

COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

JULY 15, 2025

The Sheridan County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:20 A.M. on July 15, 2025. All members present along with Clerk Sindy Coburn, Renee Thies, 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 July 9, 2025.

Kling made a motion to accept the agenda. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye. Messersmith made a motion to approve the minutes of 7-8-2025. Kling seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

The board audited and approved claims.

The board visited about reallocating funds of the Kroger Settlement. Sheridan County dedicated our payments of the opioid settlement funds to the local Behavioral Health Region. We have been notified that Behavioral Health Regions are not eligible to receive direct payments in the Kroger Settlement. Kling made a motion to re-allocate Sheridan Counties Funds, from the Kroger Settlement, to Kimball County for their Opioid Treatment Center. Krotz seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Interim Road Superintendent Rod Norton informed the board that they are done resurfacing 269th Trail, Antioch North. Norton also stated that they are working on several minimum maintenance roads in between bigger projects.

Norton informed the board that Rosane is setting up the crusher at the pit and should be ready to crush within a couple of days.

Clerk of District Court Clerk Carol Stouffer and Sheriff Brewer were present to give the board quotes on a couple of walk-through metal detectors for the court rooms. The detectors will cost around \$4,000 each and the District Court will also need a new door. James made a motion to adopt Resolution #2025-14 authorizing the use of \$12,000 from the LACTCF Funds, for the purchase of the walk-through metal detectors for County Court and District Court and a new security door for District Court. Kling seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

The board signed the agreement for Law Enforcement Services with the City of Rushville. The agreement states the amount of \$114,840/year with equal payments made monthly.

David Russell and Phyllis Lindsey of the Ag Society appeared to visit with the board and invite them to the Sheridan County Fair and Rodeo. They also informed the Board of the Society's intent to request \$110,000 for the upcoming year.

Weed Superintendent Melissa Grover and Veteran Service Officer Jason Hotz returned to visit about the purchase of computers for the Annex Building. They have gotten several quotes and found that they can get them for around \$1400/computer. This was much cheaper than the quote given by Intralinks. The board directed them to proceed with the purchase.

Melissa Grover visited with the board about overtime for the upcoming weeks. Due to the weather conditions spraying weeds can be time consuming. The board authorized overtime as long as she doesn't go over budget.

Rushville City Council members Mark Loosvelt and Barb Stava along with City Clerk Shauna Smith and Director of Public Transportation Jonnie Kusek visited with the board about continued financial support from the City for the public transportation program.

Loosvelt spoke to the fact that they have requested information on ridership within the city, because they would like to see where the money is going. They have asked for representatives to come to a meeting and no one has ever showed. Loosvelt stated that he has visited with the Assisted Living Director and he claims that Open Plains Transit doesn't pick up any residents.

Kusek presented figures that showed 505 registered passengers within the City of Rushville in 2024. Kusek stated that they will not give out names of ridership but that they do transport residents from the Assisted Living Facility. She will visit with riders and if they want to identify themselves they can. Kusek stated that communication needs to be had. Loosvelt stated that the City would request a detailed request of information they need and re-consider financial support.

Public Comment: County Treasurer Renee Thies presented her 6 month report along with other information for the boards review.

Adjourn: 12:20 P.M.

Attest: Sindy L. Coburn, Clerk

James Krotz, Chairman