

Proceedings of the Commissioners

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners (BOC) met on Tuesday, August 19, 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, Clerk Sindy Coburn and Treasurer Renee Thies.

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

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

The BOC chose MIPS (Nebraska County Software) to print the notification postcards for the upcoming Joint Public Hearing for tax increases scheduled for September 16.

Interim Road Superintendent Rod Norton reported that there had been sufficient moisture in recent days that grading work was possible on many mornings. Gravel crushing is underway at the Bottorff pit.

Sheriff Jeff Brewer and Dept. Secretary Leora Carr presented a report on 2025 Distress Warrants. Of the 32 Warrants issued for a total of \$29,692 all but 11 have been collected. Those uncollected are for W M or Lois Draper, Jerry D Faulk, Connie Hilliker, Bryan or Shaylene Ibis-Standing Soldier, Mylie Kleensang, Corrine Masell, Helen Michaelson, Kory Orr (2), Nicholas Watson and Sheri Woodworth. Those 11 owe a total of \$23,589 in taxes.

Dustin Wells of Benefit Management presented to the Board a number of options for Health, Life, Disability and Dental Insurance for county employees. His recommendation was that the county continue with the current MEDICA plan with the very small modification required by federal regulations to meet the standard HSA funding threshold. The BOC voted to continue the existing coverage which comes with a 6.17% premium increase.

Following lunch, the Commissioners met with the various Officials/Dept. Heads to review their respective budget requests for 2025-2026. Changes were made as necessary and will be forwarded to our Budget Consultant Caleb Johnson. He will process that data and meet with the Board next Wednesday 8-27 to present his final draft.

The next scheduled meeting of the BOE/BOC will be Tuesday, August 26. The BOC will then meet with Budget Consultant Caleb Johnson on Wednesday, August 27 at 9:00 a.m.

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