

## Proceedings of the Commissioners

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners (BOC) met on Tuesday, January 16, 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 James Krotz, and Commissioner Dan Kling. Commissioner Bruce Messersmith was present via ZOOM and so, did not vote. Also present were Clerk Sindy Coburn, and Treasurer Renee Thies.

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

Jake Stewart, the Executive Director of SWANN (Solid Waste Agency of Northwest Nebraska) appeared to introduce himself to the BOC and to speak of his plans for the Agency. Among the emerging challenges for SWANN is the danger posed to waste handling equipment by the net wrap from hay bales. The net wrap can damage equipment and cause costly delays to service. Net wrap users are asked to please place the wrap inside feed sacks or boxes before discarding it.

Interim Road Superintendent Rod Norton reported on the challenges posed to operators and equipment by the extreme cold of recent days.

Weed/Prairie Dog Superintendent Seth Tausen, Animal Control Office Tim Brewer, Prairie Dog Control Board members Jerry Meyring and Wayne Dreyer, and landowners Steve Sandberg and Roger Ray met with the BOC to discuss a growing colony of Prairie Dogs near the Sheridan/Dawes county line. The Board voted to authorize Tausen to purchase, at wholesale, the necessary chemicals for re-sale to the landowners, who will organize a group to work under Tausen's direction to carry out the forced control.

The BOC voted to re-appoint Mr. Meyring and Mr. Dreyer to another term on the Prairie Dog Control Board.

Val Jansante, field representative for Congressman Adrian Smith, appeared to brief the Commissioners on Smith's legislative priorities for the coming year.

Clerk of the District Court Carol Stouffer reported on anticipated juvenile incarceration costs. She also reported that the installation of new, state funded, courtroom audio/visual equipment has been completed.

The next meeting of the BOE/BOC is scheduled for Tuesday, January 23 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