

## COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

JUNE 10, 2025

The Sheridan County Commissioners met in regular session and by Zoom (ID#87981717732 Passcode# 625274) at 9:15 A.M. on June 10, 2025. All members present along with Clerk Sindy Coburn 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 28, 2025.

Kling made a motion to accept the agenda. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye. Kling made a motion to approve the minutes of 5-27-2025. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

The board reviewed the 2025-26 insurance rates from Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA). The cost of the coverage will increase 12.99% over last year. This coverage includes property, liability and workman's comp insurance.

Kling made a motion to change the deductible for Property, Building & Content to \$10,000. Krotz seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Messersmith made a motion to renew the contract with NIRMA for our insurance and set the deductible for Property, Building & Content at \$10,000 and leave the deductible for Auto Physical Damage and Mobile/Remote at \$1,000. Kling seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

The board reviewed a Letter of Engagement for audit services submitted by Dana-Cole of Scottsbluff. Messersmith made a motion to sign the letter of engagement with Dana-Cole for audit services in the amount of \$21,000. Kling seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Interim Road Superintendent Rod Norton informed the board that he purchased a new packer from North Dakota last week. He also reported that the supply of crushed gravel is low but a new contract will be considered at the next board meeting.

Emma Strotheide appeared to report that a right of way dispute with a neighbor has not been resolved. When the land was surveyed it was determined that a fence and trees were both within the public right of way. At this time the board will request the County Attorney to draft a letter to both parties informing them that they need to remove their respective encroaching items from the public right of way.

Bernard and Charmayne Strong appeared to request gravel along a section of 590<sup>th</sup> Lane north of Hwy 20. It was agreed that gravel would be applied when it became available and when the road dried out enough to support truck traffic.

Sheriff Brewer reported that he feels he has reached a tentative agreement with the City of Rushville for law enforcement services.

Building & Grounds Superintendent Jeff Davis was not available.

Valerie Beel, David Russell and Scott Lindsey met with the board to discuss and to seek county support in seeking grants for the two-stage plan to upgrade the Fair Ground Building. According to Beel Phase I will be completed by July and they are getting ready for Phase II. Phase II includes a commercial kitchen along with other amenities. The group is wanting to apply for a Community Development Block

Grant and is asking that it run through the County. The group also asked for a letter of support in seeking grants for the project. The board will consider the request on June 17.

Public Comment: Weed Superintendent Melissa Grover and Randy Benben met with the board to discuss prairie dogs. Benben stated that he has been contracted by Sandra Koinzan to eradicate her prairie dogs but stated that he is not going to do it until later in Fall. Poisoning the dogs doesn't work well with green grass. The board will need to give more time on the force control cases. Grover will present a letter for the board to approve at the next meeting.

Adjourn: Noon

Attest: Cindy L. Coburn, Clerk

James Krotz, Chairman