Proceedings of the Commissioners

The Sheridan County, Nebraska Board of Commissioners (BOC) met on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at the County Courthouse in Rushville. 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 James Krotz, and Commissioners Dan Kling and Bruce Messersmith. Also present were Clerk Sindy Coburn and Treasurer Renee Thies.

The Commissioners joined other County Officials and employees in welcoming approximately 40 High School Students from Hay Springs and GRHS for County Government Day sponsored by the American Legion.

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

Interim Road Superintendent Rod Norton announced that crews would begin 10-hour workdays on April 8.

The Commissioners approved the purchase of a one-ton pickup truck from Eagle Chevrolet, a V-plow from NMC and a fuel tank from Grimm Pumps. All these items are available for delivery in within this fiscal year.

J. D. Powell appeared to request permission to improve the trail on an open section line along 470th Trail. The BOE tabled the request pending consultation with the County Attorney.

The BOC approved the request from an Extension Service employee to hold a graduation party for their child in the Extension Office meeting room.

Sheriff Jeff Brewer informed the Board that exceptionally high, out of county boarding costs for several prisoners will soon require that he exceed the established budget. The Commissioners agreed that monies from the Inheritance Fund might be used to cover these non-negotiable costs. If the Legislature votes to abolish the Inheritance Tax, the County's only recourse in the face of such costs would be to increase property taxes.

The next meeting of the BOE/BOC is scheduled for Tuesday, March 26 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. 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