

Proceedings of the Commissioners – August 25, 2026

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners met at the 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.

There was no business for the Board of Equalization (BOE).

Toshia Jones of 6-Regions, One Nebraska briefed the Board on the agency's initiatives to establish public/private partnerships to develop affordable housing and encourage new day care centers in our 11-county area.

The Commissioners audited and approved salary claims and signed claim checks.

Treasurer Renee Thies presented her report on pledged securities from banks holding county deposits in excess of the FDIC limit.

Interim Road Superintendent Rod Norton reported on a positive meeting with NDOT engineers regarding the re-design of an approach to Hwy 87 north of Rushville at 430th Lane.

Sheriff Jeff Brewer presented his report on Distress Warrants. Of the 46 Warrants totaling 35,211.38 he has collected on 29 totaling 8,286.58. The 17 uncollected warrants total 26,975.15.

Steve Melnik of Colonial Insurance briefed the Commissioners on changes to the group life and disability policies made available to county employees by the company.

Jessica Witting and Judd Allen of the Nebraska Association County Officials (NACO) presented the Association's Blue Cross – Blue Shield Health insurance policy proposal. The BOC expects to compare the BC/BS proposal with the Medica proposal, yet to be received, at the September 8 meeting. The County health insurance plan renews each October.

County Attorney Jamian Simmons and Weed Superintendent Mellisa Grover joined the meeting to hear a protest from Kyle Schwarting regarding the cost of a forced control on his property. Schwarting claimed that he was not properly informed of the pending action and protested the cost of the control. Forced control costs are levied at 2 times the cost of a private contractor plus a \$250 management fee and mileage at \$2/mile.

The Commissioners approved a resolution authorizing the Chair to sign an agreement with JEO Consulting for preliminary engineering services on the Antioch area paving project.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the BOE/BOC will be Tuesday, September 8. 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