

## Proceedings of the Commissioners

The Sheridan County, Nebraska Board of Equalization (BOE) and Board of Commissioners (BOC) met on Tuesday, November 12, 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 Interim Road Superintendent Rod Norton.

There was no business for the Board of Equalization.

The Commissioners audited and approved salary claims for payment in the amount of \$208,595.77.

The BOC interviewed a candidate for the position of Road Superintendent.

Interim Road Superintendent Rod Norton reported that the recent county-wide precipitation made it possible for road-grading to resume. Unfortunately, the rain came on the eve of Veteran's Day and most operators chose to decline the offer of overtime and chose not to work on that sacred day of remembrance. All units, except three down for repair, are out grading washboard today.

Norton reported on the completion and cost of several construction projects. Of particular interest was the report that the 4-mile project on 390<sup>th</sup> lane south of Hwy. 20 cost \$285,300.77. That project required 3,453 gallons of diesel and DEF at \$11,030; labor at \$11,661; machinery cost of \$80,033 and native rock at \$15,331. The project required 145 loads of water totaling approximately 797,500 gallons! The total cost of the project was \$285,300.

Veteran's Service Officer Jayson Hotz reported that a substantial amount of VA grant funding is to be made available to the Sheridan County VSO as a donation through Open Plains Transportation. The BOC discussed how best to make use of this potential windfall and decided to seek the counsel of our auditors regarding how to incorporate the funds into the VSO budget.

Interim Weed Superintendent Melissa Grover presented two prairie dog forced control notices approved by the Prairie Dog control board. The BOC approved the notices for Leota A. Ray for 18-29-46 all except the canal: and Mark & Debra Pieper 6-31-45 etc. requiring that they provide within 60 days, notice and evidence

within 60 days that they have taken appropriate action to control prairie dogs on said property.

In consultation with Grover the BOC decided not to add Common Mullein, Bull Thistle and Absinthe Wormwood to the list of County Noxious Weed. The concern is that adding more “noxious species” to the control list would overburden the department and impair efforts to control those already listed. Landowners should exercise due diligence in controlling these potentially harmful species.

The next meeting of the BOE/BOC is scheduled for Tuesday, November 19 at 9: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