

COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

July 18, 2023

The Sheridan County Commissioners met in regular session and by Zoom (ID# 93997918251 Passcode# 625274) at 9:15 A.M. on July 18, 2023. All members present along with Clerk Sindy Coburn, Assessor Tina Skinner, 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 July 12, 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 7-11-2023. Kling seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Claims were audited and approved and ordered paid.

Sheriff Jeff Brewer presented the board with an updated mutual aid contract with the Sandhills Area Sheriff's Association. Counties involved are Thomas, Hooker, Arthur, Logan, Grant, McPherson, Cherry, Keith and Sheridan. This contract allows the sharing of staff and resources in times of need. Messersmith made a motion to approve the mutual aid agreement with the Sandhills Area Sheriff's Association. Krotz seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Dan Otte visited with the board about a couple of spots on the Mission Ranch Road (Road 280). Otte is wanting gravel and stated that he would provide the water and spread the gravel. Cross will get to it when possible.

Road Superintendent Richard Cross informed the board that his department is working up on the North end of Beaver Wall on a wash out. Several roads have wash-outs with the rains.

Cross reported that Rod Norton has accepted the Foreman job and will go to a salary position. The wages for two shop supervisors will be reduced along with their responsibilities.

County Treasurer Renee Thies presented the board an interest/expense report from the ARPA funds. As of June 30, 2023 expenses were \$475,654.87 with \$114,591.79 available for expenditures.

Steve Sandberg appeared to discuss aid with control of prairie dogs invading his crop land from a neighbor's pasture. Sandberg stated that he had made a formal complaint to Seth Tausan a year ago. The board will check with Tausan and report back to Sandberg.

Marie Nelson, Extension 4-H Assistant and Melissa Mracek- 4-H Educator reported on several events they have been involved with.

Trisha Loosvelt and Bruce Salisbury of the Tourism Board along with County Attorney Jamian Simmons met to discuss the position of Tourism Coordinator. It was determined that this position would need to be an employee of the county. The funding would come from lodging taxes.

The board tabled the discussion on the Armstrong Addition Plat until next week.

Adjourn: Noon

Attest: Sindy L. Coburn, Clerk

Bruce Messersmith, Chairman