

Proceedings of the Commissioners

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners (BOC) met on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at the County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was published on the county website sheridancountyne.gov. The meeting was open to the public and a ZOOM connection was also available. Present were Chairman James Krotz, Commissioners Bruce Messersmith and Dan Kling, Clerk Sindy Coburn, Clerk of the District Court Carol Stouffer, and Treasurer Renee Thies.

Acting as the Board of Equalization (BOE) the Commissioners reviewed and approved a proposed Correction Sheet presented by Assessor Tina Skinner for Agreserves Inc. DBA Rex Ranch. The correction removes from the personal property list three tractors that had been traded for new equipment.

The BOC audited and approved salary claims and signed claim checks.

Interim Road Superintendent Rod Norton and Assistant Tom Price reviewed with the Commissioners the bids received from Nebraska Machinery and Murphy Equipment for a new motor-grader. The BOC voted to accept the bid from NMC for a CAT 14-15AWD machine for \$395,540. The Board also voted to approve the purchase of a V-plow for the new grader at a cost of \$22,792.

In the course of the meeting Norton was seeking, via telephone, proposals from 3 petroleum suppliers for 50,000 gallons of diesel. The deal was settled the next morning with WESTCO winning the contract at \$2.68.5/gallon.

The Board set the date for the One- and Six-Year Road Plan Hearing for Tuesday, February 18, at 11:00 a.m. in the Road Department Shop.

The Board voted to approve salary increases for Norton and Price in recognition of their good work during the interim.

Clerk of the District Court Carol Stouffer reported that there is evidence of water damage in the jury room and judges chamber of the Court. The Board agreed that the repairs should take priority over other projects.

Sheriff Jeff Brewer and Secretary Carol Tiensvold briefed the Board on staffing issues in the department. Tiensvold announced her plan to retire this year but promised to remain till her successor was trained. The Board encouraged Brewer to proceed immediately with the purchase of a new patrol vehicle. The last

purchase involved a many-month search because these special patrol vehicles are in short supply.

Following the meeting the Commissioners and Norton made a 140-mile tour of county roads in preparation for the upcoming One- and Six-Year Road Hearing.

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