

Proceedings of the Commissioners

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners (BOC) met on Tuesday December 20, 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, Deputy Clerk Paige Raeger, Treasurer Renee Thies and Clerk of the District Court Carol Stouffer.

Acting as the Board of Equalization the Commissioners reviewed a Correction Sheet presented by Assessor Tina Skinner for the 2022 valuation of a mobile home owned by the late Alex Rasmussen. The correction was approved.

The Assessor briefed the BOE on the projected cost for the required re-appraisal of approximately 385 commercial properties in the county and presented one proposal. The BOE took no action on the proposal as the Assessor gathers additional information.

The BOC voted to accept the resignation of Aaron Conn as County Attorney effective January 9, 2023. Mr. Conn has served as County Attorney since 2019 and has been appointed by the Governor to serve as a county Judge in the 12th Judicial District. The Commissioners wish to express their gratitude to Judge Conn for his faithful service to Sheridan County.

The BOC approved the appointment of Paige Paul to the Sheridan County Extension Board.

The BOC approved a rural subdivision of 6.8 acres for Wayne and Elizabeth Childers in 31 – 44 – 10.

The BOC voted to sign a Disaster Declaration for the recent winter storm. The Declaration is a necessary prerequisite for the county to apply for assistance from FEMA and the Governor's emergency fund.

At 10:15 the Board opened a public hearing on the assessment of roadside mowing charges. No landowners appeared to protest the assessment of the charges on 24 parcels and the assessments were approved as presented.

Road Superintendent Richard Cross reported on the continuing efforts to clear the snow from county roads. High winds packed the snow into deep and extremely hard drifts in many areas causing damage to some equipment and slowing removal efforts. The Board asked Cross to look into the cost of some type of sno-cat for transporting workers.

Sheriff Jeff Brewer reported that he had found two suitable patrol vehicles in Rapid City. The RAM pickups cost \$41,480 each plus the cost of light-bars, decals etc. The cost of one of the vehicles will be covered by the City of Rushville as a part of the City/County law-enforcement contract. Delivery in 6-8 weeks.

The Board authorized the Building Superintendent to close the south parking lot as needed when snow conditions indicate.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, December 27.

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