

## Proceedings of the Commissioners

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners (BOC) met on Tuesday, March 25, 2025, at the County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was published on the county website [sheridancountyne.gov](http://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, Deputy Clerk Paige Rager, Treasurer Renee Thies, and Clerk of the District Court Carol Stouffer.

There was no business for the Board of Equalization.

The Board of Commissioners (BOC) audited and approved salary claims and signed claim checks.

Treasurer Renee Thies presented her report on pledged securities from the county's depository banks on accounts that exceed the FDIC maximum.

Interim Road Superintendent Rod Norton reported that the 10 hour/4-day work weeks have begun.

The Commissioners and Norton discussed the need for a new 2-year gravel crushing contract. The request for bids will be published in 3 area newspapers in the near future. Norton observed that if the cost of crushing local gravel increases very much it may prove cheaper to haul red rock from South Dakota.

The Board informed Norton that having considered the cost of the Brightly software they were no longer interested in considering the purchase.

Mark Cover, a rancher from far-south Sheridan county who is seeking to secure a grant from Senator Deb Fischer's earmarks fund for re-paving roads in the Antioch/South Sheridan area, appeared to report on his progress in preparing the request. Cover, Norton and Tom Price from the Road Department drove the 28.5 miles of road in 5 areas with Don Dye of M.C. Schaff Consulting Services. Dye estimates the cost of a 3" overlay would be \$7,524,000. Tom Price put together a grant proposal using those estimates and Messersmith will forward the documents to the Nebraska Department of Transportation. If NDOT approves the proposal, then the County can submit the request to Senator Fischer. Then ....?

Building and Grounds Superintendent Jeff Davis reported that the courthouse tuck-pointing project will resume in early May. Davis asked if the Board would approve the purchase of a good used door for the Gordon shop if one can be found. The Board said “yes.”

Sheriff Jeff Brewer reported that he had secured two proposals for a new patrol vehicle. The low bid is for a RAM and, with all the added equipment it will cost more than the budgeted amount. The Board asked Brewer to subject the proposal to further review and return with more information.

Kristi Paul, one-time Weed Superintendent, appeared to relate to the Board the history of the small, in-department, checking account opened in 2015 and which the Board recently voted to close. The account was properly opened and was used as a pass-through to fund spraying operations along the Cowboy Trail.

Tim Liebermann of Gordon appeared to present a Statement regarding his concerns about certain proposed zoning changes within the city. The Board informed Liebermann that the County has no zoning authority within the city nor within one mile of the city limits. A copy of Mr. Liebermann’s statement will be attached to but not published with the minutes of this meeting.

The next meeting of the BOE/BOC is scheduled for Tuesday, April 8 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](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