

COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

JUNE 14, 2022

The Sheridan County Commissioners met in regular session and by Zoom (ID# 93997918251 passcode 625274) at 9:20 A.M. All members present along with Deputy Clerk Paige Rager and Treasurer Renee Thies.

Chairman 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 County website and published in the Sheridan County Journal Star on June 8, 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 5-24-2022. Krotz seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

The Board audited and approved claims.

The Board reviewed a request for an Extension Board appointment. The Board reviewed the application for the appointment of Trevor Ginkens. Kling made a motion to approve the appointment of Trevor Ginkens. Krotz seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Bernard Strong appeared before the Board to request gravel for County Road 390th Lane North of Highway 20.

Road Superintendent Richard Cross met with the board to give an update for the Road Department but also to inform them that the Road Department declined the delivery of two tankers of contracted fuel. This resulted because the County did not move as much snow this Winter compared to years past. The Board asked Cross to look into getting an additional fuel storage tank.

Cross informed the Board that he has reviewed the Road Department budget and concluded that there will be sufficient funds remaining for the purchase of a new motor grader. The Department is looking to purchase a John Deere 772G, six-wheel drive grader under the terms of the State Contract Bid for \$353,203. The delivery of said motor grader is expected to be delivered in December 2022. Krotz made a motion to approve the purchase of the new John Deere motor grader. Kling seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Cross discussed the 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill with the Board and agreed that Cross should submit a list of infrastructure needs.

Building & Grounds Superintendent Jeff Davis was present to inform the Board that the new furnace has been installed in the District Courtroom. The new back-up generator for the Public Safety Building is nearing completion.

Deputy County Attorney Jamian Simmons was present to discuss procedures the County should follow when organizations apply for the needs of ARPA funding. Simmons plans to draft a resolution and follow up with the Board.

Jerry Feist of the USDA Wildlife Program along with Tim Brewer, Sheridan County Animal Control Specialist were present to propose the contract for 22-2023. The County cost is increasing 10% going from \$29,985 to \$32,985. Kling made a motion to approve the contract for 22-2023. Krotz seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

County Budget Consultant Caleb Johnson was present to give the Board more information on LB-644. With the rising cost of fuel and health insurance a budget increase is foreseeable in the near future. Most Counties will exceed the statutes threshold. If this were to happen the County will be required to hold a public hearing on a tax increase. Johnson informed the County they should begin considering who their telephone contact person will be. No decisions were made at this time.

Adjourn: 12:45 P.M.

Bruce D. Messersmith, Chairman

Attest: Paige Rager, Deputy Clerk