

Proceedings of the Commissioners

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners (BOC) met on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at the County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was published on the county website sheridancountynv.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 and Treasurer Renee Thies.

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

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

The BOC approved the Treasurer's request to transfer funds from the auction of surplus equipment that were mistakenly deposited in the Road Fund to the General Fund where they rightly belong.

Treasurer Renee Thies presented her report on securities pledged by depository banks to cover county funds held in excess of the FDIC maximum coverage.

Tom Price of the Road Department presented the final draft of the \$6,139,200 request for a Congressionally Directed Spending grant through Senator Fischer's office. The grant, if approved, would cover 80% of the cost of re-paving 28.5 miles of single-lane roads in the Antioch/Southern Sheridan County area. Now we wait.

Price reported on an encounter with a landowner attempting some do-it-yourself maintenance on a county road. The Commissioners and Road Department wish to remind private citizens that such road work is explicitly prohibited.

Sheriff Jeff Brewer reported that the new patrol vehicle would not be ready for delivery for 120 days because of the backlog of work at the shop that installs the light bars, cage and other special equipment.

Budget Consultant Caleb Johnson joined the meeting via telephone and discussed with the Commissioners and other Elected Officials some of the challenges posed by recent legislation limiting county spending. The Officials agreed that the "working number" wage increase for county employees would be 2.5%.

The Board approved a resolution proposed by Region 1 Behavioral Health Authority proclaiming the month of May 2025 as MENTAL HEALTH MONTH. The proclamation will be published on the Authority's social media site at www.region1bhs.net

The next meeting of the BOE/BOC is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 13.

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