

## Proceedings of the Sheridan County Commissioners.

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners met at the Courthouse on September 22, 2020.

Present at the Courthouse were Chairman Loren Paul, Commissioners Bruce Messersmith and James Krotz, Clerk Sindy Coburn and Assessor Tina Skinner..

Acting as the Board of Equalization (BOE) the Commissioners discussed with Assessor Skinner the pending assessment of Viaero towers that is now to be the responsibility of the County.

Road Superintendent Richard Cross presented the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance for the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classification and Standards. The Commissioners approved and signed the Certification.

Sheriff Jeff Brewer and Chief Deputy Everett Langford present the final paperwork for the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice grant of \$34,486. The grant was used to purchase “repeaters” that link officers on person radios to the radios in their patrol vehicles.

Building Superintendent Jeff Davis reported on progress on the floor resurfacing in the law enforcement building.

The Commissioners approved and signed Proclamations of Honor; for Tom Kuester who retired from the Department of Roads after 35 years of service, 10 as Superintendent; and for Kristi Paul who retired from the Weed Department after 41 years of service, 30 as Superintendent.

GIVE Director Bev Wellnitz met with the Commissioners to discuss the need to re-organize and streamline the program in the face of Covid-19 restrictions and budget constraints. The Commissioners decided to dissolve the Advisory Committee and have the director report directly to the BOC.

Randy Benben the long-time USDA Animal Damage Control officer serving Sheridan County appeared to say “farewell” on the eve of his retirement. Benben informed the Board that the USDA does not have a successor for the position waiting in the wings.

USDA representative Jerry Feise assured the BOC on June 23 that the County would not be billed during the interim time between officers.

Weed Superintendent Seth Tausen briefed the BOC on his recent activities and discussed with them the use of drone technology in mapping and spraying noxious weed infestations.

The next scheduled meeting of the Commissioners will be Tuesday October 13 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](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