

## COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

DECEMBER 12, 2023

The Sheridan County Commissioners met in regular session and by Zoom (ID# 93997918251 Passcode# 625274) at 9:20 A.M. on December 12, 2023. 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 December 6, 2023.

Kling made a motion to accept the agenda with the corrections of adding executive session and PADD membership and deleting Brad Eichenberger and Todd Sherburn. Krotz seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye. Krotz made a motion to approve the minutes of 11-21-2023 with corrections. Kling seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Treasurer Renee Thies visited with the board about the possible closure of the Ed Hollstein Education Fund. This fund has \$2,588.49 in it and Thies has visited with the family and they would like to transfer the funds to the Holstein Foundation Scholarship Fund at the Gordon Rushville High School. Krotz made a motion to approve the request of the treasurer to close the Ed Hollstein Education Fund and to transfer \$2,588.49 to the Holstein Foundation Scholarship Fund at the GRHS. Kling seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Rod Norton visited with the board about road department stuff. Norton stated that he has advertised for employees in several different locations. At the time we are down 5 employees.

Norton informed the board that the cameras are being installed in all Road Department motor graders, trucks and pickups. He also reported that the gravel hauling by private contractors has slowed down and he would like to get as much gravel this year before the price goes up.

Krotz made a motion to adopt Resolution #2023-29 setting the mowing hearing for January 9, 2024 at 11 A.M. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Kling made a motion to go into executive session at 10:12 A.M. to discuss personnel issues. Krotz seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Messersmith made a motion to come out of executive session at 11:02 A.M. Krotz seconded the motion. No action taken. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Krotz made a motion to appoint Rod Norton as Interim Road Superintendent. Kling seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

The board met via Zoom with Jake McMullin and Chantal Vonasek of ZELLE Human Resources about the progress on the search for a new Road Superintendent. Experience and Salary are two of the main stumbling blocks.

No Building & Grounds update.

Sheriff Brewer reported on the installation of the new security doors in the jail. The process is going slow but they are making progress. Brewer also visited about the expenses that are accruing due to the murder that occurred in Gordon.

Valerie Mann presented the board with a sample letter of support for a grant request for the renovation of the Dance Hall at the County Fairgrounds. Mann had met with the board previously and they asked her to come back with a temp plate. Kling made a motion to sign the letter of support for a 4H Foundation Development Grant. Krotz seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Adjourn: 12:30 P.M.

Attest: Sindy L. Coburn, Clerk

Bruce Messersmith, Chairman