

Proceedings of the Sheridan County Commissioners.

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners met at the Courthouse on August 26, 2020.

Present were Vice Chairman Bruce Messersmith and Commissioner James Krotz, Clerk Sindy Coburn and Treasurer Renee Thies. Chairman Loren Paul was excused.

The Commissioners reviewed and signed checks.

Sheridan County has, for many years, appointed a county surveyor on an “as needed” basis. Nebraska Revised Statutes §32-525 now require that counties with a population of less than 150,000 must put before the voters the question of whether the county should appoint or elect their county surveyor. The Commissioners approved resolution 2020-13 which will place that question on the November 3 ballot.

The Commissioners approved and signed plans for a subdivision proposed by Galyen Farms in SE ¼ of 27-31-46. The subdivision includes 8 lot of 18-20 acres for rural residential development.

Attorney Aaron Conn appeared on behalf of Reverse 7L to request approval of a rural subdivision of less than 10 acres in 14-31-44 for rural residential use. The Board approved the subdivision.

Road Superintendent Richard Cross reported that very dry conditions have made it nearly impossible to grade roads without causing damage. We thank rural residents for their understanding a patience in this time of drought.

A Deputy of the Sheridan County Sheriff Department entered the Commission’s Chambers and served on Messersmith and Krotz a court summons to respond to a lawsuit filed by Rudy Stanko in the County Court concerning the alleged violation of his rights while lodged in the County Jail. Later in the morning Deputy County Jamian Simmons appeared in the chamber door with the news that Stanko’s lawsuit had been dismissed by the court.

The remainder of the day was spent with Budget Preparation Consultant Caleb Johnson and Elected Officials; Stouffer, Skinner, Thies, Sones, Brewer, Tiensvold, Davis, Sones and Cross, preparing a proposed budget for 2020-2021. The budget will be presented to the public for review, discussion and approval on September 15.

The next scheduled meeting of the Commissioners will be Tuesday September 8 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