

## Proceedings of the Commissioners

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners (BOC) met on Tuesday, July 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, Treasurer Renee Thies and Road Superintendent Rich Cross.

Acting as the Board of Equalization (BOE) the Commissioners reviewed and approved the July 18, 2023, Over/Under Valued Property List as presented by Assessor Tina Skinner. The list included one undervalued parcel and two clerical error corrections.

The Board approved the late filing of a Homestead Exemption Application, necessitated by a medical crisis.

Dan Otte appeared to complain about the condition of 280<sup>th</sup> Road. The BOC thanked Mr. Otte for the report.

Road Superintendent Richard Cross reported that a late-night avalanche at Sunset Pass (at the north end of Beaver Wall) was being rapidly cleared from 450<sup>th</sup> Lane. Cross also reported that recent storms had caused at least 10 serious wash-out on county roads. Those repairs, of course, take precedence over routine maintenance and grading.

Sheriff Jeff Brewer presented a proposed update/renewal of the Sandhills Area Sheriff's Association mutual aid contract. That contract, as the title makes clear, sets forth the term and conditions of sharing staff and resources in critical circumstances. The participating counties are; Thomas, Hooker, Arthur, Logan, Grant, McPherson, Cherry, Keith and Sheridan. The BOC approved the Contract.

Marie Nelson, Extension 4-H Assistant, and Melissa Mracek, 4-H Educator for the North Panhandle, reported on the numerous youth events recently offered and upcoming.

Steve Sandberg appeared to request aid with control of prairie dogs invading his crop land from a neighbor's pasture.

Bruce Salisbury and Trish Loosvelt of the Tourism Board and County Attorney Jamian Simmons met with the Board to Discuss the possible term of employment

for the proposed Tourism Coordinator whose position would be funded by lodging taxes.

The BOC adjourned for lunch and re-convened at 1:00 p.m. as the BOE to hear Property Valuation Protests.

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