

COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 16, 2019

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:10 A.M. in the Commissioners Office, Courthouse. All members present. Paul stated that the meeting would be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Nebraska Open Meeting Act. Messersmith made a motion to accept the agenda. Krotz seconded the motion. All voted aye. Krotz made a motion to approve the minutes of 9-9-2019. Messersmith seconded the motion. All voted aye.

The board opened the hearing on the proposed 2019-2020 County Budget. Jack Andersen was present. With no testimony from the public the hearing was closed at 9:20 A.M.

Krotz made a motion to adopt Resolution #2019-12 accepting the Adoption and Appropriations of the 2019-2020 Sheridan County Budget. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Messersmith made a motion to increase the total restricted funds authority by an additional 1%. Krotz seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Krotz made a motion to approve the 2019-2020 budget as proposed. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

At 9:20 A.M. the board opened a public hearing to discuss the amount of tax asking for Sheridan County. With no testimony from the public the hearing was closed at 9:40 A.M.

Krotz made a motion to adopt Resolution #2019-13 setting the amount of tax asking at \$3,776,983.07, with a levy of .338300 per \$100 of assessed valuation. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Animal Control Officer, Randy Benben informed the board that as of September 18, 2019 he will no longer be able to carry out prairie dog control actions because of the expiration of necessary Categorical Exceptions issued under the National Environmental Policy Act. Benben stated that he is unsure if the Dept of Agriculture will be authorized to resume such control actions.

Road Superintendent Tom Kuester reported that his department is hauling gravel on the north end of Beaver Wall Road. The private haulers are completing the last mile of the Mirage Flats Irrigation District

Sheriff Brewer visited with the board about the push for regionalizing E911 services. Both Chadron and Valentine are being looked at. No decision made at this time.

At 10:25 A.M. Messersmith made a motion to go into executive session with Sheriff Brewer to discuss security issue. Krotz seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

At 10:30 A.M. Krotz made a motion to come out of executive session. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye. No decision made.

Tosha & Courtney Fuller of the Twisted Turtle met with the board for approval on a Special Designated License application to serve alcohol at a September 28, 2019 wedding at Galyen Farms. Krotz made a motion to approve the SDL application. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Building & Grounds Superintendent Jeff Davis visited with the board about the roof and the ramp.

Several Officials met with the board to finalize the Employee Handbook. Krotz made a motion to approve the final draft of the County Employee Handbook with a special thanks to Kristi Paul for her many hours of work on the project. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

GIVE Director Jeanette Graber met with the board to discuss changes in her payroll reporting procedure.

Jeremy Harris from MANNA Systems presented a demo of TimeTrex time-clock program. The board asked for a detailed price quote from the company. No decision was made.

Harris also discussed different options for updates on computers. He explained that he has a \$500 credit set up for the County for emergency situations but needs a contact person to be in charge of that decision. Krotz made a motion to appoint Sindy Coburn, Co Clerk as the person to make that decision. Paul seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Adjourn: 1:30 P.M.

Attest: Sindy L. Coburn, Co Clerk

Loren L. Paul, Chairman