

## Proceedings of the Commissioners

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners (BOC) met on Tuesday, March 24, 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 salary claims and signed claim checks.

Treasurer Renee Thies presented her report on securities pledged by depository banks holding more than the FDIC maximum of insured County funds.

Thies also reported that 99 parcels and 7 special assessments had been offered for sale on March 2. Forty-five of those parcels were sold yielding \$62,396 for the county.

Interim Road Superintendent Rod Norton submitted a list of obsolete equipment with a request that it be declared “surplus” and offered for sale at the online auction Big Iron. The list included two 5,000-gallon tanker trailers, a 1992 Chevy ¾ ton pickup, a 2005 ½ ton Ford pickup, a 2008 ½ Ford pickup, a 1974 Ingersol Rand air compressor, a 1974 M & B brush chipper, a 1994 Cat 140G motor-grader, two old Hotsy pressure washers, 1 toolbox, two pallets of old signs and a pile of scrap iron.

Norton and Commissioner Messersmith addressed the completion of paperwork and a Commissioner’s comments concerning an asphalt overlay on County Road 400<sup>th</sup> Trail. This being Project 2 of the overlay plan for which a Federal Grant was applied. The grant for project 1 was granted and project 2 needed a separate grant application which required a motion of approval from the County Commissioners to submit. Because of the County share cost and the Federal funding necessary for the project, as well as the length of time involved when funding through the Federal Government, no motion was brought forward. Because Commissioner Messersmith is Chairman of County Road District #36, where the road in question is located, he chose to recuse himself because of the conflict of Interest. With no

motion brought forth, the project will not proceed at this time. The parties involved can reapply next year.

Building Superintendent Jeff Davis met with the Board to discuss some issues of Courthouse security.

Weed Superintendent Melissa Grover reported that she has received the counsel of the County Attorney on the matter of billing for a recent Forced Control of a prairie dog infestation and will proceed with collection.

Sheriff Jeff Brewer reported that he needs to hire two jailers.

David Schleve, one-time Sheriff of Scottsbluff County and a long-time educator in the field of criminal justice, appeared to present a memorial plaque in honor of John Red Horse a Department of Interior and Tribal Police Officer who was killed in the line of duty in Rushville on November 15, 1894. It is Mr. Schleve's hope to present such memorials to every community where a Nebraska police officer has been killed in the line of duty. He believes that more than 150 such officers have so given their lives. The memorial plaque for Officer Red Horse will hang in Sheriff Brewer's office.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the BOE/BOC will be Tuesday, April 7 in conjunction with the County Government Day event for area high school students. 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