

## COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

MARCH 10, 2026

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:20 A.M. on March 10, 2026. All members present along with County Clerk Sindy Coburn, Treasurer Renee Thies, Mark Cover, Interim Road Superintendent Rod Norton and Todd Sherburn.

Krotz stated that the meeting would be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Nebraska Open Meeting Act. This meeting was published in the Sheridan County Journal Star on March 4, 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. Messersmith made a motion to approve the minutes of 2-24-2026 with corrections. Kling seconded the motion. With a roll call all voted aye.

Interim Road Superintendent Rod Norton and the board visited about the two bids received for the contract hauling of 10,000 tons of ¾" red rock from South Dakota. Norton stated that the bid from Wolken Trucking was not very clear and his department has history with Sherburn Trucking so he would recommend accepting the Sherburn bid.

Kling made a motion to accept the bid from Sherburn Trucking at \$0.189 per ton per mile. Messersmith seconded the motion. With a roll call vote all voted aye. Sherburn will provide at least three trucks or approximately six loads per working day.

Norton reported that Olson Engineering has been engaged as the environmental consultant and A & E as the design consultant for the Antioch area asphalt overlay project.

Messersmith informed the group that he attended a meeting in Lakeside where several individuals met to discuss the project. Mark Cover explained certain aspects of the decision-making process that was discussed at the meeting. Another meeting is scheduled later in March.

Norton reported that Progressive Insurance has issued a check in the amount of \$17,955 for the bridge that was damaged on 370<sup>th</sup> Trail in Northern Sheridan County.

Norton discussed with the board implementing a five-year replacement plan for county road signs. The signs must be inspected regularly using a reflectometer that checks for fading. This process is costly and time consuming. Norton suggested that it might be more cost effective to replace signs on a regular rotation.

Veteran Service Officer Jason Hotz informed the board that his office initiated 114 new claims over the past 12 months and provided 67 medical transports in the past 6 months.

Hotz also visited about the new motor vehicle tax exemption for disabled veterans.

The board discussed the lease agreement for the County Extension Office. The board will counteroffer to pay \$900/month rent with the owner to pay utilities and be responsible for lawn/snow removal.

Sheriff Jeff Brewer reported that he is going to start the process of purchasing a new vehicle.

Public Comment: Commissioner Kling commended Chairman James Krotz for the work he did to secure the bid for the fuel contract at \$2.745/gallon with Westco. Krotz was instrumental in increasing the

needed gallons to bid and to have the vision to get it locked in a timely fashion.

Adjourn: 11:30 A.M.

Attest: **Sindy L. Coburn** County Clerk

**James Krotz**, Chairman