

Proceedings of the County Commissioners  
January 20, 2020

Present were Chairman Loren Paul, Commissioners Bruce Messersmith and James Krotz, Clerk Sindy Coburn and Treasurer Renee Thies.

Acting as the Board of Equalization (BOE) the Commissioners reviewed and approved the minutes of the 1-14-2020 BOE meeting.

Road Superintendent Tom Kuester announced his intention to retire in June of 2020. He also informed the Board that a number of other senior employees are planning to retire in 2020.

The BOC and Kuester discussed his ongoing work on the One and Six-Year Road Plan which is to be presented at a public hearing on February 18 at 11:00. In the course of that discussion Kuester informed the Board that the County had purchased 28,000 tons of red-rock from Croell Inc. in 2019.

Weed Superintendent Kristi Paul presented to the Board the five annual reports she prepares for the Nebraska Department of Agriculture. The Commissioners reviewed and approved the reports for submission. The unusual precipitation pattern of 2019 made it a very good year for weeds. Copies of the reports are available for public review at the Weed Office or the office of the County Clerk.

Weed Superintendent Paul informed the BOC that she too plans to retire in 2020.

The Board discussed at some length the challenge presented by the loss of such valuable leadership and experience in the Weed and Road Departments.

Building Superintendent Jeff Davis presented a change order for the proposal from Fuller Construction for the replacement of the steps, ramp and sidewalk serving the south entrance of the courthouse. The change order calls for the installation of a hydronic ice-melt system under all the new concrete at a cost of \$15,925. The BOC approved the change order bringing the total cost of the project to \$68,895. The inclusion of the ice-melt system will enable the contractor to begin work before warm weather returns. The Board approved the change order.

The next scheduled meeting of the Commissioners will be Tuesday, January 28 at 9:00 a.m.

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Submitted by James Krotz