

## COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

MARCH 14, 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 March 8, 2023.

Kling made a motion to accept the agenda with two cancellations. Krotz seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye. Kling made a motion to approve the minutes of 2-28-2023 with corrections. Krotz seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

The board audited and approved claims. One claim was disallowed for reimbursement to Bev Wellnitz for \$262.86. The board stated that the reimbursement should come from Lister Sage since they received the grant.

Bev Lee, President of the Hay Springs School Community Foundation met with the board to discuss the reimbursement to Bev Wellnitz. Lee stated that Wellnitz applied for the grant through the foundation's 501C and has used the money on a project for the school. The grant states that receipts will be presented and the foundation will reimburse her directly.

Lee informed the board that she has visited with some of the teachers about the project and they all said it was an excellent run program and very informative for the children.

Krotz made a motion to reject the claim, presented to the County from Wellnitz in the amount of \$262.86, and direct her to present the claim to the Hay Springs School Community Foundation due to them being awarded the Snow Red Fern Grant. Kling seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Road Superintendent Richard Cross presented the board with an estimate for a tank & sub pump from Rollies Sales & Service out of Osakis, Minnesota. The estimate is good for 10 days. The board informed Cross that it would need to be advertised before they could act on it.

Cross informed the board that his guys are out filling in the ruts and stirring up the dirt so it will dry faster. The snow has been pushed back for the most part. Fence repair was discussed. The county assumes no liability for fence repair.

The board reviewed the request to close an alley in Dewing, Nebraska. The hearing was held on February 14, 2023 at 9:30 A.M. Kling made a motion to approve the abandonment of the alley located adjacent to Lots 12-21 in Block 7, OT of Dewing, NE and transfer landownership to the adjacent land owners. Krotz seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted to not close the alley.

Building & Grounds Superintendent Jeff Davis met with the board. The board asked when the kitchen cabinets in the jail were going to be replaced. Davis stated that when they put the in the new doors in the jail he plans to replace the bottom cabinets. Davis was unsure if he would have enough money in his budget to replace the top cabinets too. The board felt that it was best to go ahead and replace both while he is doing it and if money is an issue they can use Inheritance Funds.

The board discussed housekeeping hours with Davis. The board has gotten complaints about the bathroom conditions on Wednesday, when several more customers are in and out, and would like to see if someone could be present to periodically check on them. Davis asked if they were willing to pay overtime. The board said no that hours would have to be adjusted to cover this request.

Sheriff Jeff Brewer informed the board that the last employee that went to the academy did not make it through. Brewer stated that he has another one going soon. Brewer informed the board that he has a lot of overtime coming due to vacations.

Public Comment: County Treasurer Renee Thies asked the board about contacting Intra Links about getting a quote to get a new server. Thies stated that the Assessor has been having major problems with the present server and can not seem to get any help from the state. The state says it is working fine on their end. The board gave approval to ask for a quote.

Adjourn: 12:20 P.M.

Attest: Cindy L. Coburn, Clerk

Bruce Messersmith, Chairman