

## Proceedings of the Commissioners

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners (BOC) met on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at the County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was published on the county website [sheridancountyne.gov](http://sheridancountyne.gov). The meeting was open to the public and a ZOOM connection was also available. Present were Chairman Bruce Messersmith and Commissioners Dan Kling and James Krotz, Clerk Sindy Coburn, Clerk of the District Court Carol Stouffer, and Treasurer Renee Thies.

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

The BOC reorganized for the year ahead. Krotz was elected Chair and Messersmith was elected Vice-Chair.

The BOC voted to extend the current Commissioner appointments as representatives to the following boards: Bruce Messersmith to Region I Behavioral Health and Region I Office of Human Development and Senior Service Inc. (Handi-Bus). Dan Kling SWANN, Aging Office of Western Nebraska, and Panhandle Public Health. James Krotz to Northwest Community Action Partnership, Region 23 Emergency Management, Extension.

The BOC voted to appoint Rod Norton as Interim Superintendent of the Road Department.

The BOC designated the County Website as the official means of notification for meetings of the BOC & BOE and designated the Sheridan County Journal Star as the official newspaper of record. James Krotz was appointed as webmaster of the County website.

The Commissioners approved a resolution designating official depository banks for county funds; Security First Bank of Rushville and Hay Springs, First National Bank of Gordon, BMO Gordon, and the Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust (NPAIT).

The Commissioners appointed County Clerk Sindy Coburn as the official contact person for Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Association (NIRMA) the county's insurance carrier.

The Commissioners set the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month, except for designated holidays, as the regular meeting date for the BOE and BOC.

The BOC surprised retired Road Superintendent Richard Cross with a Proclamation of Honor recognizing his 19 years of service to the County, 16 as an operator and 3 as Superintendent, with special recognition for delaying his planned retirement to see us through the terrible winter of 2022-23.

Interim Road Superintendent Rod Norton reported three new hires in the past week.

Tod Sherburn appeared to discuss his company's ongoing service of hauling gravel from South Dakota for the Road the Department.

The Board approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the Nebraska State Department of Veterans Affairs regarding access to the Department's computer system.

The Board approved an inter-local agreement with Region 23 Emergency Management regarding the update of the Hazard Mitigation Plan for all the counties and municipalities in the Region. The update is a pre-requisite for receiving any grants from FEMA for disaster/hazard mitigation projects. A grant will cover 75% of the cost. Sheridan County's matching share will be \$1,163.

The Board approved a request from Great Plains Farms LLC for the sub-division of two small, rural parcels.

The Board approved a request from Lyndon Hooper for the subdivision of one small, rural parcel. BOC approval of such rural subdivisions is required only for parcels larger than 2 acres and smaller than 10 acres.

At 11:00 the BOC opened a hearing on road-side mowing charge assessments. There remained only one landowner who had not settled accounts and that person did not appear. The hearing was adjourned and the Board voted to assess mowing charges against the landowner's 3 parcels.

Sheriffs Secretary Carol Tiensvold reported that prisoners are once again lodged in the county jail because the electronic lock project is "mostly" complete. Tiensvold also reported that the County could expect to incur significant juvenile detention cost in the immediate future.

The next meeting of the BOE/BOC is scheduled for Tuesday, January 16 at 9:00 a.m.

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](http://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