

COMMISSIONERS MINUTES
MAY 26, 2020

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:20 A.M. by Zoom as advertised by public notice. 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 5-19-2020. Messersmith seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Treasurer Renee Thies presented the board with an application for exemption for a motor vehicle owned by North East Panhandle Substance Abuse Center. The vehicle is used for educational purposes. Krotz made a motion to approve the application for exemption for NEPSAC as submitted. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Road Superintendent Richard Cross reported on the progress of projects they have been working on. Cross stated that the hauling of red-rock from South Dakota will continue with an additional 1.5 miles on 460th Lane south of Hay Springs.

Cross reported that the contractors rebuilding highway 18 east of Pine Ridge have a 10 X 10 box culvert for sale that would fit the requirements for replacing a bridge near the Gordon airport. The cost of the culvert is \$14,000 with additional costs for hauling and placing. The board encouraged Cross to pursue with looking into this option.

Clerk Coburn visited with the board about MASA Medical Transport Solutions briefly. Coburn had been asked to present the option to the board. The board asked to request a face to face visit.

At the request of Deputy County Attorney Jamian Simmons the board acted on a request for outside council. Krotz made a motion to approve an engagement letter with the firm of Woods & Aitken for legal services on an employment matter. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

The board visited with the officials and Building & Grounds Superintendent Jeff Davis about concerns about re-opening the courthouse and annex buildings. Davis stated that he has the counter sneeze guards ready to go in. Assessor Skinner stated that she will not open her door until her counter is in place.

Krotz made a motion to restore public access to the Courthouse and the Annex on June 1, 2020. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye. The public is asked to wear their own facemask and to maintain a "social distance" of six feet. County Offices will be open but access to some areas may be limited.

The board visited with Jeremy from MANNA about getting everything in place for the BOE protest hearings.

Adjourn: 10:50 A.M.

Attest: Cindy L. Coburn, Co Clerk

Loren L. Paul, Chairman