

COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

AUGUST 12, 2025

The Sheridan County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:15 A.M. on August 12, 2025. All members present along with Clerk Cindy Coburn, 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 July 16, 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 7-22-2025. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye. Krotz made a motion to approve the minutes of 8-6-25. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

The board audited and approved claims.

Commissioner Kling was excused at 9:18 A.M.

The board reviewed a proposal for \$1,943/year to join Panhandle Area Development District (PADD). Messersmith made a motion to decline membership for 2025-2026. Krotz seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

The board reviewed an Interlocal Agreement with Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network (NRIN). This agreement enables separate political subdivisions of Nebraska to cooperate on the basis of mutual advantage to provide services. Messersmith made a motion to

approve Resolution #2025-15 entering into the agreement with NRIN. Krotz seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Interim Road Superintendent Rod Norton informed the board that he had a worker get hurt in the shop. The worker was taken to the emergency room but was released and back to work.

Norton reported on several projects that are being worked on. Norton has contacted NIRMA about a motor grader training course for his employees. They do a safety training on motor graders but informed him that he would need to visit with NDOT about an actual training.

Norton informed the board that they have the lettering designating the departments on the county vehicles.

Norton reported that Kustom Rock Crushing has their crusher set up at the Bottoff pit and will begin crushing soon.

Weed Superintendent Melissa Grover was present to visit with the board about a pickup, 2013 Ford with 50,000 miles on, that her department is no longer utilizing. Norton stated that his department has 2008 Ford F150 with 179,049 miles and would like to surplus it and use the Weed pickup that she isn't using. Messersmith made a motion to allow the Weed Department to trade the 2013 Ford Pickup VIN#1FTFW1EF3DKE56337 to the Road Department to replace the 2008 Ford Pickup VIN#1FTPX14V08FC14923 that will be surplus. Krotz seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye. The money from surplus will go into the General Fund.

The board reviewed the Annual Certification of Program Compliance to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards. Messersmith made a motion to authorize the approval of

Resolution #2025-16 signing the Certification of Compliance. Krotz seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Building & Grounds Superintendent Jeff Davis reported on the Extension Office project.

At 10:15 A.M. Commissioner Kling returned.

County Attorney Jamian Simmons presented a resolution to withhold funds from Kory Orr in the amount of \$84.00 due to delinquent personal property taxes being owed. According to Neb.Rev.Stat. 23-143 and 23-144 the County has authority to withhold or deduct amounts due from the County for the purpose of payment on delinquent taxes. Kling made a motion to approve Resolution #2025-17 directing the payment of \$84.00 in jury fees payable to Kory Orr to be deducted and withheld and made payable to the Sheridan County Treasurer for payment upon delinquent personal property taxes owed by Kory Orr on Parcel #ID 810167415 . Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call voted all voted aye.

Christian Pohlenz of Eakes Office met with the board to discuss the telephone project that they have been working on for some time. With the difficulties working with the State and their refusal to permit access to their network the project is not achievable. All parties agreed to terminate the project agreement and part on good terms. The county will seek new proposals.

Rushville City Councilman Mark Loosvelt spoke to the board during Public Comment on the difficulty of securing ridership and usage information from Open Trails Transit. The City Council requested information on the 22nd day of July and have not heard anything as of today. The Council is not willing to approve this program until they see

proof of ridership in Rushville. Loosvelt stated that he would keep the board informed. The City Council will meet August 28, 2025.

The board briefly visited with the Assessor about reviews of property.

Adjourn: 12:40 P.M.

Attest: Sindy L. Coburn, Clerk

James Krotz, Chairman