

Proceedings of the Commissioners

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners (BOC) met on Tuesday, July 25, 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, Clerk of the District Carol Stouffer, Treasurer Renee Thies and Road Superintendent Rich Cross.

Acting as the Board of Equalization (BOE) the Commissioners reviewed and approved the Over/Under listing for 7-25-2023. The list included one over-valued and one-undervalued property resulting from a split. The list also included one clerical error made in recording an IOLL (Improvement on Leased Land.)

Treasurer Renee Thies reported that the County will soon receive the second and final tranche of \$50,000 from the Federal Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund.

The Treasurer also presented a report on the pledged securities underwriting the excess in funds that exceed the FDIC insured deposit maximum.

Road Superintendent Richard Cross reported that recent rains in the north have facilitated the blading of roads in that area. Crews are placing 40 truckloads of material (half railroad rock and half local material) on 396th Trail north of Antioch.

The Board agreed to begin interviewing candidates for the Road Superintendent Position on August 15 and on each Tuesday thereafter. Richard Cross has announced his intent to retire at the end of the year.

Building Superintendent Jeff Davis reported that the gutter contractors will begin work at the courthouse on August 14. Work on the courthouse tuckpointing project is continuing apace. Treasurer Thies reported the cost of carpet in her office will be \$324 higher than expected. The BOC approved the increase.

Sheriff Jeff Brewer reported on the ongoing challenge of cross-border pursuits and the classification of prisoners.

Gary Binger, Travis Binger and Terrance Terrell appeared to register a complaint regarding an uncontrolled prairie dog colony in 7-31-46. They brought with them

twelve complaints from others in the neighborhood. The Board signed off on the complaints and forwarded them to Seth Tausan, the County control officer.

The BOC consulted by phone with County Attorney Jamian Simmons and approved a re-plat of blocks 6 and 7 and vacated streets in the Armstrong Addition (Rushville).

The afternoon was spent reviewing and ruling on valuation protests heard earlier.

The next meeting of the BOE and BOC will be Tuesday, August 8.

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 are also 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