Proceedings of the Commissioners – October 20, 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 Bruce Messersmith and Dan Kling, Clerk Sindy Coburn. Treasurer Renee Thies and Clerk of the District Court Carol Stouffer.

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

The Commissioners audited and approved salary claims for payment and signed contracts.

The BOC approved a resolution authorizing the Chairman to sign a contract with MEDICA to provide health care coverage for county employees until the end of the calendar year. In January 2027 United Health Care will assume that coverage.

Treasurer Renee Thies presented her Distress Warrant Listing for unpaid personal property.

At the Treasurer's request the BOC declared three obsolete and decommissioned computers from her office to be "surplus property" and approved of their disposal.

The BOC approved the Treasurers Tax Sale Certificate Resolution.

Interim Road Superintendent Rod Norton reported that the last of the planned construction work of the year should be completed within two weeks.

The Board discussed with Building Superintendent Jeff Davis, the need for additional housekeeping staff. Davis reported that the new doors for the District Courtroom have arrived and will soon be installed.

Sheriff Jeff Brewer and Chief Deputy Everette Langford presented a proposal from Action Communications and a grant request for the replacement of the Dispatch Radio system, now 20 years old and for which repair parts are no longer available. The BOC approved the proposal and the grant request providing 65,972 from the LATCF Fund and 79,155 from the Inheritance Tax Fund to cover the cost of the project.

The Clerk, Treasurer and Assessor discussed with the Commissioners the timetable for pay increases. All agreed, and the Commissioners approved a motion to implement pay increases in January rather than in October.

County Attorney Jamian Simmons joined Thies, Coburn and Skinner and the Commissioners in a discussion of zoning regulations and special use permits. All agreed that it was time to consider an update to the 2002 Regulations.

The jail inspection was postponed to October 27.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the BOE/BOC will be Tuesday, October 27. 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