

Proceedings of the Commissioners

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners (BOC) met on Tuesday, November 21, 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, Clerk Sindy Coburn, and Treasurer Renee Thies.

The BOC audited and approved salary claims and signed claim checks.

The Board approved a new 3-year contract with MAXIMUS. The firm recovers for the County, from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), certain costs associated with child support cases.

Melissa Mracek, 4-H Assistant, presented the proposed, updated Inter-local Agreement between UNL Extension and County along with an Addendum reaffirming the level of support for the 4-H Assistant position at 60/40 between UNL and the County. The BOE approved the Agreement and the Addendum.

Road Superintendent Richard Cross reported that the shop crew was busy replacing tires and mounting plows on the motor- graders. The plows are all now equipped with video camera/recorders.

Chairman Messersmith presented a report on the salaries of panhandle area county Road Superintendents. The salary paid by Sheridan County appears to be comparable to those others.

Building Superintendent Jeff Davis reported that cost of re-configuring the Extension service offices would \$3,000 - \$4,500. The need for a new office is not immediate so the BOC decided to postpone a decision until budget time.

Weed Superintendent Seth Tausen presented his annual reports for submission to the Nebraska Department of Agriculture. The Board approved the reports for submission. As it has been for a number of years, the most troublesome invasive species in the County is leafy spurge.

The Elected Officials and Department Heads met with the Board to continue the review and discussion of the Employee Handbook.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, November 28.

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