

Proceedings of the Commissioners – August 11, 2026

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners met at County Courthouse at 9:00 a.m. 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 (BOE).

The Board of Commissioners (BOC) reviewed and approved a letter of agreement from Dana F. Cole & Company LLC setting forth the terms for auditing services for fiscal year 2025-2026. The projected cost of their services is \$22,800.

The BOC approved a motion to expedite the claim from Carl Gilbert of Wildcat Surveying, our County Surveyor, for \$30,250 of work completed on the correction of faulty surveys done by an out of state surveyor. The county has already received the reimbursement from Blew services and by this action simply conveys the funds to Gilbert.

Weed Superintendent Melissa Grover presented her monthly report and brought the Board up to date on a number of forced control actions now under way.

Interim Road Superintendent Rod Norton presented two approach-to-right-of-way applications for consideration. The Board approved the approach requested by Monica Hermon but denied the application from Brad Younkin because his request did not actually enter the county right of way.

The Board approved a resolution authorizing the Chairman to sign the Annual Certification of Program for the Road Department required by the Nebraska Department of Transportation.

Krotz informed the Board that before the meeting convened, Building Superintendent stopped in to report that the tuckpointing of the north façade of the courthouse will cost about \$35,000. This is the final stage of the multi-year project.

Sheriff Brewer reported that he is again seeking two deputies.

Jessica Witting of the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) met briefly with Board to introduce herself and to offer to prepare a proposal for health and insurance benefits for county employees for the coming year. The BOC requested that she prepare such a proposal to be presented at our August 18 meeting.

County Attorney Jamian Simmons reported that the Public Defender Contract has been negotiated and will be presented to the Board next week.

The Board, Clerk Coburn and Attorney Simmons convened in closed session to discuss matters of possible litigation. No action was taken.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the BOE/BOC will be Tuesday, August 18. 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 are available online at sheridancounty.ne.gov.

Submitted by James Krotz