

Proceedings of the Commissioners

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners met in person on June 22, 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, Clerk Sindy Coburn and Treasurer Renee Thies.

Acting as the Board of Equalization (BOE) the Commissioners reviewed the over/undervalued list of properties presented by Assessor Tina Skinner. The list included undervalued parcels owned by Lila Mae Christian and Joe Headrick. The list was approved. The BOE voted to accept the State Department of Revenue's reversal of its earlier reduction of the Homestead Exemption granted to William Colvin.

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

The Commissioner signed the final draft of a lease on the Tiny Tots preschool building on east 8th street in Rushville. When renovated the building will serve as the new office of the University Extension Service

Road Superintendent Richard Cross reported that the lack of rain has made it impossible to grade most roads leading to the worsening of washboard conditions. Drivers are encouraged to be patient, reduce their speed and pray for rain. The BOC decided to delay the application of armor-coating to 440th Road until at least the second week of August because high temperatures that are be forecast may prevent the material from setting properly.

The BOC voted to declare a 2011 Freightliner "surplus" and offer it for sale.

Charlie Hamilton appeared to ask the BOC about their understanding of Executive Order 14008, sometimes known as the 30 x 30 proposal. Having no authority in the matter, the Commissioners are disinclined to consider any resolutions. They encourage citizens to read the entire document and then communicate any concerns to their congressman and senators.

Sheriff Jeff Brewer presented the Highway 20 Interlocal Law Enforcement Agreement for renewal. Fifteen counties and communities participate in the agreement which the Board proceeded to approve.

Tim Brewer and Jerry Feist of the USDA presented additional information on the proposed service plan for wildlife services. The BOC approved the proposed contract for services at a cost of \$29,985.

Jack Arterburn, Extension Beef specialist presented his periodic report on recent and upcoming activities. Jack's "Ranch Handbook" You Tube Channel has now surpassed one million views. See youtube.com/channel/UCGSq9ErDF22rjnARvJAPqQ

Jeremey Harris of MANNA Systems joined the meeting via ZOOM to discuss anti-virus services which are to continue through July.

Elected Officials and Department Heads reported on their respective plans for IT services. Many of the offices will be working with Intralinks of Chadron.

The next meeting of the BOE and BOC is scheduled for Tuesday, July 6, 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 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