

COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

FEBRUARY 23, 2021

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners met by zoom at 9:05 A.M. on March 9, 2021. Zoom ID 3358213334 Passcode 625274. All members present along with Sindy Coburn, County Clerk, Renee Thies, County Treasurer Tina Skinner, County Assessor, Richard Cross Road Superintendent, Everette Langford, Deputy Sheriff and Seth Tausan, Weed 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 March 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 2-23-2021. Krotz seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Discussion was held for adopting a resolution from our county in support of the 2nd Amendment to the US Constitution. Messersmith made a motion to adopt Resolution #2021-4 supporting the 2nd Amendment to the US Constitution. Krotz seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Road Superintendent Richard Cross informed the board that they started crack sealing on the Mirage Flats road. They do not feel that the snow will slow them down.

Cross opened one bid for contract gravel hauling from Sherburn Trucking. The bid cost is 14.4 cents/mile at 29 ton loads, from Maverick Jct to Sheridan County. Krotz made a motion to approve the bid from Sherburn Trucking at 14.4 cents/mile for 29 ton per load. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Faith Mills, Executive Director of Panhandle Partnership and Keith Mills, Athletic Director & Assistant Principal of Gordon Rushville High School appeared to request approval from the board of a Memorandum of Understanding supporting the proposed Comprehensive Services Plan to be supported by a criminal justice grant from the State. The grant has supported the School Resource Officer in the past. However that will not be available for the next year. Krotz made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding and authorize the chairman of the board to sign the document. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Marie Nelson, Extension Assistant for 4H presented an activity report to the board. Nelson reported that she had 14 new families sign up for 4-H programs this year.

Deputy Sheriff Everette Langford informed the board that everything is going well in the Sheriff office. Bytes Computer is still reviewing everything and hasn't gotten back with a proposal.

Treasurer Renee Thies visited with the board about two new computers she is getting from MIPS. Thies asked if the cost of those computers should come out of her department or Miscellaneous General. The board felt they should come out of Miscellaneous General like the other computers have. Thies stated that she would pay the mileage for them to come install them out of her budget.

Jonnie Kusek from Panhandle Trails joined the meeting by zoom. Kusek explained that Senior Services, Inc will apply for the Public Transportation grant for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. The local funding match for the County will be \$10,415.15.

Krotz made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-5 authorizing the federal funds commitment of local funds in the amount of \$10,415.15 for fiscal year 2022-2023. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Kusek explained that Senior Services, Inc has a Memorandum of Understanding with Northwest Community Action about the transit program until June 30, 2021.

Deputy County Attorney Jamian Simmons appeared before the board representing the Policy Board which had been appointed earlier this year to screen applicants for the position of Public Defender. Simmons recommended the board appoint Andrew Pope, of the law firm of Crites & Shaffer, as Sheridan County Public Defender for the remainder of the current elected term. Krotz made a motion to appoint Andrew Pope to serve as the Public Defender of Sheridan County for the remainder of the elected term. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Weed Superintendent Seth Tausan appeared to discuss continuing education requirements with the board. The COVID pandemic made it impossible to meet the 20 hour requirement last year. Tausan stated that there are several opportunities available in the coming months. Tausan also informed the board that a recent review of the Weed Department by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture showed a score of 1,000 out of 1,000 possible points.

Jeremy Harris of MANNA systems joined the meeting to discuss IT concerns with the board.

Building & Grounds Superintendent Jeff Davis visited with the board about the Courthouse Cleaning Service. Extra Hand on Demand will end their contract with the County at the end of the month. Davis was directed to proceed with the hiring of a new provider.

Adjourn: 11:50 A.M.

Attest: Cindy L. Coburn, Clerk

Loren L. Paul, Chairman