

COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

MAY 27, 2025

The Sheridan County Commissioners met in regular session and by Zoom (ID#87981717732 Passcode# 625274) at 9:15 A.M. on May 27, 2025. All members present along with Clerk Sindy Coburn and Treasurer Renee Thies.

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 21, 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 5-20-2025 with corrections. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Interim Road Superintendent Rod Norton informed the board that he has published for gravel crushing in the Sheridan County Journal Star, Torrington and Rapid City papers.

Tim Brewer and Ryan Powers from the United States Department of Ag met with the board to discuss any concerns with the present contract and to ask for continued support. Powers informed the board that he has been with the USDA for 27 years but just recently returned to Nebraska. He is exploring new ideas for funding.

The board stated that the main concern is prairie dog management. Sheridan County and Box Butte County both have a Management Plan implemented. However, with other bordering Counties not having a plan it creates problems.

Powers stated that they are meeting with local counties to request their participation. Another idea that Power has is to use seasonal groups to come in and help the local officer. These seasonal groups are employees of the USDA that are located in other areas and would come and help for a short period of time.

Building & Grounds Superintendent Jeff Davis was not available.

Sheriff Brewer reported that he will meet with the City of Rushville tonight to continue negotiations for law-enforcement services.

Weed Superintendent Melissa Grover presented the board with the updated Prairie Dog Management Plan. Commissioner Krotz asked for some corrections. Kling made a motion to approve Resolution #2025-13 adopting the Sheridan County Prairie Dog Management Plan. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Adjourn: 11:50 A.M.

Attest: Cindy L. Coburn, Clerk

James Krotz, Chairman