

Proceedings of the Commissioners

The Sheridan County, Nebraska Board of Equalization (BOE) and Board of Commissioners (BOC) met on Tuesday, November 26, 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, County Clerk Sindy Coburn, and Treasurer Renee Thies.

There was no business for the Board of Equalization.

The Board received from Treasurer Renee Thies her report on Pledged Securities from our depository banks.

Thies also presented and the Board approved a proposal for providing a “floating holiday” for staff in place of the fixed date of Arbor Day.

Road Department Office Manager Thomas Price presented cost analysis reports on the recently completed projects on Walgren Lake Road (\$151,201) and Strotheid Road (\$117,261) and five gravel only projects totaling \$655,154.

The Board approved a claim presented by the Road Department for payment to Eagle Chevrolet in Chadron for \$54,995 for a new one-ton pickup truck.

Melissa Mracek 4-H Lead Educator reported on recent Extension Service hires and the need for additional office space. The Board approved the construction of partitions for two offices in the building at 800 South Loofborrow at a cost of approximately \$4,000.

Assessor Tina Skinner reported a new hire in her office and discussed with the Board the need for an increase in starting pay.

The Board agreed to proceed with the planned transition of most salaried positions to hourly wage positions even though a federal judge has struck down the Department of Labor rule that required the change. There is the possibility that the ruling may be overturned on appeal, and it seems in the best long-term interest of the county continue with the planned transition.

The Board appointed Melissa Grover to the position of Weed Superintendent. Grover has been serving as Interim Superintendent for the past three months.

The next meeting of the BOE/BOC is scheduled for Tuesday, December 8 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. 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