

## Proceedings of the Commissioners

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners (BOC) met on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at the County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was published in the Sheridan County Journal Star and on the County website [sheridancounty.ne.gov](http://sheridancounty.ne.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, Clerk Sindy Coburn, and Treasurer Renee Thies.

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

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

The BOC voted to accept the 2025 Audit report on the County financial statements conducted by Dana F. Cole & Company LLP. A copy of the Audit is available for public review in the Office of the County Clerk.

Caitlin Roes, Rural Prosperity Asst. Extension Educator, reported on the Rural Grocery Store Learning Cohort an educational/training/networking program designed to support independent grocers in rural communities.

Melissa Mracek, 4-H Extension Educator, presented to the Board the proposed lease agreement for the Extension office building at 800 South Loofborrow in Rushville. The owner is proposing a substantial increase and is asking for the county to pay all utilities. The BOC agreed to take the proposal under advisement.

Interim Road Superintendent Rod Norton reported that our trucks are still hauling gravel. If the longed-for snow arrives at the end of the week the resulting moisture may make it possible for the motor-graders to do some work without causing damage to the road surfaces. Norton pointed out that the department is still working to repair damage caused by the “winter from hell”, 2022-23 when unceasing snow removal efforts also removed a great deal of gravel from our roads. At least the diesel we have not had to use plowing snow this winter is available to keep the gravel truck rolling.

County Surveyor Carl Gilbert joined the meeting to discuss his efforts to correct a number of fraudulent surveys carried out by Blew Associates, an Arkansas firm several years ago. The surveys were not up to state standards, and many were never filed. The surveyor from Blew Associates has had his Nebraska license revoked. Gilbert will work to make the necessary corrections and invoice the county for his work, the county, in turn, will bill the landowners and then pay Gilbert.

Citizen Diana Robins appeared to express her appreciation for Rod Norton's timely response to her concern about a road near her home.

At 11:00 Jenna Harbegger of the Nebraska Department of Transportation convened a Webex virtual meeting with the BOC and six citizens for a project kick-off discussion regarding the re-surfacing sandhill trails in the Antioch area.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the BOE/BOC will be Tuesday, February 24. 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