

Proceedings of the Commissioners – September 8, 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, and Treasurer Renee Thies.

Acting as the Board of Equalization (BOE), the Commissioners considered and approved Correction Sheets to accelerate the taxes on two mobile homes owned by Open Range Beef that have now been sold.

Interim Road Superintendent Rod Norton was not present to make a report.

The Board of Commissioners (BOC) approved resolution 2026-22 authorizing the Chairman to sign an Environmental Service Agreement with Olsson Inc. to provide environmental services for the Antioch paving project.

County Surveyor, Carl Gilbert joined the meeting by telephone to ask if he should establish 13 survey monuments in 6 sections along the construction corridor on Hwy. 27. The BOC told him to proceed with the work and agreed that he would be paid \$5,100 for his work.

Dustin Wells of Benefits Management presented several health insurance options to the current MEDICA plan which, as currently written, would re-new with a 40% increase.

Jessica Witting and Judd Allen of NACO reviewed the BC/BS health plan offered by their agency.

Any of the health care options presented would cost less than the current MEDICA plan but the county will pay more for health insurance in 2027 under any of the programs presented and, since the county pays only part of the premium for spousal/family coverage, the cost to employees for such coverage will also increase. The Board decided to table the matter to 8-15 to allow more time to study the details.

Weed Superintendent Melissa Grover presented a letter drafted by the County Attorney informing the recipient of a forced control action of the Board's response to his appeal. The Commissioners reviewed and approved the letter and requested that it be sent by certified mail.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the BOE/BOC will be Tuesday, September 15. 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