

Proceedings of the Sheridan County Commissioners.

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners met at the Courthouse on Tuesday, August 11, 2020.

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

The Commissioners audited and approved claims.

Acting as the Board of Equalization (BOE) the Commissioners conducted hearings on two issues presented by the Assessor. The BOE denied, for lack of supporting evidence, a request to increase the valuation on a property owned by Ada Marlene Walgren. The BOE reduced to “salvage value” a farm outbuilding owned by Court Feddersen.

Road Superintended Richard Cross reported that local projects are proceeding on schedule because of favorable weather. The concrete box culverts from the HWY 18 project in South Dakota we had hoped to buy to replace the Gordon Airport bridge are now “on hold” because of jurisdictional ownership issues.

Chief Deputy Everett Langford presented an update on activities in the Sheriffs department. At this time the county is not housing any inmates in other county jails because of the presumed positive Covid-19 case in our jail.

Sheriff Brewer, Mayor Richard McKay and Les Anderson of Hay Springs joined the meeting to discuss speed limit enforcement in and around the village. Mayor McKay was also concerned to know about the resources available to assist the village in times of civil unrest.

The Treasurer initiated a discussion of concerns among the Elected Officials regarding delays in updating the courthouse IT system.

The Board signed a letter of support for a multi-jurisdictional “tire amnesty” event project for which the city of Alliance is seeking a grant.

The Commissioners approved the proposed application to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission by the Sheridan County Ag Society for a Special Designated License (SDL). The SDL would permit the sale of alcohol at the Willow Tree Rodeo in Gordon from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. on September 11, 12 & 13.

In the afternoon the Commissioners met individually with the following Officials and Department Heads to discuss their budget needs for the coming year: Treasurer, Assessor/Reappraisal, Clerk/Elections, District Court/Jury Commissioner/Clerk of the District Court, Sheriff/Jail, Building and Grounds, Veterans Service Office, GIVE and Road Department.

The next scheduled meeting of the Commissioners will be Tuesday August 18 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