

COMMISSIONERS MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 16, 2021

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners met by zoom at 9:05 A.M. on February 16, 2021. Zoom ID#3358213334 Passcode 945582. All members present along with Cindy 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 10, 2021. Messersmith made a motion to accept the agenda, with the addition of Bytes Computers. Krotz seconded the motion. All voted aye. Messersmith made a motion to approve the minutes of 2-9-2021 with corrections. Krotz seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Messersmith made a motion to approve the salary claims for February 2021. Krotz seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Road Superintendent Richard Cross reported that the snow-plows are out and running. The bids for gravel hauling are to be opened on March 9, 2021 at 9:30 A.M.

The board asked Cross to send the 1 & 6 year road maps to them to review prior to the hearing on 2-23-2021. The meeting will be via zoom.

Clerk of District Court Carol Stouffer met with the board to discuss LB 102 a proposal now before the legislature that would combine the offices of District Court and County Court. NACO is opposing the bill and most of the District Court Clerks are against it also. The board will watch the bill but took no position at this time.

The board also discussed LB 179 making the Assessor an appointed position rather than an elected position. The board took no position on this bill either.

Sheriff Jeff Brewer, Deputy Everette Langford and Dispatcher Jodi Elsea were present along with Kevin Carmody and Rich Evans of BYTES Computer and Network Solutions. Representatives of BYTES came to Rushville and reviewed the Sheriff's Office and Courthouse IT network. After some discussion the board requested that BYTES submit a detailed proposal to update and simplify the system.

Jeremy Harris of MANNA Systems reported that the new microphones will be in installed in the Commissioners's office this week.

Building Superintendent Jeff Davis informed the board that the lights in the Commissioner's room are not able to be put on a dimmer switch. He plans to have pull strings installed.

Davis informed the board that he has removed the water fountain. He also stated that we are on the list with Fire and Ice to get heat added in the District Court Room.

Caleb Johnson, the County Budget Coordinator, met with the board to present his proposal for budget preparation services. Johnson also asked the board what the time line was to get preliminary figures to him. It was decided that Johnson would get budget sheets to the individual offices June 1 and they would in turn get them back to him by June 15. Johnson proposal is \$3,500 per year for fiscal years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. The board will review the proposal and act on it at the next board meeting.

Adjourn: Noon

Attest: Cindy L. Coburn, Clerk

Loren L. Paul, Chairman

