

## COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

JULY 12, 2022

The Sheridan County Commissioners met in regular session and by Zoom (ID# 93997918251 Passcode 625274) at 9:03 A.M. All members present.

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 July 6, 2022. Krotz made a motion to accept the agenda. Kling seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye. Messersmith made a motion to approve the minutes of 6-28-2022. Kling seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

The board audited and approved claims.

Elaine Menzel, Legal Counsel for the Nebraska Association of County Officials met with the board to update them on upcoming training events and conferences for county officials. Menzel encouraged the board to join the National Association of County Officials.

The board reviewed Resolution #2021-4 that was voted on and passed March 9, 2021 dealing with the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment to the Constitution of the United States. This resolution was only signed by the Chairman of the Board (Loren Paul). Krotz made a motion to ratify Resolution 2021-4 adding the signatures of the other two commissioners ( Messersmith and Krotz). Kling seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Road Superintendent Richard Cross met with the board to discuss road issues. Cross reported that they had approximately 35 washouts caused by heavy rains.

Cross informed the board that he hired Chris Desersa and he will begin working July 18, 2022 in the Hay Springs Shop.

Deputy County Attorney Jamian Simmons met with the board to further discuss the process for agencies to apply for grants from county ARPA Funds.

The board also discussed the posting of signs at the courthouse regarding firearms. No action taken.

At 10:30 A.M. Kling made a motion to go into executive session with Jamian Simmons to discuss potential litigation. Krotz seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

At 11 A.M. Kling made a motion to come out of executive session with no action taken. Krotz seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

County Treasurer Renee Thies requested the establishment of a new fund to receive Opioid Recovery Funds. The county has already voted to give these funds to the Region 1 Behavioral Health Department. Krotz made a motion to authorize the County Treasurer to create Fund 2320 for the Opioid Recovery Funds. Kling seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Thies also visited with the board about using county funds to cover her expenses incurred as a Notary Public. Thies informed the board that she used her personal money to become a Notary and has charged individuals for her service. Thies stated that she would not charge if the county would cover the costs. Messersmith made a motion to authorize the use of County Funds to cover the Treasurers notary expense. Krotz seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Sheriff Brewer reported on the continuing challenge of recruiting, training and retaining deputies. Brewer also informed the board that the recent jail inspection was positive.

No public comment.

Adjourn: 11:55 A.M.  
L. Coburn, Co Clerk

Bruce Messersmith, Chairman Attest: Cindy