

## COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

JULY 19, 2022

The Sheridan County Commissioners met in regular session and by Zoom (ID# 93997918251 Passcode 625274) at 9 A.M. Messersmith and Krotz present. Kling excused.

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 13, 2022. Krotz made a motion to accept the agenda. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye. Krotz made a motion to approve the minutes of 7-12-2022. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

The board audited and approved salary claims and signed claim checks.

The board reviewed a resolution setting the procedures for departments and agencies of the county to make application to the County Board for allocation of ARPA funds. Eligible departments or agencies shall submit a written request to the board detailing and including all information pertaining to the use. Krotz made a motion to approve Resolution #2022-11 establishing procedures for the use of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Authorized through the American Rescue Plan Act. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Scott Bidroski, Managing Editor of the Sheridan County Journal Star, appeared to discuss certain claims paid for the GIVE program. Present were Deputy County Attorney, Dennis King, GIVE Director, Bev Wellnitz, Keith Wellnitz and Jeannie Snyder. Bidroski expressed his concerns about employees purchasing items out of town and feels the need to support our local businesses. Bidroski was also concerned that employees who travel to Chadron on county business have done personal shopping while there and then get reimbursed for mileage.

Bidroski asked the board if they had a policy for mileage reimbursement. He stated that he had checked with several counties and they make the employee show a map stating the miles traveled or beginning and ending mileage. The board replied that there is no policy forbidding personal shopping on business trips

or for the reimbursement of mileage. Bidroski stated that he would like to see a policy in place and feels that would make things more transparent.

Road Superintendent Richard Cross informed the board that they took several loads down to Potmesil and took care of the washout. They are now back to working on maintenance projects.

Scott and Dale Berndt were present to ask what the county has planned for the cut across road (358<sup>th</sup> Trail). Cross informed them that they plan to armor coat it next summer.

Berndt also asked about the E911 signs that are all faded out and unreadable. The board stated that the road department is in the process of updating all the signs. Cross stated that they prioritized and replaced the highway signs first.

Sheriff Jeff Brewer and Jailer Jodi Elsea reported on the recent jail inspection conducted by the State. The inspection showed no major violations, however three security doors will need replaced fairly soon. The board asked Elsea to investigate the cost of replacing the doors and upgrading to electronic locks.

Another concern brought by the inspection is the ability to appropriately classify and segregate prisoners. With the increasing number of prisoners under the influence of drugs and the potentially violent prisoners. It is likely that such prisoners will have to be held in other facilities, increasing the costs.

Building & Grounds Superintendent Jeff Davis reported that he has not gotten any further bids on the heating/cooling update for the courthouse. Krotz made a motion to accept the bid from Fire & Ice for \$50,950 to update the cooling & heating in the Courthouse, with funding coming from the ARPA funds. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Davis reported to the board that the kitchen cabinets in the jail need replaced. The board authorized the use of monies from the Building Fund to take care of this.

Marie Nelson, Extension 4-H Assistant, reported on the activities and projects that she has done in the last quarter.

County Treasurer Renee Thies requested the board authorize her to transfer monies due to an error in receipting the funds. The money was receipted into

the General Fund and should have went into the ARPA fund. Krotz made a motion to authorize the County Treasurer to make the correction and transfer the ARPA funds from the General Fund (100) to the ARPA Fund (2580). Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Thies also presented the board with her investment report. This report shows all the funds with the account balances and interest.

Kim and Matt Rosane, owners of the Gordon Country Club have requested a one-day extension of hours for the sale of alcohol. Messersmith made a motion to approve the extension of hours for alcohol sales for the Gordon Country Club on August 7, 2022 beginning at 8 A.M. for the Ogallala Nation Golf Tournament. Krotz seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Krotz made a motion to approve the re-appointment of Eric Anderson for a 5 year term on the Veteran Service Board. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Messersmith made a motion to approve the re-appointment of Gary Binger for a 5 year term on the Veteran Service Board. Krotz seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Krotz made a motion to approve the appointment of Gary Binger as the Chairman of the Veteran Service Board for 1 year. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

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

Bruce Messersmith, Chairman Attest: Cindy