

## Proceedings of the Commissioners

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners (BOC) met on Tuesday, July 19, 2022, at the County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was published on the county website [sheridancountyne.gov](http://sheridancountyne.gov). The meeting was open to the public and a ZOOM connection was also available. Present were Chairman Bruce Messersmith, Commissioner James Krotz, County Clerk Sindy Coburn, and Treasurer Renee Thies. Commissioner Dan Kling was excused.

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

The Board approved a resolution establishing the procedures for departments and agencies of the county to apply for grants from county ARPA funds. The full text of the resolution will be published in the newspaper of record and on the county website.

Scott Bidroski, Managing Editor of the Sheridan County Journal Star, appeared to discuss certain claims paid for the GIVE program. Bidroski expressed concern that employees who travel to Chadron on county business have done personal shopping while there and then been reimbursed for mileage. The Board replied that there is no policy forbidding personal shopping on business trips nor for the reimbursement of mileage.

Road Superintendent Richard Cross reported that nearly all the “wash outs” caused by recent storms have been repaired and normal operations have resumed.

Scott and Dale Berndt appeared to discuss the replacement of sun-faded road signs and plans for the resurfacing of 358<sup>th</sup> Trail. Cross reported that the first stage of the three-stage sign-replacement project is nearing completion. That first stage includes signs at highway intersections. More rural signage will be replaced in stages two and three. Cross also reported that the resurfacing of 358<sup>th</sup> Trail is in the 2023 work plan.

Sheriff Jeff Brewer and jailor Jodi Elsea reported on the recent facility inspection conducted by the State. The inspector identified no violations but did point out that three security doors would have to be replaced fairly soon. The Board encouraged Elsea to investigate the cost of replacing the doors and upgrading to electronic locks. The increasing number of prisoners under the influence of drugs and/or potentially violent is straining the jail’s ability to appropriately classify and segregate prisoners. It is likely that such prisoners will have to be held in other facilities with a corresponding increase of jail costs.

Building Superintendent Jeff Davis reported that the kitchen cabinets in the jail kitchen are falling apart and must be replaced.

The BOC accepted the quotation from Fire & Ice Mechanical for the upgrading of heating/cooling units in the Courthouse. The project will be funded using ARPA monies already received.

Marie Nelson, Extension 4-H Assistant, reported on the many activities and projects underway.

Treasurer Renee Thies presented to the Board her semi-annual Fund Report.

The Board approved the transfer of ARPA funds from the General Fund to the Covid American Rescue Fund.

Kim and Matt Rosane, owners of the Gordon Country Club, requested a one-day extension of hours for the sale of alcohol, to begin at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 7 to accommodate the Oglala Nation Golf Tournament. The BOC approved the extension.

The BOC approved the re-appointment of Eric Anderson and Gary Binger to five-year terms on the Veteran's Service Board. The Board also approved the re-appointment of Gary Binger to a one-year term as Chairman of the VSO Board.

The BOC adjourned and the Commissioners, Clerk and Assessor Tina Skinner convened as the Board of Equalization to continue reviewing property valuation protests.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Monday, July 25.

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](http://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