

Proceedings of the Commissioners

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners (BOC) met on Tuesday, July 15, 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, Treasurer Renee Thies and Clerk of the District Court Carol Stouffer.

Acting as the Board of Equalization (BOE) the Commissioners received from Assessor Tina Skinner a list of eight Over and/or Under-Valued properties that require correction. The BOE approved all the corrections.

The (BOC) voted to reallocate funds received from the Kroger pharmacy opioid settlement to Kimball County for their opioid treatment center project. The funds can only be used for opioid remediation projects and the amounts received are much too limited for Sheridan county to initiate such a program.

Interim Road Superintendent Rod Norton reported that the Antioch north 269th Trail resurfacing project is complete at a cost of \$93,218. Two miles of 4" resurfacing required 169 loads of gravel.

Sheriff Jeff Brewer and Clerk of the District Court Carol Stouffer presented the Board with cost information on walk-through metal detectors for the County and District Court. The detectors will cost \$4,009 each. The Commissioners directed the Sheriff to proceed with the purchase and with the installation of a security door on the District Court at a cost of \$1,500. Funds for the project will come from the Local Assistance and Tribble Consistency Fund.

David Russell and Phyllis Lindsey of the Ag Society appeared to brief the Board on plans for the upcoming County Fair and Rodeo which promises to be an outstanding event. They also informed the Board of the Society's intent to request \$110,000 for the coming year.

Weed Superintendent Melissa Grover and VSO Jason Hotz reported to the Board that with the upcoming release of Windows 11, all 6 computers in the Annex will have to be replaced. They presented prices from 5 vendors, the best of which was \$1400. The Board directed them to proceed with the purchase.

Grover requested authorization for overtime for upcoming weeks. Now is the season for spraying noxious weeds but wind or rain can limit those efforts. When the weather is good, sprayers must work some very long days. The Commissioners authorized overtime to the extent the current year budget will permit.

Rushville Council Persons Mark Loosvelt and Barb Stava, City Clerk Shauna Smith and Open Plains Transit Director Jonnie Kusek met with the Board to discuss the possibility of continuing financial support from the City for the public transportation program. The parties came to agree that a more fulsome exchange of information on usage and cost might bring Rushville back into participation.

The next scheduled meeting of the BOE/BOC will be Tuesday, July 22.

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