

Proceedings of the Commissioners

The Sheridan County, Nebraska Board of Commissioners (BOC) met on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at the County Courthouse in Rushville. Notice of the meeting was published on the county website sheridancounty.ne.gov. The meeting was open to the public and a ZOOM connection was also available. Present were Chairman James Krotz, Commissioners Dan Kling and Bruce Messersmith and County Clerk Sindy Coburn.

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

Interim Road Superintendent Rod Norton reported that the new E-911 road ID signs have been delivered. This shipment will replace the sun-bleached signs in road district 1 (not to be confused with Commissioner District 1) which includes most of the northwest portion of the County. The signs are being purchased with monies from the Inheritance Fund.

Norton reported on the emergency repair of a sinkhole at the approach to a bridge on Extension Road just east of the chapel. The sinkhole was revealed when the road surface collapsed beneath a county motor-grader. Norton also presented an estimate prepared by the Department for burying a high voltage transmission line under our right of way on 430th Lane. Thirty plus years after the cable was buried, the grade has subsided to the point where safety requires that the grade be raised above it. The estimated cost to Northwest Rural Power District is \$42,000. The BOC instructed Norton to present the estimate to NWRPD and, if accepted, to proceed with the cooperative project.

Weed/Prairie Dog Superintendent Seth Tausen and his new Deputy, Melissa Grover appeared to review with the BOC the Deputy's job description, compensation, and computer needs.

Chairman Krotz presented to the Board a Disaster Declaration prepared by Region 23 Emergency Management Services for submission to the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency that might lead to some relief funds from the state for damage caused to power poles in southwest Sheridan County by the April 9 winter storm.

Sheriff Jeff Brewer reported that he had recently lost two more employees and has had few applicants. The Board encouraged Sheriff Brewer to consider an appropriate wage increase in his next budget request.

The next meeting of the BOE/BOC is scheduled for Tuesday, May 21 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