

Proceedings of the Commissioners

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners (BOC) met on Tuesday November 15, 2022, at the County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was published on the county website sheridancounty.ne.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, Clerk Sindy Coburn, and Treasurer Renee Thiess.

Acting as the Board of Equalization (BOE) the Commissioners reviewed and approved the minutes of the October 25 meeting.

The BOC audited and approved claims for payment totaling \$ 311,852.28.

Tyer Oliver representing davidson a + e, and Deputy County Attorney Jamian Simmons met with the BOE to discuss the firm's request to vacate a portion of an alley in Whiteclay/Dewing adjacent to a lot where Dollar General proposes to build a new store. The BOC passed a resolution directing the Road Superintendent to complete a Road Study and make recommendations regarding the alley.

The BOC approved a resolution certifying to the State that Richard Cross is the duly appointed County Road Superintendent.

The Board tabled, until November 29, the consideration of a Master Agreement with the State regarding Land Survey Corner Preservation.

The Board approved a resolution setting the date for the Hearing on the assessment of Roadside Mowing Charges for December 20.

The Commissioners discussed with Cross the continuing problem of washboard road surfaces, especially on 450th Lane (Extension Road) the most heavily travelled road in the County. The consensus was that "rebuilding" short sections was not the solution to the problem because there would be no "stopping point." The only solution to this wide-spread problem is increased precipitation which will permit operators to cut more deeply into the road without destroying the base. Until that moisture comes, we all need to SLOW DOWN!

Cross reported that the replacement of the sun-faded E-911 road signs has been severely delayed by supply chain problems. The County recently received a shipment of signs and replacement efforts will now resume.

The BOC and Cross agreed not to pursue a proposal from Chuck Lemp of Atarah Holdings to sell reclaimed ballast from the Cowboy Trail to the county. The projected cost of the material is nearly three times that of the red rock available from South Dakota.

Sheriff Jeff Brewer, Jail Supervisor Jodi Elsea and Building Superintendent Jeff Davis met with the Board to discuss the proposed expenditure of ARPA funds for certain security upgrades to the Jail.

The Board approved the proposed By Laws for North Central 911.

The purpose of the organization is to increase collaboration and improve E-911 service in the entities of region (Antelope, Boyd, Holt, Brown, Rock, Cherry, and Sheridan).

Treasurer Rene Thies visited with the Board about establishing a new fund to receive federal funds that may come to the County through the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency program (LATCF).

The Board approved a resolution to transfer funds, as directed by the Budget from the General Fund to the Road Fund, the Extension Sinking Fund the Reappraisal Fund, and the Weed Fund.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, November 22.

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