

## Proceedings of the Commissioners

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners (BOC) met on Tuesday, May 13, 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, Clerk Cindy Coburn and Clerk of the District Court Carol Stouffer.

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

Acting as the Board of Commissioners (BOC) the officials audited and approved salary claims and signed claim checks.

Interim Road Superintendent reported on a number of gravel projects nearing completion.

Kim, Nick and Matt Rosane of Kustom Rock Crushing met with the Commissioners, Norton and County Attorney Jamian Simmons to discuss how best to resolve a discrepancy between Kustom's and the County's records regarding the amount of gravel billed to the County in 2024. All parties agreed that Kustom's offer of 5,000 yards of gravel at no additional cost to the County would resolve the matter.

County Attorney Simmons briefed the BOC on the increasing case load (nearly 1,000 cases last year) and the growing complexity of the record keeping needed to prosecute serious crimes. More and more of the evidence (videos and digital files) must be archived and carefully distributed to investigators, prosecutors and defense attorneys. A failure to provide such files to the defense could result in a mistrial and a necessary re-trial would double the cost of prosecution. Simmons requested BOC approval for a cloud-based Discovery System called Guardify which consolidates and manages the distribution of evidence and reports across the law-enforcement system. The Commissioners voiced their support for the project, discussed possible sources of funding (estimated to be less than \$15,000/year) and asked Simmons to negotiate a contract with Guardify for consideration by the BOC.

Sheriff Jeff Brewer reported on his continuing negotiations with the Rushville City Council on a contract for the provision of law-enforcement services.

Melissa Mracek, Extension 4-H Educator, presented her update on end-of-school-year activities.

Veteran's Service Officer Jason Hotz reported on services delivered to Sheridan County Veterans. In the past 8 months the VSO has transported Vets to South Dakota medical clinics 56 times and to Nebraska clinics 24 times.

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