

Proceedings of the Commissioners – August 26, 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, Clerk of the District Court Carol Stouffer, Interim Road Supt. Rod Norton, Road Asst. Tom Price, Building and Grounds Supt. Jeff Davis, Weed Supt. Melissa Grover, and Sheriff Jeff Brewer

Budget Consultant Caleb Johnson presented to the BOC and assembled Officials the first draft of the 2026-27 Budget. Johnson did his best to explain the mysterious new restrictions and regulations visited upon the counties by the Unicameral and led each office through a review of their respective budgets. The BOC was challenged by the prospect of a 40% increase in the cost of health insurance for our employees. The Officials were most cooperative in helping to identify expenses in their proposed budgets that could be trimmed to help bring the total within an acceptable limit. The proposed budget cannot be completed until the changes made today have been reviewed by the Consultant and the final proposal for health insurance from MEDICA has been received.

The BOC agreed to set the “Pink Card Hearing” for the proposed budget for 7:00 p.m. on Friday, September 18 in the Commissioners’ office. The postcard, to be mailed by 9-11, shows the estimated change in your property taxes on the right side of the card, as well as the political subdivisions levying those taxes. Anyone can attend the public hearing(s) to learn more about the budgeting process and make public comments before the political subdivision adopts the levy for the next year.

The BOC approved a resolution establishing petty cash funds for the office of the County Clerk \$50; the County Court \$500; and the Clerk \$50.

The BOC set the date for the public hearing on the proposed 2026-27 levy for Tuesday, September 22 at 10:00 and the public hearing on the Budget document for 10:15 that same day.

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