Proceedings of the Commissioners

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners met in person on June 8, 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, Deputy County Clerk Geri Ann Landreth and Treasurer Renee Thies.

The Commissioners convened as the Board of Equalization (BOE) and approved reductions to the Homestead Exemptions of William Colvin and Frances Walton as directed by the state Department of Revenue. Assessor Tina Skinner presented and the BOE approved the Over & Undervalued properties list. The list included three over-valued and five under-valued parcels.

The Board of Commissioners (BOC) approved the reassignment of a claim for \$9600 from the Assessors Budget to the Reappraisal budget.

GIVE Director Bev Wellnitz made her periodic report to the BOC.

Road Superintendent Richard Cross reported that road construction projects are proceeding with no major difficulties. The "chips" for the 440th Road armor coating project have been delivered on site and the applicator should complete the project in June. Work on the Gordon airport bridge will begin after the County Fair.

Jonnie Kusek met with BOC to discuss office and parking space for the Sheridan County Public Transportation (Handi-Bus). The Commissioners agreed to make available an office in the Annex (County Shop) building on North Main in Rushville. The office will provide a yet to be determined in-kind match toward the county's share of the Department of Transportation Grant that provides most of the funding for the project.

Building Superintendent Jeff Davis reported that the contract for Courthouse cleaning services has been completed and signed.

Sheriff Jeff Brewer reported that staff shortages are adding to the cost of overtime on both the law enforcement and corrections budgets.

Tim Brewer presented the proposed service agreement for wildlife control as prepared by the USDA. The Commissioners delayed action on the proposal pending a requested June 22 meeting with USDA supervisor Jerry Feist.

The BOC decided to end the IT service agreement with MANNA Systems effective June 30. Each office and department will be allowed to secure IT services from the provider of their choice.

The next meeting of the BOE and BOC is scheduled for Tuesday, June 15, 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