

Proceedings of the Commissioners

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners (BOC) met on Tuesday, July 22, 2025, at the County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was published in the Sheridan County Journal Star and 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, and Clerk Sindy Coburn.

Acting as the Board of Equalization (BOE) the Commissioners received from Assessor Tina Skinner a list of three Over-Valued properties in Dewing (White Clay) that require correction. All three of these properties were slightly smaller than recorded because the highway right-of way had encroached on the parcels. The BOE approved all the requested corrections.

Mark and Deb Cover, representing the Cover Company, appeared before the BOE to request an adjustment to the valuation of properties destroyed or damaged by a tornado on their ranch in southeast Sheridan County on April 27, 2025. The Assessor and staff inspected the property and presented to the BOE documentary and photographic evidence of the extensive damage and destruction. The Covers, the Assessor and the BOE carefully reviewed that report and agreed on a tentative adjustment, with the understanding that the Assessor would make a few minor adjustments based on further discoveries made in the course of the discussion.

The Board of Commissioners (BOC) audited and approved salary claims and signed claim checks. One claim check was withheld because the County has a current claim against the claimant.

Interim Road Superintendent Rod Norton reported that the gravel project on 470th Lane immediately north of Hay Springs will be completed this week. He also presented a proposed design for lettering identifying Sheridan County Road and Weed Department vehicles. The encouraged Norton to proceed.

Jack Beguin appeared to discuss the installation of a new double auto gate on 467th Trail. Landowners are responsible for the installation and maintenance of auto gates on the county right of way but the Road Department constructs and maintains the approaches.

Weed Superintendent Melissa Grover reported that the cost of replacing the 7 computers in the Annex (including her office, Roads and VSO) was less than expected. Dell Technologies provided a generous government discount reducing to cost of the project to \$5,436.

The Commissioners agreed that the lack of progress on the new VOIP telephone system proposed by Eakes Office Solutions demands a reconsideration of the proposal. That matter will be on the Board's August 12 agenda.

Acting as the BOE the Commissioners concluded the Valuation Protest Hearing for the year by reviewing the 29 protests filed and taking final action those that been tabled pending the submission of requested additional information. Those who filed protests will be notified of the BOC's decision by August 2. Any who choose to appeal the BOE decision must file their appeal to the Tax Equalization and Review Commission on or after July 26 and before August 24.

The next scheduled meeting of the BOE/BOC will be Tuesday, August 12.

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