

COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

MAY 24, 2022

The Sheridan County Commissioners met in regular session and by zoom (ID# 93997918251 pass code 625274) at 9:20 A.M. All members present along with Cindy Sandoz and Carol Stouffer.

Messersmith 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 website and published in the Sheridan County Journal Star on May 11, 2022. Krotz made a motion to accept the agenda. Kling seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye. Kling made a motion to approve the minutes of 5-17-2022. Krotz seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

The board audited and approved salary claims and signed claim checks. Commissioner Kling stated that he would like to see a more detailed analysis of hours worked for both Bldg & Grounds and Weed Department.

Road Superintendent Richard Cross met with the board along with Mike Bateman from John Deere and Larry Burbach and Tom Thompson from NE Machinery to discuss motor graders. John Deere has the state bid and wanted to give Sheridan County an opportunity to purchase prior to the bid ending May 23. Cross invited NE Machinery to quote a similar machine. The board reviewed the bids with JD bid at \$356,703 and NE Machinery at \$399,000 with a \$13,000 parts/service credit. Cross informed the board that if we purchase a new grader that he plans to surplus the G model on Big Iron. The board tabled until later date.

Building & Grounds update: Davis was not present. Coburn presented what Davis had given her to put in the newspaper regarding the heat update for the Courthouse. The board will visit with Davis.

Sheriff Brewer was present and the board requested he look into the open carry laws. The board would like clarification as to whether an individual can carry a gun into the courthouse. County Attorney Aaron Conn was called in and he will review and get back to the board.

Bev Wellnitz, Give Director visited with the board about the duties of the GIVE program. Wellnitz informed the board that the department has 243 volunteers that have put in 132,358 hours for the year. Commissioner Krotz reported that the Tourism Board has designated \$5,000 for the GIVE program for the next fiscal year.

Public Comment: Assessor Tina Skinner visited with the board about her office staff. She plans to hire one full time and one part time and have an existing staff member work remotely to help get the Ag Re-Appraisal done. Skinner also plans to hire part time summer help to do data entry.

Skinner informed the board that she may run over on her Assessor budget and need more money.

Adjourn: 12:01 P.M.

Bruce D. Messersmith, Chairman

Attest: Cindy L. Coburn, Clerk