

COMMISSIONERS MINUTES
FEBRUARY 9, 2021

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners met by zoom at 9:40 A.M. on February 9, 2021. Zoom ID#6498512381 Passcode 1mzrw6. All members present along with Sindy Coburn Clerk, Renee Thies Treasurer and Richard Cross Road Superintendent. Paul stated that the meeting would be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Nebraska Open Meeting Act. This meeting was posted on the official county website and published in the Sheridan County Journal Star on February 3, 2021. Krotz made a motion to accept the agenda. Messersmith seconded the motion. All voted aye. Messersmith made a motion to approve the minutes of 1-26-2021 with corrections. Krotz seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Messersmith made a motion to approve the claims presented to them via email. Krotz seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Jeremy Harris of MANNA Systems reported on the jail video system. Harris feels he got most of the issues ironed out. Harris also informed the board that he checked into a microphone system for the board room. The estimated cost would be around \$500. The board agreed to proceed with the installation of the individual microphones.

Road Superintendent Richard Cross and Treasurer Renee Thies reported that the County received \$286,851.61 from FEMA for damages to our county roads due to the 2019 flooding.

The board visited with Cross about the road sign replacement plan. Cross informed the board that he and Rod Norton have a plan to start the project.

Bev Wellnitz, GIVE Director presented her activity report.

Jack Arterburn, Extension Educator met with the board and updated them on the happenings of the extension office.

Building Superintendent Jeff Davis reported on some of the plumbing issues that he is having with removing the water fountain. Janitorial service was also discussed. Some of the officials do not feel that the courthouse is being cleaned well enough. Different option will be looked at.

Retired Public Defender Michael Varn appeared to comment on the process of appointing his successor. Varn wanted the board to know that it is not going to save the county any money but it is the only way to go at this time.

Messersmith made a motion to enter into a retainer agreement with attorney Victor Covalt of Lincoln to represent the county in a couple of bankruptcy cases. Krotz seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Krotz made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign an agreement with Maximus to provide professional consulting services, in recovering costs incurred by the County to support and administer federal programs. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye. This agreement extends thru 2026.

Chairman Paul asked that clarification of the dates for Sheridan County Fair this year will be July 26-31.

The legion has asked if the county will participate in County Government Day. It is the consensus of the Elected and Appointed Officials that we will not participate in County Government Day this year because of the concern with COVID-19.

Adjourn: 12:30 P.M.

Attest: Sindy L. Coburn, Clerk

Loren L. Paul, Chairman