

## COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

JANUARY 14, 2025

The Sheridan County Commissioners met in regular session and by Zoom (ID# 93997918251 Passcode# 625274) at 9:15 A.M. on January 14, 2025. All members present along with County Clerk Sindy Coburn, Treasurer Renee Thies, District Court Clerk Carol Stouffer, Weed Superintendent Melissa Grover and Interim Road Superintendent 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 and posted in the Sheridan County Journal Star on January 8, 2025.

Messersmith made a motion to accept the agenda. Kling seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye. Messersmith made a motion to approve the minutes of 12-17-2024. Kling seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Re-Organization of Board: Kling made a motion to appoint James Krotz as Chairman of the board for 2025 and Bruce Messersmith as Vice-Chairman. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Messersmith made a motion to re-appoint the current members to serve on the following boards with the others to serve as the alternates. Kling seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Messersmith: Region 1 Behavioral Health, Region 1 Office of Human Development, Panhandle Development Disabilities Services, Senior Service Inc-Panhandle Trails

Krotz: Community Action, Emergency Management, Extension, Tourism

Kling: SWANN, Aging Office of Western Nebraska, Panhandle Public Health

Messersmith made a motion to designate the County Website as the official means of notification for meetings, with James Krotz as the webmaster and to designate the Sheridan County Journal Star as the official newspaper of record. Kling seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Kling made a motion to adopt Resolution #2025-1 designating First National Bank of Gordon, NPAIT Financial, Security First Bank of Rushville and Hay Springs as the depositories for County funds. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Krotz made a motion to re-appoint Sindy Coburn, Sheridan County Clerk as the NIRMA Contact Person with Bruce Messersmith as the secondary contact. Kling seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

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

Kling made a motion to set the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month, except for designated holidays, as the regular meeting date for board meetings. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

The board audited and approved claims.

Rod Norton, Interim Road Superintendent along with representatives Kenny Liebsock and Tom Thompson from Nebraska Machinery and Mike Bateman from Murphy Tractor were present to open bids for a new motor grader.

Nebraska Machinery bid for a CAT 140-15AWD was \$395,540 plus \$22,792 for a v-plow.

Murphy Tractor bid for a John Deere 672G was \$390,950. The board and Norton discussed the bids with the sales representatives but choose to delay any decision until next week.

The board reviewed a resolution for consideration concerning construction of utilities on public road right of ways. Kling made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-2 authorizing permission be granted for anyone or any company needing to dig in the road right of way. Krotz seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Kling made a motion to adopt Resolution #2025-3 authorizing the use of Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Funds. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Messersmith made a motion to adopt Resolution #2025-4 authorizing \$25,000 of Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Funds to be used for E-911 signs for Sheridan County. Kling seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

County Treasurer Renee Thies presented the board her Pledged Security Report.

Weed Superintendent Melissa Grover presented her annual Nebraska Department of Agriculture reports for review. Messersmith made a motion to approve and sign the reports for submission to the NDA. Kling seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Kling made a motion to re-affirm the appointment of Jeff Housh to the Prairie Dog Advisory Board. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Christian Pohlenz of Eakes Office solutions reported that Great Plains Communications would not turn over the existing county telephone number for use by the new system. Pohlenz stated that he can negotiate with them to rent the current numbers for a fee or we would have to get all new numbers. The board asked him to negotiate with Great Plains and report back.

Lisa Simmons and Bailey Kling of Region 1 Behavioral Health appeared to brief the board on services offered by their agency.

Kling made a motion to rescind Resolution #2024-28 and approve Resolution #2025-5 to modify the transfer of money from the General Fund to the Weed Fund. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye. The total transfer is for \$189,563.33. This transfer is divided and made in monthly transfers. The January transfer is increased to cover the purchase of a pickup for the Weed Department.

Adjourn: 1 P.M.

Attest: Sindy L. Coburn, Clerk

James Krotz, Chairman