The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners met in person on May 18, 2021 at the County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was published 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 and Treasurer Renee Thies.

The Commissioners convened as the Board of Equalization (BOE) and approved the minutes of the May 11 meeting, The Assessor brought no business before the BOE so the meeting was adjourned and the Board of Commissioner (BOC) convened

Road Superintendent Richard Cross reported to the Board of Commissioners (BOC) the need for a tilt-bed trailer for transporting culverts and the skid loader. Since the cost of the trailer was below the bidding threshold, the commissioners directed Cross to proceed with the purchase.

In order to prevent needless injury to the reputation of an individual the BOC met in closed session to discuss a personnel issue.

Marie Nelson, Extension 4-H Assistant reported on recent and upcoming youth and community activities. Nelson also reported that a larger, more program-friendly, rental space in Rushville was now available as a possible re-location site for the Extension Office. The Board asked Nelson to communicate their interest to the owner and report back with an estimate of costs for necessary renovations.

Building Superintendent Jeff Davis met with the Commissioners to discuss a proposed contract for cleaning services. The contract will be placed on the May 25 agenda for possible approval.

Sheriff Brewer reported that the jail census continues to be relatively low. Chief Deputy Langford joined the meeting to report on IT issues in the Sheriff's department.

Kevin Carmody of Bytes Managed IT presented, via ZOOM, a proposal for IT services for the county. No action was taken.

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

The next meeting of the BOE and BOC is scheduled for Tuesday, May 25, 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 sheriancounty.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