

COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

JANUARY 28, 2025

The Sheridan County Commissioners met in regular session and by Zoom (ID# 93997918251 Passcode# 625274) at 9:15 A.M. on January 28, 2025. All members present along with County Clerk Sindy Coburn, Treasurer Renee Thies, District Court Clerk Carol Stouffer, Interim Road Superintendent Rod Norton and Mark Cover.

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 22, 2025.

Kling made a motion to accept the agenda. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye. Messersmith made a motion to approve the minutes of 1-21-2025. Kling seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

County Treasurer Renee Thies presented the board with her Pledged Security Report. The board accepted the report.

Rod Norton, Interim Road Superintendent informed the board that the new motor grader should be delivered by the end of the week. And that he has contracted with WESTCO for 50,000 gallons of diesel fuel at \$2.685/gallon.

Mark Cover visited with the board about how to secure more millings from the Nebraska Department of Roads for projects along Highway 2. Cover will continue discussion with them and report back.

Veteran Service Officer Jason Hotz along with Dean Witt and Eric Anderson from the Veteran Service Committee met with the board to discuss a wage increase for the Veteran Service secretary. Hotz was

very clear that his office is very thankful to have Linda and she is responsible for many things. Hotz stated that he did budget for the increase and is asking to use the budgeted amount.

Kling made a motion to increase the Veteran Service Secretary salary to \$23/hour effective on the February claim period. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye. The board advised Hotz to watch overtime very closely.

Val Jansante, field representative for Congressman Adrian Smith, appeared to visit with the board and hear concerns from the County level.

County Attorney Jamian Simmons met with the board. Kling made a motion at 10:48 A.M. to go into executive session with Simmons to discuss possible litigation. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Messersmith made a motion to come out of executive session at 11:08 A.M. with no action taken. Kling seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Jamian Simmons, Sheriff Jeff Brewer and Interim Road Superintendent Rod Norton discussed with the board the best practices for employees of the Road Department when called upon to pull snowbound motorists out of the ditch. Simmons will draft a policy, to lessen the liability, for motorists to sign before the county proceeds with the extraction.

The board did a quarterly inspection of the jail and the courthouse.

Adjourn: Noon

Attest: Sindy L. Coburn, Co Clerk

James Krotz, Chairman

