

## COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

MARCH 11, 2025

The Sheridan County Commissioners met in regular session and by Zoom (ID# 87981717732 Passcode# 625274) at 11 A.M. on March 11, 2025. All members present along with County Clerk Sindy Coburn, 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 March 5, 2025.

Messersmith made a motion to accept the agenda and move the Sheriff up to the first in line. Kling seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye. Kling made a motion to approve the minutes of 2-25-2025. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote Krotz and Kling voted aye and Messersmith abstained.

Sheriff Brewer reported that the Jail budget is close to being depleted due to outside holds for prisoners. Two prisoners are being held in Sarpy County due to being juveniles. One male juvenile was transported to Norfolk. Another prisoner was transported to North Platte due to him causing destruction to our jail. The current cost of outside holds is around \$10,000/ month.

Kling made a motion to pay for the remaining juvenile/outside holds for the budget year 2024-2025, out of the Inheritance Fund. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Brewer informed the board that the dishwasher in the jail has given out. Jeff Davis has located a new one in Chadron and is on his

way to get it. The board informed Brewer that it could come out of the Courthouse Building Fund.

Rod Norton, Interim Road Superintendent informed the board that with the recent precipitation the graders have been out making progress. The gravel hauling from South Dakota is underway. The guys are going to be using the retrievers to pull the material on the sides up.

Norton presented the board with information on a pothole repair material. The material comes in 50 # bags and is approximately \$20/bag. Norton plans to have it in all vehicles for immediate repair when needed. The county purchased a pallet of the material for trial use.

Weed Superintendent Melissa Grover visited with the board about a checking account maintained by the Weed Department to handle funds received from the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission for the cost of spraying along the Cowboy Trail. The Board was unaware of the account and asked Grover to visit with the County Attorney about payments made from this fund. The board agreed that since the State now pays contractors directly that this account should be closed and the remaining money be sent back to the State.

Derek Schwanebeck appeared to discuss with the board his application for the approval of a conservation easement on his property in Bingham. Schwanebeck presented his case for the preservation of the land in a Conservation Easement and the Board agreed to have a public hearing. The hearing will be Tuesday April 8, 2025 at 11 A.M. in the Commissioners Office.

At 2:30 P.M. the board interviewed Timothy Bazar via zoom for the position of County Road Superintendent. No action was taken.

Adjourn: 4 P.M.

Attest: **Sindy L. Coburn, Co Clerk**

**James Krotz, Chairman**