

## Proceedings of the Commissioners

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners (BOC) met on Tuesday, June 10, 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 and Clerk Sindy Coburn.

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

The Board of Commissioners reviewed the 2025-26 insurance proposal from Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA). The coverage includes property, liability and workman's compensation. The cost of this coverage will increase 12.99% over last year, a smaller increase than expected in the current market. The BOE voted to approve the coverage and opted to increase the deductibles on property, auto and mobile/remote which will reduce the \$146,664 premium by \$6,889.

The BOC discussed and approved a Letter of Engagement for audit services submitted by Dana-Cole of Scottsbluff. The estimated cost of the audit is \$21,000.

Interim Road Superintendent Rod Norton reported that all available motor-graders are deployed, making the most of recent rainfall to address those miserable washboards. He further reported that the supply of gravel is very low. A new gravel crushing contract will be considered at the next Board meeting.

Emma Strotheide appeared to report that a right of way dispute with a neighbor has not been resolved despite intervention by the Department of Roads. The Commissioners decided to request that the County Attorney seek a court order requiring both parties to remove their trees/fences from the county right of way along the open section line.

Bernard and Charmane Strong appeared to request gravel along a section of 590 Lane north of Hwy 20. Norton and the Commissioners agreed that gravel would be applied when it became available and when the road dried out enough to support truck traffic.

Sheriff Jeff Brewer reported that he had reached a tentative agreement with the Rushville City Council for the provision of law-enforcement services.

Valarie Beel, Scott Lindsey and David Russell appeared to brief the Board on their two-stage plan to upgrade the Fair Ground “Dance Hall” into a community-center/events venue and to ask for county support in seeking grants for the project. The BOC will consider the request on June 17.

The next scheduled meeting of the BOE/BOC will be Tuesday, June 17.

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