

Proceedings of the Commissioners

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners met in person on April 20, 2021 as advertised on the County website sheridancountyne.gov. The meeting was open to the public and a ZOOM connection was also available.

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

The Assessor had no business to present to the Board of Equalization.

The Commissioners signed claim checks and audited and approved salary claims.

Road Superintendent Richard Cross reported that he is seeking quotes from two suppliers for replacement road signs. The BOC noted that some of the signs are so faded as to be unreadable and requested a progress report at the May 11 meeting.

At the Superintendent's request the BOC declared six pallets of faded and no-longer usable signs and an old pick-up flatbed as surplus for sale to the highest bidder.

Building Superintendent Jeff Davis reported that the backup generator will require more than \$4000 of preventative maintenance this summer.

Jeremy Harris of Manna met with the BOC via ZOOM to discuss information technology issues in the courthouse.

Chet Ellsworth appeared at the time for Public Comment to ask about recordings/transcripts of the BOC meetings. The Board explained that all meetings are open to the public in person and via ZOOM. The meetings are not recorded though persons in attendance can make recordings of their own. Because there are no official recordings of the meetings there are no official transcripts. The minutes of the BOC are prepared by the County Clerk and reviewed and approved by the Commissioners at each subsequent meeting. That process takes at least a week and, depending on the meeting schedule, the publication of the minutes can be delayed by several weeks. The "Proceedings" are not the official record of BOC actions but are offered (usually within a day of the meeting) as a more timely, informal report for the benefit of the public.

The Commissioners conducted their quarterly inspection of the County Jail and noted with approval the completion of the flooring project.

The next meeting of the BOE and BOC is scheduled for Tuesday, April 27, at 9:00 in the Commissioners' Chambers in the Courthouse and will be open to the public. The meeting will also be available on ZOOM – check the Public Notices page of the county website for meeting number and passcode.

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 online at sheridancountyne.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