

COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

JANUARY 10, 2023

The Sheridan County Commissioners met in regular session and by Zoom (ID# 93997918251 Passcode 625274) at 9:30 A.M. All members present, along with County Clerk Sindy Coburn and Treasurer Renee Thies.

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 posted in the Sheridan County Journal Star on January 4, 2023.

Kling made a motion to accept the agenda. Krotz seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye. Kling made a motion to approve the minutes of 12-20-22 and 12-27-22. Krotz seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Krotz made a motion to nominate Bruce Messersmith as Chairman of the board with James Krotz to remain as Vice Chairman. Krotz seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Messersmith made a motion to leave the respective boards as they have been in the past. Krotz seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Bruce Messersmith: Region I Behavioral Health Authority, Region I Office of Human Development & Senior Service Inc (Handi-Bus)

James Krotz: Community Action, Emergency Management, GIVE, Extension & Tourism

Dan Kling: SWANN, Aging Office & Panhandle Public Health

Krotz made a motion to appoint Bruce Messersmith to be Chairman of the Weed Board. Kling seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Messersmith made a motion to appoint Richard Cross as the Road Superintendent for 2023. Krotz seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Kling made a motion to approve Sheridan County Journal Star as the official newspaper of record and the Sheridan County website as the official means of

notification for meetings of the BOC and BOE. Krotz was appointed as webmaster. Krotz seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Kling made a motion to approve Resolution #2023-1 designating the official depository banks for county funds. Security First Bank of Rushville and Hay Springs, First National Bank of Gordon, Bank of the West, and the Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust (NPAIT). Krotz seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Krotz made a motion to appoint Sindy Coburn, Sheridan County Clerk as the official contact person for Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Association (NIRMA). Kling seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

The board stated they will set the 2nd, 3rd & 4th Tuesday of each month as the regular meeting dates for all meetings.

The board opened bids from Black Hills Truck & Trailer for a T800 and a T880 Kenworth Truck. Road Superintendent Cross expressed his preference of the T800 with the heavy-duty suspension. Kling made a motion to accept the bid for the T800 Kenworth Truck from Black Hills Truck and Trailer for \$155,250. Krotz seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

The board reviewed a resolution setting the public hearing for the request to close an alley in Dewing. This was delayed until next week.

Cross reported that seven motor-graders and one front end loader are out of operation at the time. Five motor-graders, three loaders and one dozer are in operation. Due to the heavy wet snow it is causing major problems. The board directed Cross to discuss with our insurance carrier the possibility of hiring private contractors to assist with snow removal.

Sheriff Jeff Brewer stated his appreciation for the Road Department for their assistance with numerous storm related rescue efforts. Brewer also warned the board of the overtime costs that are going to be presented for payment.

GIVE Director Bev Wellnitz reported on several volunteer efforts that she has been involved in. Wellnitz informed the board that the tourism board has asked her to represent them at the Denver Stock Show.

The board visited with Wellnitz about gift giving by government agencies. The GIVE program will not be able to sponsor the "Trees of Love" program for local

nursing homes due to the state restrictions on gift giving. Wellnitz will attempt to find other community sponsors for this project and assist them by supplying the volunteers needed.

The board reviewed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Gordon Memorial Hospital supporting the Hospital's application for 340B Program Funding. The program helps with the purchase of drugs for the provision of indigent care. Krotz made a motion to support the Memorandum of Understanding with the GMH. Kling seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Deputy County Attorney Jamian Simmons met with the board. Krotz made a motion to appoint Jamian Simmons as the Sheridan County Attorney to serve out the unexpired term of Aaron Conn. Kling seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Adjourn: 12:45 P.M.

Attest: Sindy L. Coburn, Clerk

Bruce Messersmith, Chairman