

COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

MAY 11, 2021

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners met in regular session and by zoom at 9:05 A.M. on May 11, 2021. Zoom ID 3358213334 Passcode 625274. All members were present along with Sindy Coburn County Clerk, Renee Thies County Treasurer & 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 May 5, 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 4-27-2021. Krotz seconded the motion. All voted aye.

The board reviewed the sub-group applications with Blue Cross/Blue Shield. The cost of the premium has increased by 3%. Krotz made a motion to continue with the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Insurance for all employees working 30 hours a week at the deductible rate of \$1500. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Krotz made a motion to re-appoint Pat Wellnitz as the community spirited citizen for the Panhandle Public Health board for three years, and thanked both Pat and Loren Paul for all the work this last year. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Road Superintendent Richard Cross informed the board that Deputy County Attorney Jamian Simmons has revised the agreement between the County and the landowner that is housing the railroad gravel. He is waiting to hear from Chuck Lemp and they will schedule a time to meet with the landowners.

Cross stated that his department has sent certified letter to all individuals concerning the Johnson road. Road Hearing is set for May 25, 2021 at 9:30 A.M.

Deputy Sheriff Everette Langford visited with the board about a 2017 Ford Explorer that is on Federal Surplus that they are considering purchasing. The vehicle is all equipped with the needed equipment for a police cruiser. Langford informed the board that they have the money in the budget. The board encouraged the purchase but reminded him that it was up to the department head.

Weed Superintendent Seth Tausan met with the board to review the Nebraska Department of Agriculture assessment of the Noxious Weed Department. Due to COVID the training hours were not met for 2020. Messersmith made a motion to accept the report from the Nebraska Dept of Agriculture. Krotz seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Tausan asked the board about a training in Montana in September that he felt would be beneficial to attend. The board felt it was a good idea to attend.

Building & Grounds Superintendent Jeff Davis visited with the board about projects that are in the works. Davis is planning to do the cement work in front of the Courthouse if the weather cooperates.

The board visited with Davis about using work orders. When a department wants something done they would complete a work order and give one to Davis and one to the board. This would be a good way for checks and balances. Davis agreed to the procedure.

Carrie Child and Lanny Forster came to the board to discuss the 30/30 Proposal. Child presented the board with a list of concerned citizens that are against the proposal and asked for the board to consider passing a resolution showing these citizens that they are also against the 30/30 proposal. The board stated that they do not feel that a non-statutory resolution passed by them would be representing all residents of the county.

The board stated that they admired Child for her diligence and encourage residents to read the proposal and contact their senators.

Jeremy Harris of MANNA met with the board via zoom to discuss any requests in the IT department. Harris asked if the board was ready to go ahead with the security audits. The board agreed that the next step would be security audits. Harris will send out an agreement showing the details of the audit.

Dispatcher Jodi Elsea visited with the board about the cameras in the jail. Elsea claims that the times on the cameras are all different. With the grand jury going on she is sure it is going to raise questions. They will probably need a written statement from MANNA stating the reasoning for the discrepancies. The board was told the cameras had been fixed to show the correct time. The board will visit with MANNA about this issue.

County Clerk Sindy Coburn visited with the board about redistricting. Nebraska state law requires entities to redistrict with every Federal census. Gworks has sent some proposals to do this task for us. Krotz made a motion to engage in the services of gworks for redistricting the county, required by statute, at the basic level of \$3,950. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

The board made a call to MANNA to visit about the cameras at the jail. Harris stated that he would see that they got corrected.

Adjourn: 12:30 P.M.

Attest: Sindy L. Coburn, Co Clerk

Loren L. Paul, Chairman