

Proceedings of the Commissioners

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners (BOC) met on Tuesday, May 9, 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 (BOE) the Commissioners reviewed two corrected Homestead Exemptions presented by Assessor Tina Skinner. David Browder's exemption was increased from 70 to 100%. Leroy Watson's exemption was reduced from 90 to 60%. The Board voted to accept the corrections.

The BOE discussed with Skinner the payment clause of the pending reappraisal contract with Stanard Appraisal service.

The Board of Commissioners (BOC) approved three grants totaling \$341,165 to replace outdated Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) used by the Hay Springs, Gordon and Rushville Volunteer Fire Departments. The three departments worked together to prepare the grant application and will provide 10% matching funds for the project.

Treasurer Renee Thies requested an increase in the amount allowed for the pre-payment of postage for her office due to the higher, one-time cost of mailing out new license plate. The BOC approved her request to increase that amount from 500 to 1000.

Road Superintendent Rich Cross reported that crews are beginning to apply gravel in several locations. Two of our six truck are currently out of commission.

The BOC visited, via ZOOM, with Jacob Blenker of Hexagon, regarding the possibility of the company installing a GPS receiver/transmitter station atop the County Shop in Gordon. Such stations provide satellite GPS data to local surveyors and other users in the area. The Board deferred a decision on the matter until May 16.

The next meeting of the BOE & BOC is scheduled for Tuesday, May 16.

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