

Proceedings of the Commissioners

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners (BOC) convened on August 25, 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 Vice-Chairman, Bruce Messersmith, Commissioner James Krotz, Clerk, Sindy Coburn and Treasurer Renee Thies. Commissioner Loren Paul was excused.

Acting as the Board of Equalization (BOE) the Commissioners approved the minutes of the August 17 meeting. There was no other business for the BOE.

Sara Ritgarn of GLR appeared briefly to ask the pro-forma closing questions of the 2020-2021 audit. She remarked that the audit had gone well and that all officers and staff had been helpful.

Road Superintendent Richard Cross reported that 190th Lane, north of Hwy. 20, will be closed from September 6 – 24 for replacement of the Gordon airport bridge. Cross also reported that the replacement of E-911 road signs will begin this week.

Elected Officials and Department Heads joined the BOC for a presentation of the Draft 2021-2022 Budget by consultant Caleb Johnson. There followed several hours of discussion and negotiation resulting in cuts of more the 1.5 million. At the end of the day the BOC approved a Proposed Budget with a tax asking of 4,231,335, an increase of just 149 dollars over the previous fiscal year. The tax levy will decrease from .388884 to .372337. The Proposed Budget will be presented at a Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 14 at 9:00 a.m. Immediately upon adjournment of the Budget Hearing the BOC will convene and vote on the adoption of the Budget.

The BOC approved resolutions approving petty cash funds, approving an increase of restricted funds, and allocating taxing authority to miscellaneous districts.

The next meeting of the BOE and BOC is scheduled for Tuesday, September 14 immediately following the Budget Hearing at 9:00. All meetings will be open to the public and will also be available on ZOOM – check the Public Notices page of the county website for the 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