Proceedings of the Commissioners January 19, 2021

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners met via ZOOM on January 12, 2021, as advertised on the County website sheridancountyne.gov. Governor Ricketts has authorized the use of such virtual meetings during this time of the Covid-19 pandemic to help minimize public contact and possible virus transmission. Since the meeting was held electronically no quorum of the public body was physically present and there was no public, in-person attendance. Members of the public and media were informed of the meeting and invited to attend via ZOOM.

Present were Chairman Loren Paul, Commissioners Bruce Messersmith and James Krotz, Deputy County Clerk Geri Ann Landreth, Treasurer Renee Thies and Road Supt. Richard Cross.

There was no business for the Board of Equalization.

Acting as the Board of Equalization (BOE) the Commissioners audited and approved claims.

Road Superintendent Richard Cross recommended February 23rd as the date for the One and Six-Year Plan hearing and the possibility of holding the event as a face-to-face meeting at the County Shop. The Commission voted to set the hearing for 11:00 a.m. on February 23 at 11:00 a.m. at the County Shop on North Main in Rushville.

The Commissioners observed that the new door has been installed at the south entrance.

Treasurer Renee Thies discussed her plans to re-configure the counter in her office to accommodate printers and the possible replacement of a troublesome computer.

Chief Deputy Everette Langford and Jodi Elsea of the Sheriffs' staff met with the BOC to discuss the need for improved performance in the video system. The Commissioners authorized Elsea to request a proposal from Bytes Computer of Scottsbluff. Sheriff Brewer arrived late in the course of the conversation and concurred with the Commissioners recommendation.

The Commissioners discussed and declined a request from the Cowboy Trail association to purchase a "county sign" along the Trail.

The next meeting of the BOE and BOC is scheduled for Tuesday, January 26 on the ZOOM platform and will be open to the public. Watch the County website Public Notices site for meeting ID and passcode information.

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