

Proceedings 6-9-2026

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners convened 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, Treasurer Renee Thies and Interim Road Superintendent Rod Norton.

The Commissioners convened as the Board of Equalization and were joined by Assessor Tina Skinner. The officials discussed possible dates and hours for Property Valuation Protest Hearings. The group agreed to schedule hearings on July 7, morning and afternoon; July 14, afternoon only; July 21, afternoon only.

Interim Road Superintendent Rod Norton reported on progress on the Lavacca and Extension road projects.

Krotz informed those present that he and commissioner Messersmith had agreed have a second interview with Trent Kling regarding the position of Road Superintendent and the possible compensation.

Interim Road Superintendent Rod Norton then inquired if the Board was still accepting applications. Since the job posting on the county website states, "Applications will be accepted until the position is filled." Krotz replied "yes, who would that applicant be?" Norton replied, "me." After a moment of silence, Messersmith and Krotz agreed to accept his application to be considered using the same criteria as all other candidates. Kling recused himself.

Brandi Brunz of Region 1 Behavioral Health Authority reported on mental health crisis intervention services being funded in part by opioid settlement funds received by the county and forwarded to Region 1.

County Surveyor Carl Gilbert appeared to report on his work for NDOT in establishing corners in the Hwy 27 re-paving corridor. He also reported on his work in correcting the fraudulent survey conducted by an Arkansas firm of the Rolling Meadows Farms. Gilbert asked if he were authorized to appoint a deputy surveyor to assist with the project. The Commissioners directed him to consult with the County Attorney on the matter.

David Russell and Phyllis Lindsey of the Ag Society reported on plans for the upcoming Fair and Rodeo. Of special interest was their announcement that Ranch Rodeo would be a Nebraska vs. South Dakota event.

Ryan Powers of the USDA and several cattle producers appeared to continue the discussion of the of the predator control (coyotes) contract and amendment for the coming year. Powers assured the BOC that that the agreement could be nullified at any

time at the county's discretion and, with that assurance, the BOC approved and signed the work plan and amendment.

The Board approved a resolution for Jeffrey and Michele Housh for the subdivision of 4.857 acres in 46-29-27.

Martin Swayne of the Gordon Rural Fire Department and David Welanko and Kyle Keller of the Panhandle Area Development District (PADD) reported on their efforts to secure grants for the purchase of a new pumper for the Department. The pumper is expected to cost more than \$500,000.

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

Submitted by James Krotz