

Proceedings of the Commissioners

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners (BOC) met on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, 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, County Clerk Sindy Coburn, Assessor Tina Skinner, and Road Superintendent Rich Cross.

Acting as the Board of Equalization the Commissioners opened bids for the reappraisal of commercial properties in the County as advertised. The only bid received was from Stanard Appraisals Services Inc. of Central City, NE. The BOE approved the bid of \$107,600 for appraising the 385 commercial properties in county with the understanding that payment would be spread over two years.

Clerk Sindy Coburn informed the BOC that we had overspent the Opioid Settlement fund by \$907 because we anticipated only one payment in this fiscal year. Because this is a restricted fund, the Board cannot simply transfer funds to cover the expenditure already made to Region One Behavioral Health -- it will be necessary to formally amend the Budget.

The BOC opened 3 bids for the hauling of approximately 520 tons of ¾ inch base course gravel from South Dakota. The BOC accepted the bid from Sherburn Trucking of \$ 0.168/ton-mile. The bid includes a fuel surcharge if the cost should rise above \$6.25/gallon.

Jerry Dahlgren appeared to request relief for a roadside mowing charge. The Board had to decline relief because the deadline for protest was in December.

The Board discussed the very poor condition of the 3-mile section of 790th Road immediately east of HWY 87. This section of the road is on the north side of the border and belongs to South Dakota. Since our maintenance agreement with South Dakota has expired and our insurance carrier is unwilling to cover an extended agreement, the county can no longer maintain that section of road.

Building Superintendent Jeff Davis reported that he is seeking estimates for tuck-pointing the top course of brickwork on the Courthouse.

Jack Arterburn, Extension Educator, reported on recent and upcoming events.

The BOC approved a proposed subdivision of less than 10 acres for Russell and Kari Serbousek in 32/46/29&30. The parcel is 0.378 acres.

The next meeting of the BOC is scheduled for Tuesday, April 18.

Sheriff Jeff Brewer and Jodi Elsea presented a proposal for the use of ARPA funds for an electronic security door upgrade for the jail. The Commissioners tabled the consideration of the proposal until May in order to simplify the ARPA report the Treasurer must submit at the end of April.

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