

COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

JANUARY 24, 2023

The Sheridan County Commissioners met in regular session and by Zoom (ID# 93997918251 Passcode 625274) at 9:15 A.M. All members present, along with County Clerk Sindy Coburn, Treasurer Renee Thies, Clerk of District Court Clerk Carol Stouffer and Highway Superintendent Richard Cross.

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 18, 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 1-17-2023. Krotz seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

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

County Treasurer Renee Thies presented a resolution requesting \$3500 worth of ARPA funds to pay for some remodeling in her office to make it safer for both the customer and her staff. Krotz made a motion to approve Resolution #2023-3 granting the request made by Renee Thies, Sheridan County Treasurer to use up to \$3500.00 of ARPA funds to improve safety within her office. Kling seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Thies also informed the board that beginning in March she is going to raise the interest on SWANN assessments for delinquent accounts from 1.5% to 2%. Thies will notify SWANN of this change.

Bryan Brennemann and Tim Vivion were present to discuss the Bingham Road that is in Road District #33. Brennemann showed some quotes that he had come up with. Several different options were discussed. The Road District has funds to put towards the project. The board asked Cross to go take a look at it and report back. Cross stated that he is concerned about the base of the road.

Road Superintendent Richard Cross informed the board that his guys are out cleaning up intersections and getting ready for more snow.

The board asked Cross about the date for the 1 & 6 year hearing. February 21, 2023 at 11 A.M. at the Road Office was set.

Sheriff Jeff Brewer, Deputy Everette Langford and Building Superintendent Jeff Davis were all present to visit about the safety concern in the jail building and courthouse. Chairman Messersmith reported that he has been trying to reach someone from NIRMA to discuss this issue, but has not received a call back yet. Messersmith is going to attend a conference in February and will report back after he visits with a NIRMA representative.

Extension Educator, Marie Nelson gave the board an update on Extension projects. Nelson said that they have increased participants in many areas due to the building expansion.

Val Jansante representing Representative Adrian Smith visited with the board about several topics of interest. Jansante then did a mobile office in the Drivers Examiners Room.

Weed Superintendent Seth Tausan along with Wayne Dreyer visited with the board about appointments to the Prairie Dog Board Advisory Council. Krotz made a motion to re-appoint Wayne Dreyer and Rick Schneider to the Sheridan County Prairie Dog Advisory Council

for another 4 years. Kling seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Tausan informed the board that USDA has hired another wildlife management officer to start in February.

Public Comment: Victor Gehrig informed the board that NEPSAC will be closing its doors effective January 31, 2023. Gehrig stated that with COVID restrictions and issues on the Reservation occupancy was very low.

The board reviewed the agreement for County Attorney services. Kling made a motion to accept the agreement with Jamian Simmons as Sheridan County Attorney with the contract ending at the end of the term 2027. Krotz seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Adjourn: 12:50 P.M.

Attest: Cindy L. Coburn, Clerk

Bruce Messersmith, Chairman