

Proceedings of the Sheridan County Commissioners.

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners met at the Courthouse on July 21.

Present were Chairman Loren Paul, Commissioners Bruce Messersmith and James Krotz and Clerk Sindy Coburn

The Commissioners audited and approved salary and BC/BS claims.

Clerk of the District Court Carol Stouffer reported that she had found a bat in the courtroom which led to the discovery of a large colony of bats in the courthouse attic. Building Superintendent Jeff Davis speculated that the recent replacement of the courthouse roof may have left points of access for the creatures. Davis is in conversation with contractors who remove, clean, disinfect and bat-proof buildings. There were many expressions of encouragement for a quick response.

The Commissioners and Deputy Treasurer Melissa Grover convened as the Board of Equalization (BOE). Gary Ruse of the Gordon Church of God presented a request for a tax exemption on a van owned by the Church. The BOE approved the exemption.

Chairman Loren Paul signed an agreement with MASA (Medical Air Services Association) authorizing payroll deductions for county employees who choose to participate in the air ambulance insurance program.

The Commissioners approved the appointment of Gary Binger to serve another one-year term as Chairman of the Veteran's Service Organization Board. They also approved Ken Gibson and Christopher Pyle each to serve a five-year term on the VSO Board.

Road Superintended Richard Cross reported that the Gordon airport bridge project will be delayed because the Hwy. 18 project in South Dakota that is to supply the box culvert has been suspended.

Building Superintendent Jeff Davis reported that the new exterior stairs from the west end of the jail to the exercise area have been installed.

Acting as the Board of Equalization (BOE) the Commissioners reviewed and approved a permissive exemption for a building owned by Sharing and Caring Neighbors of Hay Springs – a charitable organization.

Assessor Tina Skinner presented for consideration a list of 9 over-valued and 4 under-valued properties. The BOE approved the list.

At 11:00 the BOE, working with appraisal consultant Suzi Lore, began considering the evidence presented at property valuation protest hearings held on July 7 & 14. A judgement was rendered on each protest and will be communicated to the protestors by mail.

The next scheduled meeting of the Commissioners will be Tuesday August 11 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