

## COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

MAY 16, 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 Clerk Sindy Coburn, Clerk of District Court Clerk Carol Stouffer, Treasurer Renee Thies 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 May 10, 2023.

Krotz made a motion to accept the agenda. Kling seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye. Krotz made a motion to approve the minutes of 5-9-2023 with corrections. Kling seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

The board audited and approved claims in the amount of \$512,632.19.

Road Superintendent Richard Cross informed the board that the road maintenance crews are blading and pumping water out of the gravel pit. All the trucks are back in service.

The board opened bids for the hauling of 18,000 tons of  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch base course rock from South Dakota. Bids were received from Croell for \$6.25/ton and Simon Construction for \$8.75/ton. Krotz made a motion to accept the bid from Croell for \$6.25/ton for 18,000 tons of rock. Kling seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Building Superintendent Jeff Davis reported that the recent rainstorm has caused more water damage in the courthouse. Davis

informed the board that he has been in contact with the contractor and we are on the list. Davis reported that the HVAC upgrade in the courthouse is complete and seems to be working well.

Jailer Jodi Elsea and Sheriff Jeff Brewer appeared to submit two requests for ARPA Funds. The two projects include an electronic locking system and 2 exterior doors.

Kling made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-14 authorizing ARPA funds for the purchase and installation of electronic controller for the security doors in the amount of \$45,300. Krotz seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Krotz made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-15 authorizing ARPA funds for the purchase and installation of electrically controlled entry doors in the jail in the amount of \$99,679. Kling seconded the motion. With a roll call voted all voted aye.

The board visited with Jacob Blenker of Hexagon, by zoom, regarding the possibility of the company installing a GPS receiver/transmitter station atop the County Shop in Gordon. This station would provide satellite GPS data to local surveyors and other users in the area. Messersmith stated that he has visited with Carl Gilbert the Appointed Sheridan County Surveyor and he felt it would be very useful.

Krotz made a motion to approve the Gordon Road Shop for Hexagon to install the receiver/transmitter, with the County to receive a subscription for the service, for use by the Surveyor and Road Department. Kling seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Marie Nelson, Extension 4-H assistant gave a brief overview of some of the recent events she was involved with. Nelson informed the

board that the Extension Office has completed the installation of two new large TV's in the conference room with the help of a generous donation from Beguin Propane.

The board reviewed an updated Constitution and By-laws of the Sheridan County Extension Board. Krotz made a motion to approve the new Constitution and By-laws for the Extension Board. Kling seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

The board reviewed and discussed a proposal from the Nebraska Association of County Officials for BC/BS health coverage. Kling made a motion to continue at the \$1600 deductible for medical coverage with the county paying 100% of the premium for the employee and the Signature Blue Option #3 (Premium) for the dental coverage. Krotz seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye. The board will continue to discuss providing a subsidy for family coverage.

Kling made a motion to accept the resignation of Bev Wellnitz, GIVE director with regret and with thanks for her three years of service to the county. Krotz seconded the motion. The resignation is effective May 31, 2023. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Carol Stouffer addressed the board about the damages caused by the water leaking in the buildings. She was informed that they are on the list for a contractor to come and fix it.

Adjourn: 1:10 P.M.

Attest: Sindy L. Coburn, Clerk

Bruce Messersmith, Chairman