

## Proceedings of the Commissioners

The Sheridan County, Nebraska Board of Equalization (BOE) and Board of Commissioners (BOC) met on Tuesday, August 27, 2024, at the County Courthouse in Rushville. Notice of the meeting was published on the county website [sheridancounty.ne.gov](http://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, County Clerk Sindy Coburn, and Treasurer Renee Thies.

There was no business for the Board of Equalization.

Treasurer Renee Thies presented her report on securities pledged by our depository banks to "insure" any amounts that exceed the FDIC limits of coverage. The Board took note of the higher interest rates now offered on our deposits and proceeded to accept the report.

Interim Road Superintendent Rod Norton following the rains of last evening, road building was on hold and every available motor-grader was out on patrol.

The Board discussed with Norton the need to re-direct the waterways at five bridges to avert infrastructure damage and possible flooding. Norton reported that the powerline that had been impinging on Beaver Road north of Hay Springs had been relocated to the edge of the right of way and buried to a depth of five feet.

Norton presented a new hiring interview questionnaire for review and reported that the department had five applicants under review.

Sheriff's Secretary Carol Tiensvold reported that the new "TURNKEY" commissary service for the Jail will soon be in operation. The service will provide snack food and toiletry supplies to prisoners with commissary accounts and will also handle bail/bond monies thus relieving the jailers of those accounting duties.

Weed Superintendent Seth Tausan presented to the Board a proposed update of the Sheridan County Prairie Dog Management Plan, newly drafted Bylaws for the Prairie Dog Advisory Board, and a proposed Official Fee Schedule for Management Fees, Labor/Machine Hire, Mileage and Other Miscellaneous Expenses in forced control actions. The Board deferred action on the proposals until they and the County Attorney had time to review the documents.

At the request of Sheriff Brewer, the BOC declared as surplus, a 2009 Ford Crown Victoria, and a 2015 Ford Taurus. The vehicles will be sold at auction. Also at the Sheriff's request the Board approve the transfer of 2015 Taurus from his department to the departments of Roads/Veteran's Service Office.

The next meeting of the BOC is scheduled for Wednesday August 28 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