

Proceedings of the Commissioners

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners (BOC) met on Tuesday, November 14, 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 Clerk Paige Rager, and Treasurer Renee Thies.

Acting as the Board of Equalization (BOE), the Commissioners received from Assessor Tina Skinner three proposed Homestead Exemption corrections. The corrections reduced the Exemptions of Willie and Sharon Witt from 100% to 80%, Roland and Lois Molitor from 100% to 70%, and Marilyn Halverson from 100% to 40%. The BOE approved the corrections.

The BOC audited and approved for payment, claims totaling \$350,194.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved an “early commitment” offer from Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management (NIRMA) to extend the county’s membership for three years. In consideration for the County’s early commitment NIRMA will return a dividend of \$4564. The Board voted to approve the three year renewal of membership.

Road Superintendent Richard Cross reported that road crews would return to a five-day work-week, beginning November 20.

Joe Headrick appeared to express his concern about a perceived lack of citizen participation in local government.

The Board reviewed with Weed Superintendent Seth Tausen, Veteran’s Service Officer Jason Hotz and Building Superintendent Jeff Davis the communications between their departments and the BOC.

The Board considered a request from MJS Ranch LLC to approve their proposed amendment of a conservation and preservation easement on 7.91 acres. By a vote of 2 to 1 the Board approved the request. Kling and Krotz voted yes, Messersmith no.

Sheriff’s Secretary Carol Tiensvold and Clerk of the District Court Carol Stouffer informed the Board that the incarceration and court costs associated with the prosecution of a recent homicide were likely to be very, very high.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, November 21.

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