

COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

MARCH 18, 2025

The Sheridan County Commissioners met in regular session and by Zoom (ID# 87981717732 Passcode# 625274) at 9:15 A.M. on March 18, 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 March 12, 2025.

Kling made a motion to accept the agenda. Krotz seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye. Kling made a motion to approve the minutes of 3-18-2025 with corrections. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Treasurer Renee Thies presented her report on Tax Sale Proceedings for 58 Parcels. The board accepted the report.

Rod Norton, Interim Road Superintendent informed the board that his department will begin the summer work schedule of 4-day weeks. They will work from 6:30 A.M. to 5 P.M. beginning March 24.

Norton informed the board that they have received the last shipment of road signs. All but a few E-911 road signs have been replaced.

Weed Superintendent Melissa Grover presented the board with a resolution, prepared by the County Attorney, to close 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. Messersmith made a motion to approve Resolution #2025-07 directing the Weed Superintendent to close the account and to make payable to Sheridan County in the amount of \$131.40. Kling seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Grover presented the board her Reports and Requirements report from the Nebraska Department of Agriculture. This report uses a scoring system to evaluate if the county is meeting the requirements of the Nebraska Noxious Weed Control Act. The report is worth 3400 points and Sheridan County received 3375. Kling made a motion to authorize the chairman to sign the Reports and Requirements Summary and submit to the state. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Grover asked the board about making some possible changes to the annex offices and making a conference room. She explained that by removing one wall it would open it up and they could use the room for several different things. The board asked to have Jeff Davis look at it and come up with an estimate of costs and report back. District Court Clerk Carol Stouffer asked that the projects in the upper level of the Courthouse be completed prior to any new projects. The board agreed that the upstairs is a priority.

Extension 4-H Educator Melissa Mracek introduced Brock Ortner as the new Assistant Educator for livestock systems. Brock grew up in eastern Iowa and earned his undergraduate and master's degree from Iowa State.

Mracek reported on several of the projects she has been involved with. Mracek stated that the robotics program will be going to state this weekend.

Mracek presented the board with a proposal for the North Panhandle 4-H Coverage. With three Open Extension Assistant Positions at the time one Extension Educator is covering 4 counties. This proposal will divide up the counties with two Extension Educators.

Public Comment: Panhandle Officials Meeting on March 26, 2025 in Bridgeport.

Adjourn: 11:30 A.M.

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

James Krotz, Chairman