

COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

MAY 20, 2025

The Sheridan County Commissioners met in regular session and by Zoom (ID#87981717732 Passcode# 625274) at 9:15 A.M. on May 20, 2025. All members present along with Clerk Sindy Coburn, Clerk of District Court Clerk Carol Stouffer 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 May 14, 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 5-13-2025. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

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

Interim Road Superintendent Rod Norton informed the board that several projects are nearing completion.

Kim, Nick and Matt Rosane of Kustom Rock Crushing met with the board along with Norton and County Attorney Jamian Simmons to discuss how to resolve a discrepancy between the records regarding the amount of gravel billed for in 2024. After discussion Rosane's offered to crush 5,000 yards of gravel at no additional cost to the County.

Messersmith made a motion to accept the offer of 5,000 yards of crushed gravel to address any discrepancies in the records. Kling seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

The Commissioners require that Kustom Rock Crushing invoice by tonnage for a more accurate accounting. The new contract to be weighed and monitored by the Road Department with randomly weighed loads.

County Attorney Jamian Simmons, Sheriff Jeff Brewer and Gordon City Officer Clay Heath met with the board to discuss a discovery system. With the growing case load in Sheridan County and the increased amount of evidence, the current form of record keeping is not working sufficiently. More and more evidence is done with videos, digital files and all must be archived and distributed to defense attorneys. Failure to provide this information to the defense could result into a re-trial.

Simmons has done research on two different companies that provide a cloud-based Discovery System. These systems would collect all the evidence and make it available to all those that would need it. Simmons stated that the system she liked best was Guardify and the cost is \$15,000/year. The company re-evaluates each year due to case load. Simmons stated that she has not visited with the City of Gordon about this yet but is in agreement with 1/3 of the cost coming out of the Attorney budget, and the Sheriff is in agreement with 1/3 coming out of the Sheriff budget and hopefully 1/3 from the City of Gordon. The board was in support of this project and discussed possible funding sources and gave Simmons the approval to go ahead and negotiate a contract with Guardify.

Sheriff Brewer reported on his continuing negotiations with the City of Rushville for law-enforcement services.

Melissa Mracek, Extension 4-H Educator visited with the board about budget requests. The board informed her that she needs to stay within the 2.5% salary increase for clerical. Mracek presented the board with her update on end-of-year activities.

Weed Superintendent Melissa Grover was not present but needed the board to sign 6 Official Notice statement to be sent to 3 different land owners giving them notice that they need to have a management plan to deal with black-tailed prairie dogs on their property.

Veteran Service Officer Jason Hotz reported on services delivered to Sheridan County Veterans. Hotz visited with the board about budget requests for the upcoming fiscal year.

Adjourn: 12:30 P.M.

Attest: Cindy L. Coburn, Clerk

James Krotz, Chairman