

# Sheriff Seizes Drugs

## Proceedings of the Commissioners

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners met via ZOOM at 9:07 a.m. on March 16, 2021 as advertised on the County website [sheridancountyne.gov](http://sheridancountyne.gov)

Present were Chairman Loren Paul, Commissioners Bruce Messersmith and James Krotz, County Clerk Sindy Coburn, Treasurer Renee Thies and Road Superintendent Richard Cross.

Commissioner Messersmith attended the meeting in person at the Courthouse since the power was still out at his home. He arrived a bit late because of the deep snow along his as yet unplowed road. The failure of a backup power supply in the Courthouse rendered the camera/internet connection in the Commissioners' office inoperable for much of the meeting but Treasurer Renee Thies came riding to the rescue with her I-phone. The phone provided a surprisingly good connection to ZOOM.

Acting as the Board of Equalization (BOE) the Commissioners convened but had no business to consider.

The Board of Commissioners (BOC) audited and approved claims for payment totaling \$161,362.

Deputy County Attorney Jamian Simmons met with the BOC in closed session from 9:15 – 9:45 to discuss pending litigation. No action was taken.

The BOC voted to reconsider Motion 2021-05 regarding County match funds for the Sheridan County Transportation Program as approved on March 9. By reconsideration the Commissioners adjusted and corrected the amount of County match funds for the for fiscal year 2022-2023 to \$10,415.

Road Superintendent Richard Cross reported on snow removal efforts in the wake of the recent winter storm. Many road surfaces are very soft and are subject to damage by the passage of heavy plows.

Cross reported that the crew sealing cracks on 440<sup>th</sup> Road had completed about ½ mile when the snow arrived. Work will resume when the pavement is thoroughly dry.

Sheriff Jeff Brewer reported the seizure of a substantial amount of drugs and cash in a traffic stop on Hwy 87 last week. In a separate case, the discovery of a concealed stash of methamphetamine by a private citizen, led the Sheriff to what he described as “the biggest chunk of meth he had ever seen.”

Jeremy Harris of MANNA Systems reported to the BOC on information technology issues in the Courthouse computer system.

The Commissioners agreed to continue meeting on the ZOOM platform through the end of March as permitted by the Governor's Executive Order.

The next meeting of the BOE and BOC is scheduled for Tuesday, March 23, at 9:00 on the ZOOM platform and will be open to the public. Watch the County website Public Notices site for meeting ID and passcode information. Those lacking a reliable internet connection can join the meeting by telephone using the number posted there.

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