

Proceedings of the Commissioners – August 18, 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, Treasurer Renee Thies and Clerk of the District Court Carol Stouffer.

The Commissioners opened with the approval of previous minutes and the proposed agenda for the Board of Equalization (BOE).

Assessor Tina Skinner joined the Commissioners for the meeting of the Board of Equalization (BOE). Skinner presented 6 Homestead Exemption adjustments as required by the state audit of the taxpayer's applications. The BOE has authority to neither approve nor reject the adjustments, only to accept them for adjustments to the county tax roll. The BOE accepted the adjustments as required by the state.

Skinner presented a correction sheet to accelerate the personal property taxes for Half Diamond E Coffee Company which is being sold. The BOE approved the correction sheet.

The Board of Commissioners (BOC) opened with the approval of the agenda for the day and the minutes of 8-11 then audited and approved claims for payment totaling \$232,975.

Interim Road Superintendent Rod Norton reported wide-spread damage to county roads by recent heavy rains.

At 10:00 the Board opened a public hearing to receive testimony for and/or against the vacation and closure of one mile of County Road 217. Glenna Vodicka, the original petitioner for closure, was the only person to appear and spoke in support of the action. The hearing was closed and the Board voted to approve the resolution directing the vacation and closure of the road.

Weed Superintendent Melissa Grover reported on the progress of several forced control actions under way.

Sheriff Brewer reported that his department is encountering some difficulties with the new Voice Over Internet Phone (VOIP) system.

County Attorney Jamian Simmons presented the Public Defender Contract that has been negotiated with Andrew Pope of Crites Schaeffer LLC. The BOC voted to accept the agreement.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the BOE/BOC will be Tuesday, August 25. On Wednesday, August 26 at 9:00 a.m. the Commissioners, Elected Officials and Department Heads will meet with Budget Consultant Caleb Johnson for the annual budget workshop. The workshop is open to the public. 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