

COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

JANUARY 13, 2026

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:15 A.M. on January 13, 2026. All members present along with Clerk Sindy Coburn, Deputy Assessor Linda Raymer, Treasurer 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 in the Sheridan County Journal Star on January 7, 2026 and posted on the official website.

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 12-23-2025. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote Kling and Krotz voted aye and Messersmith abstained.

The board audited and approved claims.

Official Reorganization of the Board. Krotz made an omnibus motion to reaffirm the elections, appointments and designations of 2025. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Chairman: James Krotz

Vice Chairman: Bruce Messersmith

Boards: Messersmith-Region I Behavioral Health, Region I Office of Human Development and Senior Services Inc.

Kling-SWANN, Aging Office of Western Nebraska and Panhandle Public Health.

Krotz-Northwest Community Action Partnership, Region 23
Emergency Management and Extension.

Kling made a motion to approve Resolution #2026-1 appointing the Depository Banks. First National Bank of Gordon, NPAIT, Security First Bank of Hay Springs and Rushville. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

The board designated the County Website as the official means of notification for meeting and designated the Sheridan County Journal Star as the official newspaper. Krotz will continue as webmaster for the County site.

The board will meet on the 2nd, 3rd & 4th Tuesday of each month, except for designated holidays.

The board appointed Clerk Sindy Coburn as the official contact person for the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Association (NIRMA) with Messersmith as secondary contact.

Kling made a motion to appoint Rod Norton as Interim Road Superintendent for 2026. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Treasurer Thies and Clerk Coburn visited with the board about transferring money due to a claim being paid from Courthouse Building Fund and it should have been paid from LATCF funds. On July 15, 2025 with Resolution #2025-14 the board authorized for funding for new doors for our courtrooms from the LATCF funds. When the payment was made it was paid from the Courthouse Building Fund. The board requested the Clerk to proceed with the necessary publication notifications.

Interim Road Superintendent Rod Norton reported that Ray Retzlaff has turned in his resignation effective April 3, 2026, pursuant to

retirement. Norton will be advertising for a mechanic/shop foreman and a parts/service manager.

Norton consulted with the board regarding the solicitation of contract bids for fuel. Norton proposed that we increase the contracted amount from 50,000 gal to 70,000 gal. Norton will report back to the board when he gets the bids.

Norton informed the board that they are getting ready to sell some surplus equipment on Big Iron. Conversation of the 1 & 6 year road hearing was had. Messersmith made a motion to set the 1 & 6 year road hearing for February 10, 2026 at 11 A.M. at the Road Building in Rushville. Kling seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Building and Grounds Superintendent Jeff Davis informed the board that he received a resignation letter from Barb Retzlaff effective April 3, 2026, pursuant to retirement. Davis also stated that the cleaning staff for the courthouse will be retiring this spring. He will begin advertising for the positions.

The board opened the floor for comments prior to action on the County Officials Salary Resolution. Present: Attorney Jamian Simmons, Sheriff Jeff Brewer, Treasurer Renee Thies and Clerk Sindy Coburn.

Messersmith made a motion to adopt Resolution #2026-2 setting the County Officials Salaries for the 2027-2030 term as follows. For calendar year 2027 \$68,131, plus an annual increase during the term of office (2028-2030) based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) as established by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor. Such increase shall not exceed 5% in any given year.

The Salary for the Commissioners shall be ½ that of the other elected officials. The Salary for the County Attorney shall be 2027-

\$75,000, 2028- \$78,000, 2029- \$81,120, 2030- \$84,364. Kling seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye.

Public Comment: Clerk advised during the audit it was pointed out that several offices have not been doing inventories yearly. The board directed the Clerk to send a memo out to all offices for clarification on the responsibilities.

Treasurer Renee Thies asked the board about a drop box to be used by the customers when the offices are not open. They used to be able to use the Election drop box but the State mandated it be for ballots only. The board suggested Thies visit with maintenance.

Adjourn: 11:50 A.M.

Attest: Cindy L. Coburn, Clerk

James Krotz, Chairman