

Proceedings of the Commissioners

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners (BOC) met on Tuesday, July 12, 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 BOC audited and approved claims for payment totaling 203,190.24.

Elain Menzel, Legal Counsel for the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) appeared to brief the Commissioners on upcoming training events and conferences for county officials.

The Board voted to ratify Resolution 2021-4 (2nd Amendment rights) which was unanimously approved on 3-9-2021 and signed by Chairman Paul. In the rush of business that day the other two commissioners did not sign. This action to “ratify” the resolution corrects that mistake and adds the signatures of Messersmith and Krotz.

Road Superintendent Richard Cross reported that crews are still working to repair approximately 35 washouts caused by heavy rains last week.

Deputy County Attorney Jamian Simmons met with the BOC to discuss the further refinement of a draft resolution establishing a process for agencies to apply for grants from county AARPA funds.

Simmons and the BOC discussed the posting of signs at the courthouse regarding firearms. No action was taken.

The Board met in executive session to discuss potential litigation.

Treasurer Renee Thies requested the establishment of a fund (#2320) to receive Opioid Recovery Funds the county will receive as a result of a national settlement. The county will then disburse the funds to Region 1 Behavioral Health. The BOC authorized the Treasurer to establish the fund.

The Board voted to authorize the Treasurer to use county funds to cover her expenses incurred as a Notary Public.

Sheriff Jeff Brewer reported on the continuing challenge of recruiting, training and retaining deputies.

At 1:05 the Commissioners, Assessor Tina Skinner and Clerk Sindy Coburn convened as the Board of Equalization (BOE) to begin hearing property valuation protests.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for 9:00 Tuesday, July 19. Valuation protest hearings will continue at 11:00 on that day.

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 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