

## Proceedings of the Commissioners

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners (BOC) met on Tuesday December 9, 2025, at the County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was published in the Sheridan County Journal Star and on the County website [sheridancountyne.gov](http://sheridancountyne.gov). The meeting was open to the public and conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act.

Present were Chairman James Krotz, Commissioners Dan Kling and Bruce Messersmith, Deputy Clerk Paige Rager and Treasurer Renee Thies.

There was no business for the Board of Equalization.

The Board of Commissioners (BOC) approved a quote from Intralinks to test/tone and label all the wiring and cables serving the IT system in the Courthouse, the Annex, the Sheriff's Office/Jail and the Extension Office. This \$7,500 project is a pre-requisite to the installation of a county-owned internet service that will interface with the new phone system.

The BOC approved a Quote from Great Plains Communications for the replacement of nearly obsolete phone systems in the four buildings and upgrading our internet service. The cost of this service and new equipment is \$1979/month for the next 60 months.

The BOC reviewed and approved the proposed subdivision of a rural property of less than 10 acres for Glen and Tracy Scherz.

Interim Road Superintendent Rod Norton reported that all snowplows are ready for winter. He also reported that bridge on 723 Trail sustained some serious damage when a motorist slid into the railing. The bridge is safe for use and is open for traffic. Norton and the Commissioners discussed the need to formalize a verbal agreement regarding maintenance of the approach to a bridge on 550<sup>th</sup> that was transferred to private ownership 23 years ago.

Chief Deputy Everett Langford presented the annual renewal of the Highway 20 Inter-local Agreement for cooperation among the law-enforcement agencies in the northern panhandle. The BOC approved and signed the agreement.

Because the Courthouse lobby bulletin board has become so cluttered with non-governmental postings that official postings are being obscured, the Commissioners voted to make it County policy that only official postings will be permitted. Private postings will be removed. We regret the necessity, but, like the inter-net, the site has become too popular.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the BOE/BOC will be Tuesday, December 16. 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).

Submitted by James Krotz