

Proceedings of the Commissioners

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners (BOC) met on Tuesday, June 20, 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, Deputy County Clerk Paige Rager, Assessor Tina Skinner, and Road Superintendent Rich Cross.

Acting as the Board of Equalization (BOE) the Commissioners reviewed and approved the June 20, 2023, Over/Under Valued List as presented by Assessor Tina Skinner. The list included one overvalued property, one undervalued property and one correction. The BOE approved the Assessors request to assist a recently disabled citizen with the preparation of their protest form, a departure from usual practice.

The Board of Commissioners (BOC) audited and approved salary claims and signed claim checks.

The Commissioners discussed a proposal from Weed Superintendent Seth Tausan, who was not present, that would replace the present Weed Control Superintendent with a contract for services agreement. The Commissioners tabled the proposal until such time as they can meet with Tausan to discuss the matter in detail.

The BOC received from the Veteran's Service Board a formal request to approve Timothy J. Hotz as the new Sheridan County Veteran's Service Officer. The Commissioners approved the appointment. Hotz will succeed Gary Sones who will retire at the end of June.

The Board discussed the future of the GIVE program and agreed that with other budget priorities emerging it is best to table the matter at this time. The Public is invited to offer comment on the continuation of this volunteer recruitment and deployment program.

Dan Ott of Sheridan Livestock Auction appeared, accompanied by the mayor of Rushville, Amanda Haller to discuss repair of the sale barn road. The City of Rushville owns 2632 feet of the road and Sheridan County owns 1340 feet. Mayor Haller and the BOC agreed to work together to find an affordable means of resurfacing this very used travelled road.

Joe Headrick appeared before the Board, ostensibly to discuss County finances.

Road Superintendent Rich Cross reported that county crews had nearly completed the hauling of railroad rock on 150th Lane and Shell Lake Road. Now they await rain, after which they can complete grading. Cross announced that his target date for retirement is December 1.

Sheridan County Ag Society Board members Phyllis Lindsey and David Russell appeared to brief the BOC on their plans to improve and expand the rodeo at the County Fair. Their efforts to attract professional riders have been successful and attendance at the event has grown. The Society's goal is to make our rodeo the third largest in Nebraska. Lindsey and Russell pointed out that such an ambitious plan will require money and they wanted the commissioners to know that they would be requesting an increase to the current \$67,000 funding.

County Surveyor Carl Gilbert joined the meeting by telephone to propose a resurvey of the Township line between Township 26 North, Range 45 West and Township 26 North, Range 46 west. There appear to be conflicting monuments along this line establish by a 1997 survey. The BOC approved the resurvey.

Gilbert reported that a surveyor from Arkansas had completed and not recorded a number of sub-standard surveys in Sheridan County in September and October of 2022. Pending action against the surveyor may result in damages payable to the County for necessary corrections.

The Commissioners set the hearing dates for Valuation Protest Hearings for July 11, 12 and 13.

The next meeting of the BOE and BOC will be Tuesday, June 27.

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Commissioners are held in compliance with Nebraska Open Meetings Act and the public is always welcome.

Submitted by James Krotz

1. AUDIT AND APPROVE SALARY CLAIMS AND SIGN CLAIM CHECKS
2. WEED – CONTRACT
3. VSO - APPOINTMENT REQUEST
4. 9:15 A.M. DISCUSS GIVE TERMINATION & LISTER SAGE CHECK
5. 9:30 A.M. CROSS-ROADS
 - DAN OTTE - SALE BARN ROAD
6. 10 A.M. – JOE HEADRICK – COUNTY FINANCES
7. 10:30 A.M. JACK ARTERBURN – EXTENSION UPDATE
8. 10:45 A.M. SHERIFF - UPDATE
9. 11 A.M. AG SOCIETY – BUDGET INCREASE REQUEST
- 10.11:30 A.M. CARL GILBERT-BY ZOOM
 - a. SURVEY CONFLICT
 - b. SECTION CORNERS
- 11.PUBLIC COMMENT