

Proceedings of the Commissioners

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners (BOC) met on Tuesday October 17, 2023, at the County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was published on the county website sheridancountyne.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 and Treasurer Renee Thies.

There was no business for the Board of Equalization (BOE) .

Melissa Mracek, interim Extension Educator, informed the BOC that the new Rural Prosperity Director (when appointed) will be stationed in the Rushville office. Mracek asked the board about funds for the construction of a new office space within the Extension building. Though space is available, the project may prove costly because the HVAC system and electrical service are outdated. The Commissioners asked Mracek to work with Building Superintendent Davis to develop firm estimates for the cost of the project.

Road Superintendent Richard Cross reported that crews are grading and hauling gravel as conditions permit. Heavy rain last Thursday flooded all but one of the county's four gravel pits - yet again. There was some discussion of the need for another high-capacity pump.

The Board, Road Superintendent Cross, and Deputy Clerk Rager met in executive session to discuss a personnel matter. No action was taken.

Building Superintendent Jeff Davis reported that the hard rain last week revealed the need for additional tuck-pointing work, especially on the north side of the courthouse. Davis and the Board discussed two courthouse security issues.

Sheriff Jeff Brewer reported that the contractors engaged to install new doors and electronic locks at the jail have once again re-scheduled. Because the jail will have to be vacated and prisoners lodged elsewhere the logistics of the project are very demanding. Sheriff Brewer expressed his profound frustration with these repeated delays.

The BOC approved a Resolution setting the tax levies for 2023-24. The levies are available to the public in the Clerk's office and will be published in the newspaper of record.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, October 24.

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