

# COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

JULY 14, 2020

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9 A.M. in the Commissioners Office, Courthouse. All members present. Commissioner Paul was present by Zoom. 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 6-23-2020 minutes with corrections. Messersmith seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Messersmith made a motion to audit and approve all claims. Krotz seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

The board reviewed a request from the Gordon Country Club to extend the hours for liquor sales on July 19, 2020 and August 2, 2020. Messersmith made a motion to extend the hours to sell alcohol to 8 A.M. for July 19, 2020 and August 2, 2020 for the Gordon Golf & Country Club. Krotz seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Marie Nelson, Extension 4-H Assistant reported on recent youth education activities. She also informed the board the plans for the upcoming County Fair.

Road Superintendent Richard Cross reported that Rosane is ahead of schedule on the rock crushing. He also reported that the cost of crack-sealing and armor coating on 6 miles of 440<sup>th</sup> Road will cost approximately \$126,000 and will be done in March of 2021.

Cross visited with the board about some equipment that is not currently working and would like to surplus out. Messersmith made a motion to surplus a CAT-12 grader and a GMC tanker truck. Krotz seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye. The equipment will be offered for sale by an on-line auction service.

Treasurer Renee Thies requested authorization of a transfer of \$25 from the State Sales Tax Fund to the General Fund to clean up a 2003 tax sale. Krotz made a motion to authorize the Treasurer to do so. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Krotz made a motion to authorize a claim of \$3.50 to cover the shortfall for the above mentioned transfer. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

GIVE Director Bev Wellnitz along with members of the GIVE Advisory Board: Karol Lockman, Willis Gran, Linda Strasburger and Carla Perry met with the board to discuss the future of the GIVE thrift store. Karol Lockman advised the board that when she sold the building it was agreed by both buyer and seller that the store could remain in the building for a minimum of two years from the closing date. The new owner of the store building is concerned about liability issues and has asked GIVE to vacate the building by mid-September. After considerable discussion the Commissioners and the Advisory Board agreed to take a "time-out" from the project. The building will be vacated and the inventory will be donated to other thrift stores in the area. The group will look for a suitable building for the store and will re-visit at that time.

Deputy County Attorney Jamian Simmons and Sheriff Jeff Brewer met with the board to request permission for Simmons to represent Brewer in a lawsuit filed against him by Rudy Stanko, an inmate of the county jail. Simmons explained to the board that 2 suits were filed and NIRMA the County insurance will be representing Brewer for one. Messersmith made a motion to allow the Sheridan County Attorney's Office to represent Sheriff Brewer in the lawsuit. Krotz seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Building Superintendent Jeff Davis reported that the new steel steps were being installed today at the east exit from the Jail. Davis also visited with the board about a proposal from Tile Concepts & Epoxy Concepts for the painting/sealing of the men's and women's showers and dayrooms in the the jail and the resurfacing of the public entrance stairway in the jail/county court building. This proposal has a 20 year warranty and the showers have been a maintenance problem because no paint or sealer will adhere to the surfaces for more than a few months.

Messersmith made a motion to authorize Davis to sign Estimate 471 in the amount of \$53,653 allowing Tile Concepts & Epoxy Concepts to paint/seal the showers, dayrooms and the stairway in the Jail/County Court Building. Krotz seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Adjourn: 10:40 A.M.

Attest: Sindy L. Coburn, Clerk

Loren L. Paul, Chairman