

Proceedings of the Commissioners

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners (BOC) met on Tuesday, January 28, 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.

There was no business for the Board of Equalization (BOE).

The Board of Commissioners received from Treasurer Renee Thies her report on pledged securities from depository banks holding more than the maximum of FDIC insured county funds.

Interim Road Superintendent Rod Norton reported that the new motor-grader should be delivered by the end of the week and that he has contracted with WESTCO for 50,000 gallons of diesel at \$2.68.5/gallon.

Mark Cover joined the Commissioners and Norton in a discussion of how to secure more millings from the Nebraska Department of Roads projects along HWY 2. The state continues to be very reluctant to sell us this useful material.

Veteran's Service Officer Jayson Hotz and two members of the VSO board appeared to advocate for a wage increase for the VSO secretary. The Commissioners voted to approve the increase.

Val Jansante, field representative for Congressman Adrian Smith, appeared to report on the very early days of the new administration and to hear concerns from the county level.

County Attorney Jamian Simmons met with the Board to discuss a matter of potential litigation. No action was taken.

Sheriff Jeff Brewer joined Simmons, Norton and the Board to discuss best practices for employees of the Road Department called upon to pull snowbound motorists out of the ditch. Simmons will draft a proposed "release of liability" form for such motorists to sign before extraction efforts begin.

The Commissioners conducted their quarterly inspection of the jail and found no issues requiring immediate attention.

The next meeting of the BOE/BOC is scheduled for Tuesday, February 11 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