

COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

DECEMBER 16, 2025

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:15 A.M. on December 16, 2025. All members present along with Clerk Sindy Coburn, Assessor Tina Skinner, 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 in the Sheridan County Journal Star and on the official website December 10, 2025.

Messersmith made a motion to accept the agenda. Kling seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye. Messersmith made a motion to approve the minutes of 12-9-2025. Kling seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

The board audited and approved claims.

The board visited about increasing the amount of cash in lieu of health care benefits. Kling made a motion to increase the cash in lieu of health insurance payments for qualified county employees to \$600/month starting in January 2026 with the board reviewing at their discretion. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Interim Road Superintendent Rod Norton was present to give an update on the road department and on-going projects. Norton informed the board that the bridge inspections are all done.

Norton informed the board that the wood chipper is coming this week and that all blades and trucks are out and going.

Sheriff Jeff Brewer was not present.

Building and Grounds Superintendent Jeff Davis was not present.

Budget Coordinator Caleb Johnson phoned in to discuss the development of the salary resolution for the elected officials for the 2026-2030 term. Johnson recommended a base salary for 2026, and an annual increase based on the Consumer Price Index for each succeeding year. The board will do some more reviewing and finalize the resolution on December 23, 2025.

The board also visited with Johnson about the Extension Sinking Fund. The board has made the decision to do away with Sinking funds and was needing clarification on how to proceed. Johnson advised that when its time to purchase a vehicle the monies can be spent directly out of the fund, or the monies can be transferred to the General Fund.

At 11 A.M. the board opened a public hearing on roadside mowing charges. Present landowner was Florence J Walters. Walters showed the board pictures of the property that she was assessed the fee for mowing. (Section 22, Township 31, Range 41) This property is not easy to mow due to the steep slope. Walters also showed the board pictures of other property that was close that was not mowed and not assessed by the county. Walters feels that it is unequal treatment.

Kling made a motion to remove the assessment for Florence J Walters after evidence was provided. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Kling made a motion to adopt Resolution #2025-31 assessing the following tax payers for roadside mowing.

Nebraska Beef Packers Inc-Sec 22-Twn31-Rng 41	\$120.00
Douglas A Nelson-Sec 13-Twn 34-Rng 42	\$120.00
Rex N Nelson-Sec 18-Twn 34-Rng 41	\$120.00
Kyle Schwarting-Sec 31 and 32-Twn 33-Rng 41	\$120.00
K & J Schwarting-Sec 30-Twn 33-Rng 42	\$ 60.00
Bruce L Simmons-Sec 2-Twn 33-Rng 41	\$ 60.00
Sandra L Koinzan-Sec 34-Twn 31-Rng 46	\$120.00
Jim & Doris J Larsen-Sec 19-Twn 31-Rng 46	\$ 60.00
Kyle Westlake-Sec 28-Twn 31-Rng 46	\$120.00
Kyle & Rick Westlake-Sec 6-Twn 30-Rng 46	\$ 60.00
Tausan Land & Cattle Inc-Sec 14-Twn 32-Rng 43	\$ 60.00

Public Comment: Clerk Coburn was concerned about the bulletin board being for government use only. Coburn stated that she gets several requests from residents asking if they can put something on the board and feels that it should be available to the public. The board will look at putting up another board and could use one for public and one for government stuff.

Adjourn: 12:15 P.M.

Attest: Sindy L. Coburn, Clerk

James Krotz, Chairman