

## COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

APRIL 8, 2025

The Sheridan County Commissioners met in regular session and by Zoom (ID#87981717732 Passcode# 625274) at 9:10 A.M. All members present along with Clerk Sindy Coburn, Treasurer Renee Thies 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 April 2, 2025.

Messersmith made a motion to accept the agenda. Kling seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye. Kling made a motion to approve the minutes of 3-25-2025. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Todd Sherburn was present to ask the board to approve a subdivision request for land located in the Northeast Quarter of Section 30, Township 32 North, Range 43 containing 5.05 acres more or less. Kling made a motion to adopt Resolution #2025-08 authorizing the subdivision of NE1/4 of Sec 30-Twn 32-Rng 43. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Treasurer Renee Thies presented the board with two resolutions for approval, requesting the banks to disclose all bank accounts with the counties EIN number.

Messersmith made a motion to adopt Resolution #2025-9 requesting Security First Bank to disclose all bank accounts that bear Sheridan County, Nebraska's tax ID number. Kling seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Messersmith made a motion to adopt Resolution #2025-10 requesting First National Bank of Gordon to disclose all bank accounts that bear Sheridan County, Nebraska's tax ID number. Kling seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Interim Road Superintendent Rod Norton was present to give an update on the road department and on-going projects. Norton reported that they had a good meeting with representatives of NDOT and Sen Fischer's office concerning the possibility of grant funds to resurface asphalt roads in the Antioch area. If the project qualifies for a grant it probably will not be this year.

Commissioner Kling expressed his desire to give the county a 7-8 foot, PTO driven tiller. Kling asked for a disinterested party to establish the value and in return provide gravel equal to that amount to the City of Gordon. Commissioners Krotz and Messersmith were in agreement with that arrangement.

Norton presented the board with information on the gravel hauling and the amount we have paid for in the last couple of years. Two years were very close with the last year having a large discrepancy. The board advised Norton to have a conversation with Rosane about it. A new contract for gravel crushing will need to be secured in the future.

Building and Grounds Superintendent Jeff Davis was present with an estimate from a paving outfit that will redo our two parking areas for \$45,000. The company is doing work in the area and is trying to secure more work. The board supports the idea and will discuss more at a later time.

Tourism board member Bruce Salisbury gave the board an update on the actions of the tourism committee. They are still seeking a committee member from the Hay Springs area.

Christian Pohlenz from Eakes Office Solutions reported that they have secured the necessary numbers from Great Plains along with a fee of \$4.00 per line. This being said it increases the monthly service plan by \$30/month. The board agreed and gave the go ahead to continue with the installation of the new phone system.

At 11:00 the Board opened a public hearing on the Conservation Easement Application submitted by Derek and Lesa Schwanebeck of Ellsworth and the Nebraska Land Trust of Lincoln. Jacob Alishouse, Executive Director of the Nebraska Land Trust, was present to present the application and field questions of the board. Buffalo Bruce McIntosh was also present, but offered no testimony. The hearing remained open until 11:30 A.M. and then Krotz declared the hearing closed.

Kling made a motion to approve the Application for a Conservation Easement for Derek and Lisa Schwanebeck on land in Township 24 and 25 Range 42 in Sheridan County. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote Kling and Krotz voted yes and Messersmith voted no.

Weed Superintendent Melissa Grover informed the board that her department needed several safety upgrades and asked for the boards approval of setting up an Amazon business account. The board gave approval.

Grover showed the board new reporting forms which include only 5 new noxious weeds. The board and Grover will add Bull Thistle to the list.

The board discussed the budget making process and asked the Clerk to see if Caleb Johnson our budget coordinator could zoom into our meeting on April 22 to guide us. The board also asked the Clerk to

add “Determine Salary Increases for Employees” to the agenda for April 22.

The board discussed a request from the Nebraska Department of Transportation to have the County Surveyor secure and preserve the land survey corners that may be damaged or otherwise lost in the course of re-paving projects along highways 250 and 2. The costs will be reimbursed by NDOT. Krotz will reach out to Carl Gilbert our appointed County Surveyor.

Next scheduled meeting is April 15 along with County Government Day.

Adjourn: 12:45 P.M.

Attest: Sindy L. Coburn, Clerk

James Krotz, Chairman