

Proceedings of the Commissioners

The Sheridan County, Nebraska, Board of Equalization (BOE) and Board of Commissioners (BOC) met on Tuesday, December 10, 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 discussed and subsequently approved a revised version of the Floodplain Ordinance required by the Federal Emergency Response Management Agency (FIRMA) in order for Sheridan County residents to qualify for federal flood insurance coverage. The commissioners approved the resolution 2 – 1.

The BOC voted to approve four resolutions authorizing the Treasurer to make routine transfers of funds as included in the 2024-2025 Budget. Those transfers are; \$823,220.31 from the General Fund to the Road Fund (in seven payments), \$5,000 from the General Fund to the Extension Sinking Fund (van replacement), \$23,598 from the General Fund to Reappraisal Fund. (in seven payments), and \$189,563.33 from the General Fund to the Weed Fund (in seven payments).

Interim Road Superintendent Rod Norton and Mike Bateman of Murphy Equipment (John Deere) presented proposals for three motor-graders (2 Deere models and 1 Cat). The Board decided not to make a purchase of the one Deere model 772G included in the state bid program (\$482,203). Instead, the County will advertise for bids.

Norton requested a closed session to discuss a personnel matter and another matter that might lead to litigation. The Board went into closed session but took no action on these matters.

Norton reported that the Big Iron auction of surplus Road Department and Sheriff's Office equipment yielded \$29,066.

Veterans Service Officer Jason Hotz reported on the Open Plains Transit Grant that will help provide transportation services for Veterans in Sheridan County.

Extension Educator Melissa Mracek introduced Caitlin Roes the new Rural Prosperity Nebraska (RPN) educator.

The next meeting of the BOE/BOC is scheduled for Tuesday, December 17 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 the Nebraska Open Meetings Act and the public is always welcome.

Submitted by James Krotz