

Proceedings of the Commissioners

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners (BOC) convened on September 21, 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 Commissioners Bruce Messersmith and James Krotz, Clerk Sindy Coburn and Treasurer Renee Thies. Chairman Loren Paul attended and presided via ZOOM.

Acting as the Board of Equalization (BOE) the Commissioners approved the minutes of the September 14 meeting. The Assessor brought no business before the BOE.

Acting as the BOC, the Commissioners signed claim checks and audited and approved salary claims for the month.

Clerk of the District Court Carol Stouffer appeared with a concern regarding the security cameras in the court during the grand jury session. The concern was quickly resolved with the assistance an IT technician from Intralinks.

Road Superintendent Richard Cross reported that the bridge replacement project near the Gordon airport has been completed and the road now open to traffic. The old bridge, built in 1935, has been replaced by two large culverts.

Cross also reported that recent rainfall, though far from sufficient, has aided efforts to grade our washboard plagued roads. Under optimal conditions the county can deploy 15 motor-graders, each of which can grade approximately 15 miles of road per day making three passes.

Rick Herian and Scott Potmesil appeared to discuss repairs to a deteriorating section of gravel-over-pavement road in District 31.

Jessica Heesacker appeared on behalf of the Hay Springs Chamber of Commerce to request approval of an application for a Special Designated License to serve alcohol at the Fall Market Event to be held at the Barns at Galyen Barns on September 25. The BOC approved the application.

Representatives of the Nebraska Strong Recovery Project appeared to report on behavioral health initiatives in response to the Covid crisis.

The BOC approved four resolutions authorizing the Treasurer to transfer funds, as set forth in the 2021-2022 Budget, from the General Fund to the Road Funds, The Reappraisal Fund, the Weed Fund, and the Extension Sinking Fund.

The next meeting of the BOE and BOC is scheduled for Tuesday, September 28 at 9:00 a.m. 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 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