

COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

JANUARY 21, 2025

The Sheridan County Commissioners met in regular session and by Zoom (ID# 93997918251 Passcode# 625274) at 9:15 A.M. on January 21, 2025. All members present along with County Clerk Sindy Coburn, Treasurer Renee Thies, District Court Clerk Carol Stouffer, Interim Road Superintendent Rod Norton and Road Office Manager Tom Price.

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 15, 2025.

Kling made a motion to accept the agenda. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye. Kling made a motion to approve the minutes of 1-14-2025. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

The board signed claim checks and audited and approved salary claims.

Rod Norton, Interim Road Superintendent along with Office Manager Tom Price were present to discuss the purchase of a new motor grader. Norton expressed that he has reviewed the bids and they are very comparable. The machine operator that will be using this machine is familiar with CAT machine so Norton feels that would be the best fit.

Messersmith made a motion to accept the bid for the CAT 140-15AWD for \$395,540 along with the V-plow for \$22,792. Kling seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Krotz made a motion to set the 1 & 6 year road hearing for February 18, 2025 at 11 A.M. at the Sheridan County Road Department Shop. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye. Norton will advertise in the Sheridan County Journal Star and post in several locations.

The board discussed wage increases for both the Interim Road Superintendent and the Office Manager. Kling made a motion to increase the Office Manager Position from \$53,996 to \$54,500 effective February 2025. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Krotz made a motion to increase the Interim Road Superintendent Position from \$58,656 to \$62,000 effective February 2025. Kling seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Clerk of District Court Clerk, Carol Stouffer met with the board to request that the unfinished repairs in the bathrooms and Courtroom be completed in this budget year. Stouffer stated that water damage along the back wall in the Jury room and the Judges chambers just recently was brought to her attention.

Maintenance Superintendent Jeff Davis was present and stated that the leaking has been taken care of with the tuckpointing and new gutters and stated that he was not aware of the new damage. The board requested these projects as priority over any other projects.

The board visited with Davis about his salary claim. Discussion was had and the questions were resolved.

Sheriff Jeff Brewer and Secretary Carol Tiensvold met with the board. Tiensvold informed the board that she plans to retire in the near future and has hired a replacement. Tiensvold informed the

board that she feels it will take around 3 months to train and for her to feel comfortable leaving.

Sheriff Brewer asked about purchasing a new vehicle. The board informed him that if he had it budgeted for that he should go ahead. Brewer informed them that he would and hopes to be able to get one faster than the last time.

Public Comment: Carol Stouffer requested a Quarterly Courthouse Inspection similar to the Jail Inspection. The board agreed.

The board went with Interim Road Superintendent Rod Norton on a road trip to review roads.

Adjourn: 11:25 A.M.

Attest: Sindy L. Coburn, Co Clerk

James Krotz, Chairman

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