

Proceedings of the Commissioners

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners (BOC) met on Monday, August 9, 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, Commissioner Dan Kling, County Clerk Sindy Coburn, and Treasurer Renee Thies. Commissioner James Krotz attended the meeting via ZOOM in a non-voting capacity.

Acting as the Board of Equalization (BOE) the Commissioners reviewed a Correction Sheet presented by Assessor Tina Skinner for a property owned by Paula Dawn Brown. The property, a mobile home, has been sold and moved out of the county. The Correction Sheet approved the acceleration of taxes on the property and the payment of a refund on the interest paid, out of the General Fund. The BOE approved the correction.

The BOE approved a correction to the Homestead Exemption of James Irwin as directed by the state reducing the exemption from 50% to 10%.

Road Superintendent Richard Cross reported to the BOC that the theft of road and construction signs has been increasing. The Commissioners expressed their support for efforts to apprehend and prosecute the thieves. The BOC and Cross discussed the possible replacement of a water truck.

Building Superintendent Jeff Davis appeared to discuss funding for the courthouse heating/cooling system upgrade. The BOC approved resolution 2022-13 authorizing the use of \$50,950 of ARPA funds for the project.

Carl Gilbert of Wildcat Surveying in Harrison, and County Surveyor for Banner County, appeared to discuss with the BOC the possibility of a more expansive agreement of his temporary appointment as Sheridan County Surveyor. In recent years Mr. Gilbert has done most of the contract work for the county and has seen the demand for his services increase significantly. The BOC voted to appoint Mr. Gilbert to a four-year term as County Surveyor, beginning August 9, 2022, with a budget to be determined in future negotiations.

The BOC met in closed session to discuss a personnel matter.

Chairman Messersmith briefed the Board on the upcoming meeting with the Pandemic Response Accountability Committee from the Council of Inspector's General on Integrity and Efficiency (PRAC), Sheridan County is one of six communities chosen from across the nation to participate in a review of the use of Covid Funding and handling of activities during the pandemic. The other five communities are Springfield Massachusetts, Cor d'Alene Idaho, Marion County Georgia, White earth Nation in Minnesota, and Jicarilla Nation in New Mexico. The PRAC committee will meet with the Commissioners on August 16 and other community leaders from August 15 – 17.

The next meeting of the Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, August 16 at 9:00

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