

Proceedings of the Commissioners

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners (BOC) met on Tuesday, March 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. 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.

The Board of Commissioners (BOC) reviewed and approved claims for payment totaling \$162,373.

The Board approved the appointment of Trish Dewese to County Tourism Board.

The Board discussed, but took no action on, a proposal to increase the County Building Permit fee. The matter was tabled until March 24 in the hope that our Zoning Administrator Mike Wellnitz might be present for the discussion.

Interim Road Superintendent Rod Norton reported that we have received the insurance settlement for damage done by a motorist to Bourne bridge on 325th Trail immediately east of Hwy. 87. Repair work on the bridge should begin in about two weeks. The schedule of surplus items for sale on Big Iron is nearly complete and will be submitted to the Board next week. Norton announced that he would soon be advertising an open position at the Hay Springs shop.

Sheriff Jeff Brewer reported that his personnel budget is under some strain due to over-time.

Weed Superintendent Melissa Grover presented her year-end reports and the State response thereto. The BOC had approved those reports prior to submission to the State and commended Grover for the high marks received from the Nebraska Department of Agriculture.

Grover also reported on the positive outcome of a recent prairie dog Forced Control and visited with the Commissioners about the collection of costs for the control. We await the counsel of the County Attorney on the matter.

Valerie Beel appeared to request counsel regarding the legal relationship between the Board of Commissioners and the County Ag Society. She needed a better understanding of that relationship in order to more effectively write grant applications on behalf of the Society.

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

Submitted by James Krotz