

## Proceedings of the Commissioners

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners (BOC) met on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at the County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was published on the county website [sheridancounty.ne.gov](http://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, Clerk of the District Court Carol Stouffer, and Road Superintendent Rich Cross.

Assessor Tina Skinner presented a Correction Sheet proposing to remove from the 2022 tax list of Farmers Coop, a Rogator upon which no taxes have yet been paid. The Rogator is leased by Farmers Coop and housed in Box Butte County. The Box Butte County Assessor discovered that the Rogator was listed in both counties and requested the correction. The BOC approved the Correction Sheet.

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

Judd Allen of the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) presented to the Board a number of options for Blue Cross/Blue Shield health coverage in the coming year. The Board will consider this information in making the budget for 2023-24.

Road Superintendent Richard Cross discussed with the Board the timing of delivery and payment for the new snowblower. The grant has been approved but the snowblower won't be delivered until September. A phone call to Auditor Jim Gardner confirmed that the ARPA grant cannot be disbursed in this fiscal year.

Jean Andersen and Tiffany Viher, representing AFLAC, appeared to report on county employee participation in AFLAC insurance policies. AFLAC offers a choice of a "bonus benefit" to all county employees. The BOC elected the Health Advocate service which assists participants in negotiating disputed medical charges.

Budget Consultant Caleb Johnson met with the BOC to discuss the possible amendment of the Budget to address the overspending of Opioid Settlement Fund. Johnson recommended that the hearing be held on June 13. The BOC agreed and set the hearing time at 11:00 a.m.

Weed Superintendent Seth Tausan presented the Reports and Requirements sheet from the Nebraska Department of Agriculture, Noxious Weed Program. This audit/review of the Sheridan County program received very good marks, scoring a total of 3385 points out of possible 3400.

In the public comment section of the meeting, the Commissioners and Assessor discussed their somewhat different understandings of what the zoning requirements are for certain rural properties.

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