

Proceedings of the Commissioners

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners (BOC) met on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, 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 Bruce Messersmith, Commissioners Dan Kling and James Krotz, County Clerk Sindy Coburn, and Treasurer Renee Thies.

The Commissioners, convened as the Board of Equalization (BOE), approved two Correction Sheets presented by Assessor, Tina Skinner: Accelerated the taxes on a mobile home owned by James and Krissa Rucker that has been moved from the county. Adjusted the Homestead Exemption for Roland and Lois Molitor from 100% to 90% as directed by the state.

The Board of Commissioners (BOC) audited and approved claims for payment totaling 179,153.74.

The BOC considered a request from the Clerk of the County Court, Catherine Allen, to replace the windows in her office which is located on the ground level of the jail building.

At 9:35 the BOC opened a public hearing on the proposed designation of a Truck Route on 590th Road within the county. There was no testimony from the public. The BOC closed the hearing and voted to approve Resolution 2022-10 designating the Truck Route as proposed. A principal benefit of the Truck Route will be the diversion of heavy Truck Traffic off of a residential section of East Third Street in Rushville.

Road Superintendent Richard Cross requested that the BOC consider quotes from Caterpillar and John Deere at the May 24 meeting.

Cross presented a quotation from PRO-VISION for the installation of dashboard cameras in Road Department vehicles at a cost of \$395 per vehicle. The Board encouraged Cross to proceed with the project.

Sheriff Jeff Brewer reported on the continuing difficulty of recruiting and training officers

Building Superintendent Jeff Davis reported on plans to upgrade the courthouse heating system. The estimated cost of the project now appears to exceed the \$50,000 threshold requiring formal bids. The BOC directed Davis to begin the bid process.

Marie Nelson, Extension 4-H assistant presented an update on recent and upcoming activities.

The BOC viewed a ZOOM presentation by Scott Barger of McCook on Partners Health Alliance, an alternative to the BC/BS health insurance

The BOC voted to renew BC/BS contract for the coming year.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, May 24.

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 now are available online at

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Submitted by James Krotz