office for protest hearings. To date the cost of the Covid-19 response has been less than \$500.

The Board approved a request from Marlin Sandoz of The Fuel Grill for an application to the State Liquor Commission for a Special Designated License (SDL) to serve alcohol at a reception at Galyen Farms on June 27, 2020.

The Board noted the renewal of the County's participation in the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Association (NIRMA) for the coming year. The cost of that pooled insurance to Sheridan County will be \$112,463.

The Commissioners and Assessor visited by phone with Jeremy Harris of MANNA systems about screen-sharing for the upcoming protest hearings.

The next scheduled meeting of the Commissioners will be Tuesday June 16 at 9:00 at the Courthouse.

The minutes of this and all meetings of the Board of Commissioners will be available to the public at the office of the Sheridan County Clerk and now are available online at 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