

COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

FEBRUARY 13, 2024

The Sheridan County Commissioners met in regular session and by Zoom (ID# 93997918251 Passcode# 625274) at 9:40 A.M. on February 13, 2024. All members present along with County Clerk Sindy Coburn, Treasurer Renee Thies and Rod Norton.

Krotz 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.

Kling made a motion to accept the agenda. Krotz seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye. Messersmith made a motion to approve the minutes of 1-23-2024. Kling seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

The board audited and approved claims.

Weed Superintendent Seth Tausan presented the board with a signed contract from Leota Ray and Roger Ray for management of prairie dog colonies. Tausan stated that he has ordered the Rosal bait and it should be here in the next couple days. Messersmith made a motion to authorize the chairman of the board to sign the contract. Kling seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Chief Executive Officer Megan Heath and Financial Officer Kelsey Smith from the Gordon Memorial Health Services, met with the board to request ARPA funds. The request of \$129,724 is to assist in a full replacement and upgrade for our main passenger elevator. The second request of \$344,980 is to assist with the installation of a fire sprinkler system.

The board explained that they do not have enough ARPA funds to fund these projects in whole and asked what the hospitals plan was. Heath explained that they would work on the elevator project first and they have the money allocated. They will be working with the Nebraska Fire Marshall on the sprinkler project and they will start with the upstairs.

The County has already used \$650,000 of ARPA funds and if we go over \$750,000 we have to get a single audit. Due to the costs of that audit the board has choose not to do that. The board stated that they would like time to review the request and asked them to come back to discuss this again on February 27, 2024 at 10 A.M.

Rod Norton, Interim Road Superintendent informed the board that the he has been working on the 1 & 6 year road program. He expects several residents to attend the hearing.

Norton gave the board a wish list of equipment that he feels the county needs to look at purchasing. All the pickups have high mileage and Norton feels that they need to start replacing them.

At 11 A.M. the board had an interview for Road Superintendent with Charles Brandon Baker.

Sheriff Brewer informed the board that he had a citizen complain that when a Deputy passed him a rock hit his window. Brewer is going to review camera footage. Insurance claim will be filed if needed.

Adjourn: 12:35 P.M.

Attest: Sindy L. Coburn, Clerk

James Krotz, Chairman