

# Proceedings of the County Commissioners

April 14, 2020

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 on the internet platform ZOOM as advertised by public notice on the County website. This meeting was open the public and conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act and the Governors waiver for meetings during the Covid-19 emergency.

Present were Chairman Loren Paul, Commissioners Bruce Messersmith, James Krotz and Clerk Sindy Coburn. Also present were Deputy County Attorney Jamian Simmons, Assessor Tina Skinner, Treasurer Renee Thies, Road Superintendent Tom Kuester, Sheriff Tom Brewer and Chief Deputy Everett Langford, Weed Superintendent Kristi Paul and Building Superintendent Jeff Davis and citizen Jack Andersen.

The Assessor had no business to set before the Commissioners.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved a list of claims that had been prepared and circulated electronically by the Clerk. The claims will be published as usual in the newspaper of record.

Road Superintendent Tom Kuester reported that the hauling of red-rock by private contractors is proceeding apace with about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of mile of the Walgren Lake road project now complete. The problems with rising water levels in the south part of the county continue with no relief in sight.

The Chairman requested a Covid-19 update from those present. Operations seem to be continuing with few problems. The Sheriff has now elected suspend public access to his offices. He reports that the new video visitation installation for prisoners arrived just in time.

The Commissioners approved the subdivision of a rural parcel of less than 10 acres for Lila Christian in PT SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 26-32-43.

The Commissioners and Atty. Simmons discussed the possible appointment of a temporary County Surveyor for a small project, funded by the landowners concerned, to establish certain boundaries. The Board requested a proposal from the surveyor for consideration.

The Board approved an updated agreement with First Concord Benefits to administer the cash-in-lieu of insurance program for qualifying county employees covered by Medicare or certain other programs. Clerk Cindy Coburn was authorized to sign the agreement.

The Commissioners decided to arrange interviews with the applicants for Road Superintendent, Weed Superintendent and GIVE Director as part of the meeting to be held next Tuesday, April 21.

Building Superintendent Jeff Davis reported on the status of the ramp project at the south entrance of the Courthouse. Fuller Construction discovered that the old ramp and steps had no

footings and since the proposal was predicated on using an existing footing the cost of the project will increase by \$4,500.

The next scheduled meeting of the Commissioners will be Tuesday, April 21 at 9:00 a.m. on ZOOM.us. The meeting will be open to the public – please check the county website at [sheridancounty.ne.gov](http://sheridancounty.ne.gov) for the meeting number and password.

*The minutes of this and all meetings of the Board of Commissioners are available to the public at the office of the Sheridan County Clerk and online at [sheridancounty.ne.gov](http://sheridancounty.ne.gov) All meetings of the Board of Commissioners are held in compliance with Nebraska Open Meetings Act and the public is always welcome.*

Submitted by James Krotz